



# Plane Talk Newsletter

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[www.nevadawoodchucks.org](http://www.nevadawoodchucks.org)

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## President's Message by Mary Sedgwick

Citing personal reasons, Jerry Alterman resigned as the Nevada Woodchucks' President and Scroll Saw SIG leader the day after the October 2021 General Meeting. We sincerely wish he and his wife the best and hope he continues being an active member of the Woodchucks' family. As Vice President, I have

stepped into the role of President for the remainder of Jerry's term.

Elections for Officers will be held at the Annual Meeting in January. We have candidates for three of the four officer positions. We still need a candidate for Secretary. Click [Officer Nominating Committee](#) for feature article on how to apply.

Board of Directors & Committee appointments will be made by the newly elected president and officers at the February general meeting. Of particular need is a candidate for the Plane Talk Newsletter. Click [2022 Board of Directors & Committees](#) for feature article on how to apply for any of these positions.

There will not be a December General Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held in mid-January - time/date/location to be announced. it will be in-person and include elections, pot luck and raffle.

The Nevada Woodchucks is growing in terms of membership, grants, community service projects, and visibility. It is an honor to serve as your President for the remainder of this term. I look forward to seeing you at the next General Meeting at the clubhouse on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Dr. Mary L. Sedgwick, President

## Schedule Highlights for the Month of November

Board Meeting, Hybrid, Tue 2 @6:30 pm

General Meeting, Shop, Thurs 11 @6:30 pm

Toys SIG, Shop, Every Wed @10am and Every Sat @9am

Lathe SIG, Shop, Tues 16 & 23 @6:30pm

TNT SIG, Shop, Thurs 18 only @6:30pm

Carving SiG, Volpp's home, every Wed @9am except the 17th

Digital Workshop SIG, shop, Sat 13 @9am

Scroll Saw SIG, by appointment only



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The Sierra Arts Foundation supports Nevada Woodchucks activities in the Reno area.

## Membership General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be in-person at the club on November 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. Here is what you can expect:

- Treasurer's briefing, updates from SIG leaders
- Toy SIG Presentation that will showcase some of the toys that will be distributed in December

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### Toys by Donnah Wenstrom

**When:** Every Saturday in November @9:00am to Noon and Every Wednesday in November 10am to 1pm (Bring bag lunch)

**Where:** Clubhouse

**Program:** Toys will meet EVERY Wednesday and EVERY Saturday in November to finish as many toys as possible for distribution on Wednesday December 1. We will also be completing our stick horses with sticks and handles and yarn manes. Cradles are coming back from our two tole painting groups, so we need to complete and package them with dolls and bedding.

**Team Leaders:** Donnah Wenstrom, Julia Tachihara

**Comment:** Our Toy sorting and distribution day and pot luck luncheon will be Wednesday Dec. 1, starting at 10 a.m. Please notify Donnah [Contact List](#) if you would like to attend. We would like to have about 8-10 Woodchucks assist.



### Lathe by Tom Doud

**When:** Tuesday, November 16 & 23 @ 6:30 to 9pm

**Where:** Clubhouse in the Lathe Corner

**Program:** For November, the Lathe Group will have an open shop turning session. Bring your UFO's (unfinished objects), bowls, spindles, etc. to turn. We will have Christmas ornaments to turn if you just want to practice with your spindle gouge. As always, if you have any questions about sharpening chisels, we will try to answer them.

**Team Leaders:** Russ Lambert, Tom Doud, Mary Sedgwick



### Tools N Techniques by Tom Doud

**When:** Thursday November 18 (only), @6:30 to 8:30pm

**Where:** Clubhouse

**Program:** Thanksgiving is November 25th and there will be NO meeting that night. We will be continuing the build of six bookcases for the Sparks Museum. Members are encouraged to participate in this project. Other sessions may be scheduled as needed to complete the project and deliver them to the Sparks Museum.

**Team Leaders:** Ed Campau, Tom Doud, Bob Dietrick, Christian Ziegler



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### Digital Workshop by Ron Flint

**When:** Saturday November 13 @ 1 to 3 pm .

**Where:** Shop

**Program:** CNC routing holiday items 3D Printing holiday items Coffee - Cookies and conversation available.

**Team Leaders:** Ron Flint, Jerry Alterman

**Comment:** If you have a design that you would like to see routed on the CNC, contact Ron Flint -rflint@rflint.ne



### Scroll Saw by Donnah Wenstrom

**When:** By appointment

**Where:** Shop

**Program:** Tailored by appointment.

**Team Leaders:** Donnah Wenstrom

**Comment:** Jerry has stepped down from being Scroll Saw SIG Leader for family reasons. With only one or two members have been showing up for the SIG, Donnah is willing to lead by appointment only see [Contact List](#)



### Carving SIG by Paul Volpp

**When:** Wednesday November 3, 10, 24, 9am to 11:30am

**Where:** Paul's home

**Program:** To be determined.

**Team Leaders:** Paul Volpp



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### WOODLORE about White Ash by Pat Ekedahl

Most people probably know white ash quite well. They've hefted it, grasped it in their hands, and worked with it for hours.

Anyone who has ever dug a hole with a spade, gathered leaves with a rake, or chopped weeds with a hoe has touched white ash. The tough resilient wood leads hickory for handles on non-striking tools.

Although white ash indeed classifies as utilitarian, it bests all woods in a sporting role. Wooden baseball bats have always been made of white ash. Before man-made fibers, it was also the wood choice for tennis rackets and skis. You'll find white ash used for hockey sticks, polo mallets, oars, paddles, and playground equipment.

Chair-makers also prefer white ash due to its bending ease, its workability, and good looks. They made white ash one of the top commercial woods in the furniture and cabinet industries.

You can use white ash for any woodworking project that you would use red oak: chairs, tables, desks, and cabinets. Although durable to exposure from the elements, it won't weather well as white oak in outdoor projects.

All for now. Info from WOOD Oct 1993.



end grain



10x end grain



**THE WOOD  
DATABASE**

Check-out  
White ash specs  
[HERE.](#)

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### Officer Nominating Committee Interview by Christian Ziegler

The 2022 Officer election will be at the January 2022 General Meeting. The membership in attendance will elect members for the four officer positions, namely, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Ed Campau is the chair of the nominating committee that has the responsibility to present at least one candidate for each of these positions at this general meeting. Ed can also solicit more than one candidate for each position up to the time of the vote.

Ed Campau reported that some candidates have been identified but more are needed to have a meaningful election. Ed would like any member interested in an officer position to contact him. To help understand the duties of the officers, they are enumerated below and abbreviated from the Nevada Woodchucks Bylaws dated 2015.

**President:** The President shall preside at meetings of the officers and the general membership and shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The president shall appoint the Standing Committees and their Chairmen and the beginning of each Session.

**Vice President:** The Vice president shall succeed to the duties of the President in the absence or other unavailability of such President.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, shall handle all correspondence, give notice of meetings and maintain the files of this organization.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall handle and record all financial transactions of the organization and shall receipt for all monies received or disbursed in the name of the organization and shall maintain appropriate financial records in order to render such accounting.

### 2022 Board of Directors & Committees by Mary Sedgwick

The first order of business for the 2020 President and officers is to elect additional members to serve on the Board of Directors as well as Committees.

**New President:**

The new president will also appoint the chairman of the standing committees, such as newsletter, web site, social media, and logo wear.

**Officers Collectively:**

The four officers collectively and by unanimous vote, shall have the authority to elect a minimum of an additional five (5) qualified members to serve with the elected officers as a Board of Directors and shall hold office from the time of election until the next Annual Election.

**Plane Talk Newsletter Editor:**

One committee chair that is still looking for candidates is the Plane Talk Newsletter Editor. The current editor, Christian Ziegler, will finish his term with the January Newsletter so this position needs to be filled now so that Christian can work with that candidate in preparing the January Newsletter. If interested, please contact Christian or Mary Sedgwick.

**Call for Candidates:**

If any member would like to participate as a Board of Director or in any of these committees, they should contact Mary Sedgwick [Contact List](#) so that the candidates can be established early for the new officers.

Bylaws of the Nevada Woodchucks, Inc.

Article I  
Meeting of the Membership

Section 1. Meetings of the Membership shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and shall be held at least once a year. The membership shall elect officers and directors at such meetings.

Section 2. The membership shall elect officers and directors at the annual meeting. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday of the month of January of each year. The membership shall elect officers and directors at such meetings.

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Section 5. The membership shall elect officers and directors at such meetings.

**Above are the opening paragraphs of the 2015 Bylaws.**

**Board of Directors includes:**

- Mary Sedgwick President
- Vacant Vice President
- Paul Yarmolich Secretary
- John Hasenau Treasurer
- Russ Lambert
- Bob Dietrich
- Edward Campau
- Donnah Wenstrom
- Tom Doud
- Tom Mattis
- Todd Williams

**SIG Program Leaders**

- Lathe Tom Doud & Russ Lampert
- TNT Edward Campau & Bob Dietrich
- Scroll Saw Donnah Wenstrom
- Toy Donnah Wenstrom & Julia Tachihara
- Carving Paul Volpp
- Digital Workshop Ron Flint & Jerry Alterman

**Committee Chairs**

- Newsletter Editor: Christian Ziegler
- Webmaster: Kirk Jeffery
- Facebook: Julia Tachihara
- Logo Wear Items: Terry Plys

**Above are the current leadership positions of 2021.**

## Community Activity

### Helping A Woodworker Family by Christian Ziegler interview of Paul Cox

Many times throughout the year, the club helps woodworkers and their spouses to fine suitable homes for tools that are no longer needed.

Carol Tews needed such help following the passing of her spouse. Our Paul Cox was friends with Carol through the Springs Lutheran Church. Paul offered to engage the club in helping the sale of her spouse's tools - so the garage sale idea was initiated.

Unfortunately, Carol's home was in a remote location with very little parking. Paul then offered to have the sale outside his garage. Of course, this meant all tools had to be moved.

The October 9th sale, was a huge success - one that surpassed previous sales.

Paul felt that the increased sales came from advertising in Craig's list, something that has not been done in previous sales.



Outside garage just prior to sale



Tables at end of driveway with customers



Showing what needed to be organized outside Carol's home



Cleaning out Carol's garage

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### Toy Makers Activities by Donnah Wenstrom

As of mid-October we have about 1300 toys completed and bagged, over 400 of which are Jerry's 3-D printed toys. Plus Ron has started making some toys on his CNC router. I will have more specific numbers for the December newsletter. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has contributed to our toy production during these uncertain times.



Maggie Blackburn & Shirley Gillettis making manes for the stick hors-

Cradles & more cradles



Animals on wheels

Moore Animals on wheels



### TNT Bench Plane Demonstration By Tom Doud

The program for the October 2021 general meeting was general tutorial on using bench planes by Ed Campau and Tom Doud.



Ed Campau on how to read wood prior to planing



Tom Doud on how to set-up plane



Ed Campau planning a board



Ed still planning & Tom still setting up plane

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### Thursday Night activity at TNT By Christian Ziegler

#### *Re Sparks Heritage Museum Book Shelf Project*

Paul Cox - our expert in case building - designed four book shelves 72" x 48" and two book shelves 48" x 48" to match the museums existing shelves.

Mastercraft gave a significant discount on the veneered backed MDF and oak board for this community project.

Paul Cox and Ed Campau lead past efforts to date to dimension much of the material. Thursday night was the prepping of the oak edge molding for the MDF.



Stack of dimensioned veneered backed MDF



Mary Benke working the router to round over the oak molding



Team effort to sand molding



Even Logan and his mom helped.

#### *Re Bookshelf Class Project*

There was also dimensioning of wood parts for the shelving class. Doud & Rod Procter (not in frame) are thickness planning boards for the shelf class.



#### *Re Status of Wood Donations*

By the way, the donated wood was moved outside the shop for any takers.

## Other Activity

### **Board Meeting October 5th Highlights** by Christian Ziegler

A meeting was held but there were zoom communication problems. Plans underway to fix this problem. However, I was not able to take notes.

No minutes available at time of publication.

### **Editors Warning about Event Dates** by Christian Ziegler

The event details within Plane Talk are transcribed manually from the Calendar displayed on our web page. Since calendar events may change throughout the month, please check this on-line calendar to confirm current event status or have a concern on the validity of the manual transcription. Click [HERE](#) for on-line Calendar.

## Raffle Details

### **Raffle At General Meeting is Suspended for Now!**

## Shopping

### **Thanks to local suppliers who sponsor the club through discounts to members.**

Master Craft, 1460 Linda Way, Sparks	356-1772
Apex Saws, 570 Kietzke LN, Reno	329-3076
Woodworking Source, 9736 S. Virginia ST, Reno	624-9174

### **Woodchuck Logo Wear Items** Contact Terry Ply. Click [HERE](#) for Phone List.

Baseball Cap	\$ 9.00	Baseball Cap name on back)	\$11.00
T-shirt (gray or tan)	13.00	T-shirt with pocket (gray or tan)	14.00
Bibbed Apron	17.00	Wood Turner Smock	65.00
Hoodies with zipper	50.00	Pullover Sweatshirt	28.00
Winter Jacket	60.00	Light-weight Jacket	65.00

Above includes one small 'Woodchuck' embroidered logo.

Sizes 2X and larger add \$1.00 more per "X"

**Add-on's:** Add your name on item for \$6.00; Larger Logo on back of jacket & sweatshirt for \$30.00



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Newsletter Editor: Christian Ziegler  
 Webmaster: Kirk Jeffery  
 Facebook: Julia Tachihara  
 Logo Wear Items: Terry Plys

### On-line Shop Safety Test:

All our new members must complete the on-line Shop Safety Test. In order to take any classes or participate in any of the Woodchuck SIG's. This Shop Safety Test is a requirement to use shop tools and equipment.

After completing the Application Form and paying your membership dues, you will receive an acknowledgment e-mail that includes the password. You can then take the test.

To take the test, go to the members only section of the web-page and click on the link to the safety test. It will ask you for an e-mail and your name. Take the test and it will e-mail the results and the correct answers (if you missed any) back to you.

Example: go to [www.nevadawoodchucks.org/members-only/](http://www.nevadawoodchucks.org/members-only/) enter password, select Safety Test.

### Monthly Business Meetings

**Board Meetings** — any Member can attend.  
 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

**Membership General Meetings**  
 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm

### Clubhouse Tool Safety

#### Always Wear Safety Equipment

ear & eye protection, latex gloves for finishing

#### Wear The Right Clothes

wearing baggy or loose clothes might get caught in a cutting head or saw blade.

#### Avoid Using Anything That Can Impair Your Reaction Time and Judgment

for example no alcohol or other intoxicant

#### Disconnect Power

before changing blades or bits on your power tools

#### Use A Single Extension Cord

too many cords can be confusing & a tripping hazard

#### Never Use Blunt Blades & Bits

dull tools will need to be made to work harder to cut and as a result can bind or kick back.

#### Check Stock for Existing Metal

spinning blades and metal (like nails) will harm the operator, & damage stock and the cutting head.

#### Work Against The Cutter

ensure that the blade or router bit cuts against the motion of the wood instead of with it

#### Never Reach Over A Running Blade

always wait until a spinning blade has stopped moving before reaching to remove waste or cut-offs

#### Use a Push Stick

use a push stick on stationary power tools

#### Minimize Distractions

finish what you were doing when working with a power tool before engaging in other activities

#### Seek Hands-on Tool Training

seek hands-on assistance for safety awareness any-time using a shop tool for the first time

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### Board Members & Committee Chairs

See phone list on the right

### Clubhouse Address

405 Western Rd. #36, Panther Valley

### Club Phone Message

775 -241-3872

### Club Mail

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Mary Sedgwick	303-0223 M
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Russ Lambert	359-4554
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Todd Williams	240-1286
Tom Doud	233-5585 M
Tom Mattis	530-721-5362

Key: H is home, M is Mobile

## Editor's Notes

### Article Deadline

#### 20th day of prior Month of Issue

Any article received on or before the 20th will be included in the next issues. Any article after the 20th may not get in, although we will try. If not, it will go in following month if still appropriate.

The newsletter is published at the beginning of each month.

You can email copy of your article to [chziggy@atechmar.com](mailto:chziggy@atechmar.com). Include photos or art separately—do not embed photos in text or email as it is difficult to pull it out. The publisher may edit your text to fit, improve grammar or clarity.

Any urgent questions you can call or text Christian Ziegler on mobile 805-209-9640.

### Acceptable Articles

Any woodworking creation done by a Woodchuck whether done in the club shop or at home.

Any community activity that would be of interest to the Woodchuck members.

Any woodworking subject you would like to share with the Woodchuck community.

Any woodworking related item you would like to sell—no commercial ads please!

### PDF & Hyperlinks

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