



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

August 8, 2020 (tentative)
Lakeview, AR Municipal Building
14 Skyles Lane

Due to the continued concerns about the Coronavirus, the July meeting of the Ozark Woodturners has been cancelled. We hope to get back on track with a meeting soon when our meeting space becomes available to us again. The Club officers will monitor the situation going forward and make a determination about the August meeting by the end of July. In the meantime, enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

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Special Feature



This edition features an interesting wood exchange with the Worland Wyoming Woodturners and the turnings of one of its members.

Membership Dues Reminder

Due to the temporary suspension of Club activities over the last few months, the Board has voted to extend the deadline for dues from March to the July, 2020 (or next) scheduled meeting. Also, dues are being lowered to \$20 individual and \$30 family for this year. Already paid up members will be given a credit for their 2021 membership. Beyond this deadline, unpaid members will lose their membership privileges. So, please keep your membership active by sending your dues.

Dues for 2020 can be paid directly to James Pruitt at the next meeting or by sending your check, payable to Ozark Woodturners, to:
Ozark Woodturners
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1114 Webber Road
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President's Message ...

Hello Wood Turners,

The City of Lakeview still has restrictions on the use of the Municipal Building, our regular meeting location, by outside organizations which will last until we enter Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan. Consequently, we have had to cancel our regular meeting in July, and possibly meeting dates beyond that. If the Lakeview facility is still not available to us for a prolonged period of time, we may consider an alternative location. We also would consider measures to be taken at our meetings going forward to keep our members safe (masks, distancing, etc.).

This issue of the newsletter highlights some recent work of our members. In the featured article Darcie Didden shares her experience with a member of the Worland Wyoming Woodturners, involving a wood exchange between our respective clubs. We are also sharing some pictures of turnings by one of their

club members, Jodi Bennett

If you have any news, tips, or information to share in the newsletter, please call me or send an email. Send a picture of yourself in your shop or your favorite piece for inclusion in the next newsletter.

I sincerely hope that we can meet as a Club in the near future, and once again share our interests in wood turning. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy some turning.

Ed Boiteau, President

Club News

Fundamentals of Turning Course

The club offers a “Fundamentals of Wood Turning” class to its members. Future class dates are to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Kenneth Higgins at (870) 405-7283 or e-mail him at higgs52@suddenlink.net. Future classes will be scheduled based on new sign-ups.

Club Member Discounts:

The following vendors offer club discounts to our members. At the time of your order, inform them you are a member of Ozark Woodturners; they will verify it with the roster we've provided and allow your discount. See James Pruitt for details.

Hartville Tools

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

Woodworker's Supply

The Woodwork Shop, Bartlett, TN

From our Members' Shops



Red Murr: Pens recently turned by Red in a variety of woods and acrylics.



Dallas Hensley: Memorial candles made for Dallas' father's funeral; an urn made of cherry, walnut, cedar and plywood (12" dia. x 14.5" high).

Wood from Wyoming

By Darcie Didden

In January of this year, I received a message from Jodi Bennett, a member of the Worland Wyoming Woodturners. She was hoping to hook up with a woodturner while traveling to Eureka Springs in May and trade local Wyoming wood for local Arkansas wood. Initially, when I responded, I had hoped to make it a club event believing we would have two or three meetings to gather wood. When everything came to a halt, including her trip, it was put on the back burner.

In the meantime, we stayed in touch and swapped stories. Jodi is a fifth-generation turner but is the first female turner in her family. She tries to honor her ancestors with some utilitarian pieces but says her style of turning and burning tends to follow her grandfather's art side. The Worland Wyoming Woodturners club is small (7 or 8 members) but is like a family and they are very excited to do some wood trading!

The founder of their club is Sam Angelo, whom you may know as the Wyoming Woodturner on YouTube. Additionally, he was published in American Woodturner magazine in an article titled "Making an Executive Spin Top,

a stylish but ever-so-distracting desk accessory" (AAW 33 issue, 3 June 2018) and another titled "The Basics of Hand-Chasing Threads in Wood – Learn about this age-old technique and apply it to your lidded projects" (AAW 35 issue 3 June 2020).

Jodi and I met at the Palace Hotel Bath House in Eureka Springs and exchanged the wood the two of us had gathered along with Joe's help. Her Wyoming woods included Cottonwood, Russian Olive, Juniper, Maple, Poplar and Box Elder. Our exchange included Black Walnut, Bradford Pear, Spalted Hackberry, Locust, Mimosa, Choke Cherry, Red Cedar, Osage Orange and Sassafras. This was thanks to the contributions of members Kenneth Higgins, Phil Wiles, Joel Jendreas, Bill Dorzok, Bob Shaffer, Harry McBride and Darcie Didden. The club plans to send us photos of what they have turned using these woods and in turn, I am hoping that we can do the same.

During this unprecedeted time, it has been fun making a new friend and starting a relationship between two AAW chapters.



From left: Jodi Bennett with a car load of Arkansas wood; Joe making the exchange; Darcie taking inventory.

The Wood Art of Jodi Bennett Worland Wyoming Woodturners

