

# NTWA newsletter

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## WELCOME

### North Texas Woodworkers Association February 17, 2026

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NTWA President Gary Vaughan welcomed everyone, and lead the meeting.

- Lynndale from Plano
- Andrea from Frisco
- Tim from Prosper
- Blake from Plano
- Ritu from Dallas

## NEXT BUILD CHALLENGE

June Meeting:  
"Making a Mess with Epoxy"

## UPCOMING CLASSES

### Woodcraft

- Square Board Fundamentals
- Router Basics

### Rockler (Frisco)

- Wood and Epoxy Charcuterie Board
- Routed Sign Make and Take
- Intro to Power Tools

## RECRUITMENT

Jay Munson was at Woodcraft this weekend to share with people what NTWA is all about! He was able to sign-up two new members!



## CLUB OFFICERS

- President.....Gary Vaughan
- Vice President.....Susan Walters
- Treasurer.....Ed Mastin
- Asst. Treasurer.....Jim Polanco
- Secretary.....Andrea Maiella
- Membership.....Camille Watanabe
- Recruitment.....Jay Munson
- Newsletter.....Andrea Maiella
- Programs.....Jim Ryan
- Website.....Brian O'Donnell
- Photography.....Sidney Futrell
- Merchandise.....Ed Horn
- Drawings.....Joel Hill

## MEMBERSHIP

122 active members.

## FREE TICKETS

**We are looking for helpers!** We need 3 volunteers after each meeting to help clean-up and put away tables. For those who sign-up to help, you get 6 **FREE tickets** to use toward the Drawing!

## TABLE MIXER

What's your Favorite New Tool?

## BUILD CHALLENGE

Beads of Courage Box Build!

## GUESTS

We had 7 guests joining us at this month's meeting!

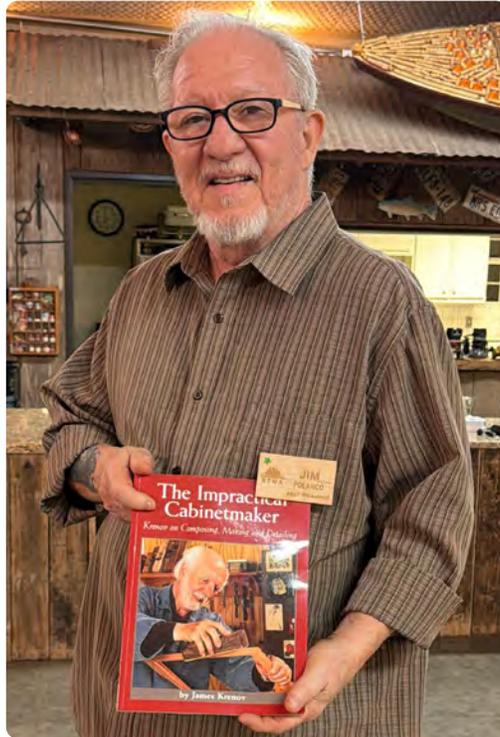
- Ashley from San Antonio
- Jennifer from Plano

# MONTHLY DRAWING

Rockler and NTWA donated the items for this months drawing!

## PRIZES

- Bridge City Tenon Maker
- Digital Angle Gauge
- 8pc Detail Rasp Set
- 14pc Set Up Block Set
- Shinto Rasp
- Carving/Grinding Set
- Router Radius Templates  
4pc
- Remote Outlet Switch
- Krenov Book
- ½" Rocker Corner  
Clamps
- 25pc / 120 Grit Grinder  
sanding discs
- Rockler Glue Bottle



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**\*Don't forget to bring CASH to enter our monthly drawing! Remember, every ticket you buy gives you TWO CHANCES TO WIN! Your ticket(s) go into the pot for that month's drawing AND they are saved to go into the pot for the big drawing in July**







# NTWA MEMBER'S MESSAGE BOARD

## WE'VE GOT MERCH!



## CLUB MEETINGS

March 17, 2026 7:00 pm

A Look at Various Hardwoods  
Michael Mastin  
McKinney Hardwoods

April 21, 2026 7:00 pm

May 19, 2026 7:00 pm

June 16 2026 7:00 pm

Build Challenge:  
Making a Mess with Epoxy Resin

July 21, 2026 7:00 pm

Summer Potluck!

August 18, 2026 7:00 pm

September 15, 2026 7:00 pm

October 20, 2026 7:00 pm



White Polo Shirts are \$38

Long-Sleeve Shirts are \$55

Hats are \$23

Name Badges are \$5

Pick yours up at the next meeting!

# GIVING BACK

## Beads of Courage

**B**eads of Courage is a supportive care program for children coping with serious illness. The participating children receive a colorful bead for each illness-related experience they have, serving as symbols of the courage each child shows throughout their arduous treatment. For critical milestones in their treatment journey they receive handmade one-of-a-kind glass beads that are donated by members of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers.

Our role as woodworkers is a simple one: to create and donate wooden boxes for these children to keep their treasured beads in. As they endure their arduous treatment process, the children gain strength and courage from these tangible symbols of the love and support of the community around them. What better purpose could we find as woodworkers?

The NTWA has sponsored an annual box building for Beads of Courage since its adoption in 2019.



The NTWA has donated more than 150 boxes to the BOC participating hospitals. Check out the video on our Facebook Page to learn more about these meaningful boxes!

Contact Bodie Pyndus for more information.



**Tucker** Age: 4  
Beads of Courage Cardiac Program Member

*"I have a heart condition called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, and my beads tell my story."*

— Tucker



# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Penney Ryan made her Cat Themed Box out of Poplar and used Milk Paint.



Jim Ryan shared his Beads of Courage Box!

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Susan Walters made a Raccoon Box out of Maple, Mahogany, Plywood, Wenge and Dyed Veneer.

*\*Top Craftsman\**

Jay Stearns crafted his Beads of Courage Box out of Pine Wood!



# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Bodie Pyndus made his Box with Pine Grain Wrap and 2 Sliding Drawers.

Dan Wenger made two boxes out of Scrapwood and each has a Handmade Knob.



# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Gary Turman made a Bandsaw Box out of Walnut, Mahogany, Red Cedar, Cherry and Maple.

*\*Nurse's Choice\**

Joel Hill made his box out of White Oak, using Danish Oil and Shellac.



# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Gary Vaughan made his Box out of Holly and Purple Heart.



Jim Cadorette designed his Box, "Courage The Transformer!"

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



John Nasta made his box using Andiroba (Royal Mahogany) with a White Oak Lid.



Jim Stika crafted his Box with Poplar and Cherry.

*\*Nurse's Choice\**

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Ritu Bhasin made her Box out of Bird's Eye Maple and Purple Heart.



Susan Cowger crafted her box out of Poplar, Nogal, Walnut and Cherry.

*\*Most Intricate\**

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Ed Agura used Poplar, White Oak, Mahogany and Padauk for his Beads of Courage Box!



Blake shared his Hinged Box that he made out of Cedar.

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Chris Kersey made a 3-Drawer Box out of Cherry, Sapele and Walnut.



Rick and Andrea Maiella made a "Marble Run" inspired box out of Spalted Pecan and Walnut and used a Vintage Post Office Box Door.

*\*Best Child's Theme\*  
&  
\*People's Choice\**

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



TJ made this beautiful box out of White Oak and Walnut!



Steve Yauch designed his Beads of Courage Box using Walnut, Maple, Mahogany and Oak.

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Danny Sanchez made his box out of Cherry and Walnut!



Jay Munson used Tiger Wood to make his Beads of Courage Box!

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Koko Sou made a T.Rex Box! He used Teak and Epoxy Top with Cottonwood sides.

*\*Most Creative\*  
&  
\*Nurse's Choice\**



Mikel Duke Scrolled a Unicorn Box out of Pine!

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Martin Cooper used Figured Sapele and Mahogany for his design!

*\*Most Unique\**



Steve Rogers crafted his box with Walnut and Patagonian Rosewood.

*\*Best Finish\**

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



Geometry of Life, Love  
and Human Caring.



**Ashley Farish, CCLS**  
**Program Director**  
**Certified Child Life Specialist**

20 years of building creative collaborations to help children coping with cancer and other serious illnesses through arts-in-medicine.

# BUILD CHALLENGE: BEADS OF COURAGE



## How You Can Help!

- Create bead boxes or lidded bowls
- Donate!

Alleviate the Bead Shortage!  
Help Provide Beads for Kids-  
\$25 provides 500 Beads of Courage



# NTWA MEMBER'S MESSAGE BOARD

## NTWA Membership Benefits

Annual dues are \$50\* for your initial membership, and entitles members to vote on all business, attend meetings, hold office, participate in the monthly drawings and receive discounts from local retailers!

**\*Fees increasing to \$50 in 2026!**

## Education

As a member of the NTWA, you are entitled to participate in any demonstrations and instructional sessions. These sessions may be offered weekly or monthly as skill building workshops. Each monthly meeting has a session for Shop Questions as well as Tool Reviews, both provide excellent learning opportunities.

## Member Discounts

Members may receive a 10% discount on select items when you show your membership card at the following shops:

**Woodcraft**

**Rockler**

**Wood World**

**The Tool Box at Music City Mall**

Membership forms can be completed at any meeting, or you can [download](#) a membership form to bring to any meeting. If you have a PayPal account you can log into it and select [dues@NTWA.org](mailto:dues@NTWA.org) to forward a payment.

**Make checks payable to: North Texas Woodworker's Assoc.**

North Texas Woodworkers Association  
8204 Strecker Ln.  
Plano, TX 75025

**BECOME  
A MEMBER**

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held monthly at 7:00 PM at Haggard Party Barn. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings consist of a show and tell of completed work, a time for socializing and networking, and a monthly presentation by guest speaker from the woodworking community as well as members. Shop Questions is the time to get your puzzling questions answered. This is followed by a Tool Review session.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend a meeting in advance of joining to see if the NTWA is a fit for them.

To find out more about our organization see our Club Information page.

Haggard Party Barn  
5948 McKamy Trail, Plano TX, 75024

# NTWA MEMBER PORTAL

## Not Sure How To Sign-Up?

- ▶ Go to: <https://ntwa.org/>
- ▶ Select "Member Log in"
- ▶ Select "Register"
- ▶ Fill out your information
- ▶ Click "Register"
- ▶ Webmaster will confirm your Membership and approve your account!



### STEP 1

Home Club Information Club Officers Workshops And Skill Building Newsletters Recent Photos Login

#### Woodworking In North Texas

We believe that Woodworking is serious fun. Our members cover the complete spectrum of woodworkers from hobbyists to professionals, from new beginners to lifelong woodworkers. The common interest is they all want to learn more about the craft and improve their woodworking skills.

Now in our 32nd year, The North Texas Woodworkers Association was founded in April 1994.

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**Members Log In**

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD TUESDAY BEGINNING AT 7:00PM AT THE HAGGARD PARTY BARN IN PLANO

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

### Login

### STEP 2

Username or E-mail \*

Password \*

Keep me signed in

**Login** **Register**

[Forgot your password?](#)

### Register

Please note that registration is limited to paying members of NTWA.

### STEP 3

Username \*

First Name \*

Last Name \*

E-mail Address \*

Password \*

Confirm Password \*

I am a current NTWA member \*

Yes

No

Website URL

Facebook

Instagram

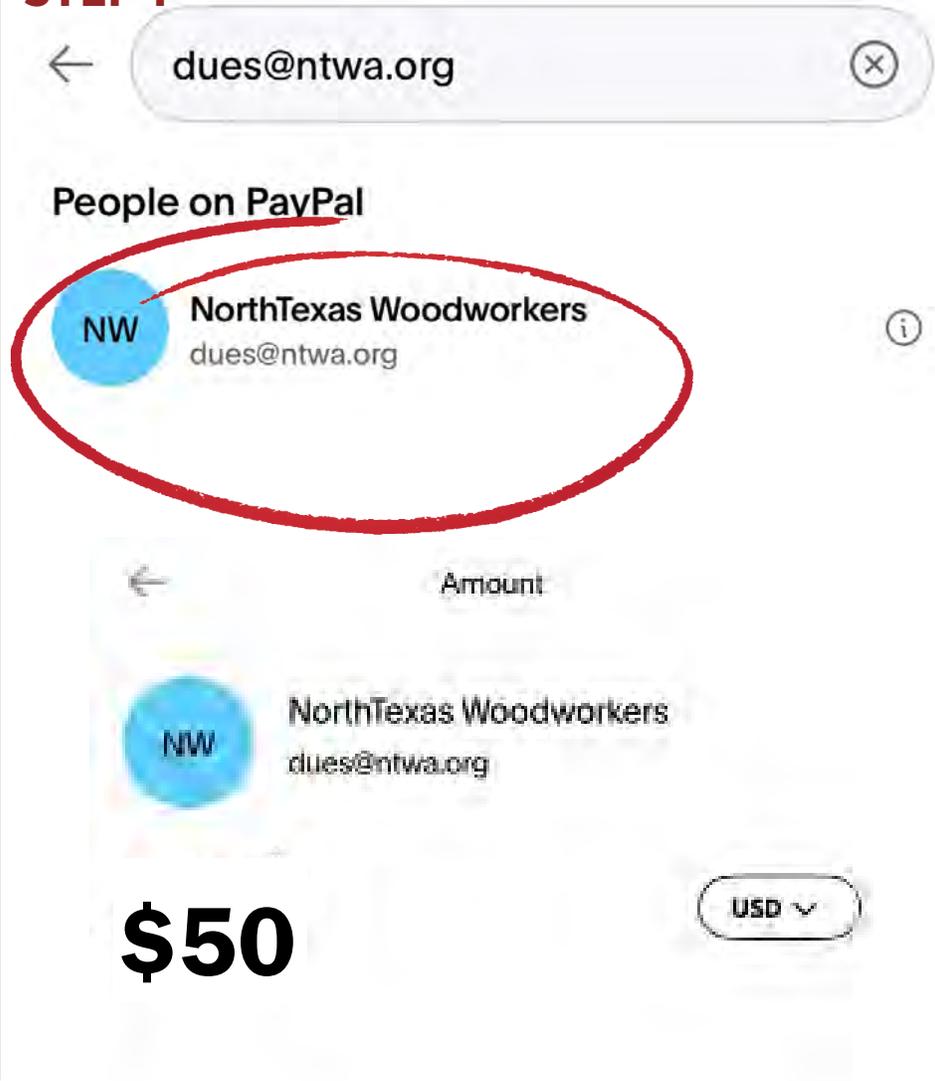
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## PayPal Membership Payment

- ▶ Go to: <https://www.paypal.com/>
- ▶ Sign in to your Account
- ▶ Select Send/Request
- ▶ Type in the email: dues@ntwa.org
- ▶ Confirm this is the NorthTexas Woodworkers
- ▶ Type in the amount due, and make sure to include your name in the "Add Message" section. This is how we need to track who pays online!

### STEP 1



### STEP 2

