



## Dates and Themes for Meetings for 2024-25 Year

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### September 26, 2024:

- Vic Tesolin on Hand Planes:
  - tuning your planes and best use practices to improve your woodworking projects. Video display close-ups to help you set up your planes and use them properly on your bench. Members encouraged to bring vintage or specialty planes that are favourites in their workshop. Vic is one of Canada's great woodworkers, dedicated to sharing knowledge and skills. [Vic's Instagram site](#) is great spot to bookmark!

### October 24 (note: not 31<sup>st</sup> Hallowe'en):

- SPOON CARVING – complete project done at the meeting with special facilitators and step-by-step process. Join in and take a complete tool home to be used after the meeting. All materials supplied by the club. Carving tools will be available for your use at the meeting –or- bring your own carving tools if you wish.

### November 1,2,3:

[Hamilton Woodworking Show](#) – Riverside Exhibition Centre, Caledonia Fairgrounds, ON.

- We will have a table and display at this event. Free entry to the show for members who take part. Volunteer member lists for each day will be arranged. This is a major recruitment event for the club.

### November 28:

- *Maker's Challenge*: HOLIDAY DECORATION. What can you create that enhances or celebrates a holiday during the year? There are many holidays with differing themes that inspire woodworkers to create an item that brings a festive spirit to that event: Fall harvest season; Hallowe'en; Christmas and New Year celebrations; Valentine's Day; May 24<sup>th</sup>; Canada Day or the Summer Season. All are of these are good purposes for making something unique, useful and celebratory with wood. Can't wait to see all the creative entries for special events!

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### January 30, 2025 (note: 5th week)

- MY SHOP – members present an on screen series of up to 10 images and/or a short video of their shop. Submissions emailed in advance to Bob White or you bring your photos in on a thumb drive. We will all learn by sharing layouts and special ways in which you work in your creative space. Members sharing with members – it may even prompt you to ask to visit a member's shop that you were particularly intrigued by.

### February 27:

- *Maker's Challenge*: BOXES – create a box of any size or for any special purpose. Your choice of wood and design. Boxes are useful and decorative and come in all sizes and shapes. Boxes can be complex with all types of joinery and compartments for specific purposes. They make great gifts as well. This theme allows for real creativity in design, purpose and execution. What will you build as an entry? What kind of woods will you choose? How will you embellish it? Can you “think outside the box” to make a winning entry?

**March 27:**

- **ROUTER-Fest:** Routers may well be one of the most useful tools in the workshop. From the hand-held “router plane” to high speed electric versions, these highly versatile tools can create rabbets, decorative grooves, round-over edges, or even carve out spaces for trays and bowls. Routers can do delicate work or flatten large slabs too big for your planer. Guest presenters will show some of the latest ideas, discuss router bits, and techniques. Members are encouraged to bring specialty router jigs and devices to share their favorite systems.

**April 24:**

- **WOOD!** We all use it of course – but what can we learn about it from wood experts? A visiting specialist who runs a local saw mill using locally harvested wood will start the evening off with a look at the various kinds of wood available for our projects. To complete the evening, members are encouraged to bring different wood samples/projects that they have worked with and describe the challenges and rewards of working with a special kind of wood. The variety of wood types is extensive and sharing your preferences and knowledge will make this a special learning event.

**May 29:** (note: 5th week)

- **Maker’s Challenge:** KITCHEN Item(s) – creations that enhance kitchen productivity or dining elegance. Everything useful in the kitchen can be your inspiration: cutting-cheese-charcuterie boards, stirring devices, bowls, storage bins, napkin dispensers, serving caddies, -whatever your mind and workshop can create. What can you create with wood? How do you ensure that your wood project remains functional and wood safe in the challenging environment of the kitchen?

**June 26:** Appreciation/Awards Meeting:

- Our annual end-of-year event. Complete with good food and great conversation. The final awards presentations: Draws for Participation Awards and Certificates for top-three entries in each of the Maker’s Challenge Events.

**Niagara Woodworking Club - Maker’s Challenge Awards Prizes:**

Each Challenge will result in prizes awarded based on member voting at the meeting.

- Challenge winner: \$50 Home Depot Card
- Runner Up: \$25 Home Depot Card
- Honourable Mention: \$10 Tim Hortons Card
- Each of the above will also receive a Certificate presented at End-of-Year Meeting.
- Every entry earns one Credit for the end-of-year participation draw prizes.

***Each Meeting We Need Your Help To Organize the Hall and Cleanup.***

Can you come a bit early to put out chairs and put on the coffee and organize the snack basket (provided)? For some meetings we will need to set up tables as well.

Can you stay briefly after the meeting to put away chairs and tables. For some meetings we will need to sweep the floor as well (e.g. demo meetings or the spoon carving event).

Every bit of help is appreciated.