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Next Meeting

Saturday April 9, 2022

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Where: Mountain Home VFW—214 West 7th St.

Demonstration: Kenneth Higgins will be demonstrating a vacuum chuck and bowl steady.

March Demonstration

In a short 45 minutes Phil Wiles provided an amazing demonstration.

First he demonstrated how to apply CA glue as a finish. He uses heavy viscosity glue and applies it with dense foam packing paper. He runs the lathe at 50 rpm, applies 3-4 coats then sands with 220, blows it off and then applies another 3 coats. Final sanding is done from 220 up to 400/600.



Phil also demonstrated how to hollow a bowl. He emphasized the need for sharp tools and identified the type of gouges to use.

After completing the bowl he showed how to use a jam chuck to remove the tenon and finish the bottom.

The demonstrations were filled with tips and techniques. If you weren't there you missed a good one.

President's Message ...

Dear OWT members,

It was a pleasant surprise to have such a great turnout for the March meeting, including several visitors and potential new members. It seems that if someone comes to visit our Club and sees wood turning in action and the great finished pieces that our members make, they get hooked and want to participate and learn to turn or get back to this activity that they once enjoyed. Please share your interest in wood turning to your friends and acquaintances, and invite them to one of our Club meetings. And let them know that we offer an introductory course to get them started.

I wanted to remind you of member John Shetler's invitation to the chicken dinner planned for Tuesday, April 5th at 4:00 PM in Salem (See Darcie's recent email with details). This would be your opportunity to visit an Amish community, located in a beautiful setting and enjoy some great food and fellowship. You can also call John to see what wood is available for sale at his sawmill.

If you have a Tip of the Month to share at the next meeting, let me know and I will get you on the agenda. This is a 5 to 10 minute presentation regarding a tool, technique, product or anything else turning or shop related to that may be of interest to the members. Also, bring in a recent turning for the Show and Tell, and you will have a chance to win a gift certificate. The demo for the April meeting will be by Ken Higgins, who will demonstrate the use of a vacuum chuck and a steady rest, both useful tools to aid in your turning.

I hope to see you all on April 9th at the VFW. Come a bit early to help set up the room. In the meantime, enjoy some time in your shop and turn safely.

Ed Boiteau, President

Club News

Loss of a Member

Richard Sabor a long time member died 3/23. Condolences were sent to his wife from the membership.

From the Treasurer

3/31/22 Balance:

Total: \$ 2,153.11

OWT: \$ 1,256.06

VA: \$ 897.05

MEETING RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1.00 Each or 6/\$5.00

Bring wood or any turning related item (e.g. blanks, sandpaper, project kits, etc.).

Note—You are responsible to take back home for anything not taken

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.

CA Glue & Lacquer

CA Glue & Lacquer will be available for sale at the monthly meetings.

Club Library

Need a new project or want to learn a new technique? Come check out the 33 books and 56 videos that are in the OWT Library. Rich will have them available for check out at the monthly meeting.

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 the Treasurer for details.

Hartville Tools

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

Woodworker's Supply

The Woodwork Shop, Bartlett, TN

March Show & Tell

Pictures by: David Rayburn

Editor's Top Picks



David Rayburn—Segmented bowl made from eight scrap woods with lacquer finish. Not bad for first segmented attempt!



Ron Ufkes— The Lady sculpture is made from a piece of wood Ron picked up on the freeway in California. The Boy & Girl sculptures are made from Avocado wood. Finish is spray on lacquer.

March Show & Tell

Pictures by: David Rayburn



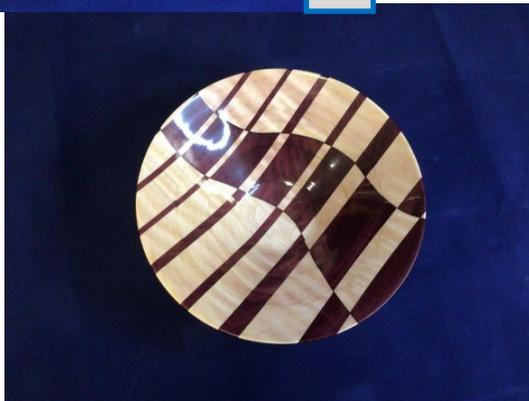
Art Ritter—left is a yarn bowl made from Ash and Pine. Finished with CA glue and lacquer. The bowl on the right is from Hackberry—Art was asking for input to why the lacquer would not adhere to the inside bottom of the bowl.



Steve Wagner—Left Spalted Maple finished with six coats of CA glue and then lacquer. Right is a potpourri container from Spalted Poplar.

March Show & Tell

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Phil Wiles—A) Pecan Root vase with stone paint interior. B) Pecan Root Vase. C) Segmented Purple Heart/Maple bowl. D) Pecan Root Bowl. All are finished with CA Glue.

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Jeff Smith—Segmented Vase (751 pieces) made from Purple Heart/ Curly Maple/ Walnut. Shot glass made from Curly Maple and Walnut. Both were finished with CA glue.



Kay Edens—Bowl made from Mesquite, she used Folgers coffee grounds and glue to fill the holes.

March Show & Tell

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David Rayburn—His second segmented bowl made from Maple, Myrtle and Sapele then finished in lacquer.



Linda Moore—Sweet Gum bowl finished with Walnut Oil and Beal Buffing System.



Frank Nixon—Duck calls made from Eucalyptus and Walnut.

Shop Visit With Joe Meskaitis

By Linda Moore

Joe Meskaitis was born in 1945 in Northern Germany, in 1948 his family moved to France. Then at the age of 15 he immigrated from France to Chicago with his mother and stepfather. His stepfather was a cabinet maker for the Hammond Organ Company for five years. Then they moved to a dairy farm in north Wisconsin. Joe learned many woodworking skills from his stepfather.

In 1963 when Joe was 19 he enlisted in the Army. He made that his first career retiring after 28 years as a Sargent Major. One of his specialties was as an interpreter (he is fluent in five languages: German, French, English, Russian, Lithuanian). Joe served in: Vietnam and the Middle East.



One of Joe's favorite bowls! Segmented basket weave made from Oak and Walnut.

On a vacation trip from Fort Hood Texas back to Wisconsin, he and his wife Paulette traveled through the Mountain Home area. They decided that was where they would retire, they purchased a home and acreage in 1990. Joe retired from the army in 1991. His second career was with Culligan (a water softening equipment supplier). He served as Service Manager for them for 16 years.

Joe has been turning for eight years. He was introduced to turning by Bob Karr, a neighbor. Bob invited Joe to an Ozark Woodturners Meeting and the rest is history! His first turning class was from James Pruitt (Kenneth Higgins was in the class, Joe said Kenneth learned faster than him). He later went on to take a segmented turning class from James.

He started turning on a 1935 Yates and when the bearings wore out, he upgraded to a Jet 1442. His shop is full of tools and equipment, most of which are on wheels allowing him to utilize every inch of available space. He likes to turn anything with a challenge to it. He has boxes of skillfully turned miniature bird houses, boxes, ornaments and bowls. These are given to friends, relatives and donated to the local



Joe showing off his bird houses. In case you can't read what's on Joe's shirt: "Just once, I want a Username & Password prompt to say, Close enough!"

Shop Visit With Joe Meskaitis

Volunteer Fire Department for their fundraising auctions. Over the last two years he has donated 28 bird-houses, 30 ornaments along with innumerable boxes and bowls for these auctions. One of his favorite turnings is a segmented basket weave bowl made from oak and walnut. After seeing it his wife claimed it for herself!

Joe is also well known for his annual OWT demonstrations of how to make an inside-out reverse Christmas ornament. For this reason, some people refer to him as “Christmas Joe”.

His wood sources come primarily from neighbors, and he does purchase some from John Shetler. His favorite woods are maple, walnut and cherry ... *“anything that doesn’t give me a rash or goose bumps”*.



Wonderful shop full of every tool you can imagine.

What Joe enjoys most about OWT is that there are NO SECRETS. Everyone is willing to share their knowledge and take the time to help others grow their skill set.



Another beautiful bowl Joe made for his nephew in case he ever gets married.

Notices

North Ark WoodCarvers Club 42nd ANNUAL WOODCARVING SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, May 7, 2022 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
and

SUNDAY, May 8, 2022 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Featuring:

- Whittlers • Woodcarvers • Wood Turners
- Demonstrations • Carving Contest
- Food Available from 11:00 AM
- Woodcarving Door Prizes Drawing Every Hour

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Annual Chicken Dinner

Our fellow member, John Shetler, has invited us to the Annual Chicken Dinner at his Amish community.

Date: April 5

Time: 4 p.m.

Location:

**1394 Sunrise Road
Salem, Arkansas**

**Fried Chicken w/Sides
Home Made Ice Cream
Cakes & Other Goodies
Donations Welcome**