



Newsletter of Ozark Woodturners

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<http://www.ozarkwoodturners.com>



January 2020 Issue. Regular Meeting JAN. 11 at Lakeview City Hall, NO morning Workshop this month,

### CLUB OFFICERS, (Cell #)

**PRESIDENT** Darcie Didden 870-404-3711, **VICE-PRESIDENT** Red Murr 870-736-6660, **SECRETARY** Art Ritter 618 420-4224, **LIBRARIAN** Bob Shaffer (870) 321-5305 **TREASURER** pro tem James Pruitt 870-481-5315.

REFRESHMENT TEAM FOR January.

**Bill Dorzok, Roger Repta and Paul Pierman**

Others may bring food if they like.

**TREASURER'S REPORT is posted on the Bulletin Board in the meeting**

### VETERANS WOODTURNING PROGRAM

Our DAV program Coordinator is

**DALLAS HENSLEY.**

**Members are reminded to bring their prepared Pen blanks to the meeting this Saturday.**

**Thanks to everyone who is supporting this Club Project as it is our main outreach ongoing all year long. Please contribute to this Fund through our Treasurer. The table is by the front door of the**

### CLUB MENTORS usually wearing red caps

James Pruitt 870/481-5315, Phil Wiles 870/421-9342, Kenneth Higgins 870/405-7283,

Sherman Anderson 870/615-0329 and Harry McBride 870/491-5179

For an appointment to discuss then meet with a mentor just call.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - January 2020

Hello Fellow Woodturners -

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a healthy new decade! In the December newsletter I spoke of the details of the Show & Sale and I'm still excited about how successful it was! I hope future Show & Sales will be just as successful and it's exciting to see more members participating and working together on this important event for the club. James will provide us with the financial details at the Saturday meeting.

We had a good turn-out for the Christmas party and I believe everyone had a good time. Thank you Cindy Nixon for preparing the ham, I roasted the turkey and it looked like we had plenty of food for everyone! Thanks goes out to all of you for the dishes you brought. So how many went home fat and sassy and took a nap?! I think we'll go back to our Dirty Santa, the game this year didn't seem like as much fun stealing from each other! Or maybe we just didn't get ENOUGH opportunities to steal! lol

We will have elections at the January meeting, so if there's an interest and you've not spoken with Ed or Red, please do so now, before the meeting on the 11th. The roster is posted in this Newsletter. You may contact Ed at 870-491-5622 or Red at 870-736-6660.

As this will be my last contribution to the newsletter as "President" I want to thank all of you for your support, not only in this position, but all other positions over the years. Now, maybe I can just be a member, enjoy the meetings and serve when needed.

Many of us read the article AAW put out last August regarding fractal burning, but we have many new members that may not subscribe to the AAW web-site or magazine and I've been encouraged by AAW to pass this along to our membership. As woodturners we are always in search of something new. This technique is so intriguing and we would like nothing better than having turned pieces with this incredible design, but the danger in obtaining it does not make it worth taking the chance. Please read the article on page 8 in this newsletter and heed the warnings.

*Don't forget to bring a piece of wood for the raffle. I hope to see you at the meeting.*

*Darcie Didden, President  
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**JANUARY means annual dues \$30 are due.**

Here is a status report of the Nominating Committee as of 12/5/2019:

1. We have candidates who have volunteered to serve in the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian.
2. We currently have **no** announced candidates for President.
3. Any Club member who is interested in serving a one year term for any of the officer positions should contact either Ed Boiteau ([ebboiteau@gmail.com](mailto:ebboiteau@gmail.com)) or Red Murr ([camurr@gmail.com](mailto:camurr@gmail.com)).
4. The Committee will present a slate of candidates to be voted on at the January, 2020 meeting. If there is more than one candidate for a specific position, there will be a separate vote on those candidates.
5. Every member of the Club should consider the value of their membership and think about becoming an officer or volunteering for a support position in order to maintain the viability of the Club in 2020 and beyond.

The January Demo will be done by Ed Boiteau, demonstrating:  
Understanding Your Turning Chuck and Proper Chucking  
Techniques.  
Ed will use the Club's Delta Lathe, monitor and Camera.

### NOVEMBER MEETING SHOW AND TELL



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## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Members can post items wanted and items for sale.** Email or text your information by the first Friday of the month to get it in the next Newsletter. Please check your writing and specifications of the item. Your ad will go in exactly as written. Photos should be edited and sent with an ad. When the ad is fulfilled

**ANCHOR SEAL** wood preservative is for sale in Pints, Quarts, half-gallon and gallons by Dick Rickon 870-424-4540. Call him before the November meeting and he will bring it then.

**Grizzly G042 16" x 42" lathe** for \$400 O.B.O. 870-424-4540 by Dick Rickon.

**Mohawk spray products and Super Glues** are sold by the Club at the Sale Table. Harry McBride manages this for the Club Treasury. Payment is on the honor system. Please bring cash and

**Windsor “Bow Back Side” Chair Kit** for sale, \$235.00. Hand made with a squared bow and single carved beading. Steam-bent oak bows, hard maple spindles, sugar pine seat cut to shape and holes bored. Project time 10 hours. Tools needed: orbital sander, hammer, drill and a few chisels. See this kit at the Sale Table. Sherman Anderson, call or text 870-615-0329.

**Easy Wood Tools** (now Total Wood Working Tools)

Sherm Anderson has represented Easy Wood Tools since 2010 with a line of Carbide-tipped Turning Tools. If he doesn't have what you need he can order it direct from the factory. Club Members get 10% off if paid by cash or check. Sales tax and shipping (if shipped direct) added. Credit card purchases will have processing fee added.\*

**STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRS**

and Chair's contact phone  
Class Instructor - Ken Higgins  
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**Merchant  
Discounts**

**The Woodwork Shop,  
Bartlett, TN  
Hartville Tools**

**Klingspor Company  
Woodworker's Supply**

Ask the vendor for the  
discount before you place  
your order.

Vendors receive an  
updated club roster every  
time it is revised.

# Death prompts ban on fractal burning

By William Sampson



Fractal burning, also called Lichtenberg, is a process that creates images such as these on wood using high-voltage electricity and a conductive solution.

The pre-eminent association for wood turners in the United States has issued a ban on a controversial process for using high-voltage electricity to create designs in wood because the technique has reportedly resulted in at least one death of a craftsman.

The American Association of Woodturners Safety Committee issued a policy against fractal burning, also known as Lichtenberg, banning it from AAW events.

“It is the policy of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) that the process known as fractal burning is prohibited from being used in any AAW-sponsored events, including regional and national symposium, and that AAW-chartered chapters are strongly urged to refrain from demonstrating or featuring the process in chapter events,” said the policy. “Further, the process of fractal burning shall not be featured in any written or online AAW publication, except for within articles that warn against its use. AAW publications will not accept advertisements for any products or supplies directly related to the process.”

The action was prompted in part by news in May that a woodworker in Walla Walla, Washington, was killed by electrocution while attempting to use the Lichtenberg fractal burning technique (<http://www.union-bulletin.com/local/local-man-electrocuted-using-dangero...>). The process typically uses a high-voltage transformer, often re-purposed from a microwave oven, to flow current across wood items that have been soaked with a chemical solution.

AAW’s Safety Committee urged publication of information warning members about the dangers of the technique in the organization’s magazine, *American Woodturner*, in its August issue.