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## Next Meeting

**Saturday August 13, 2022**

**Time: 9:30 A.M.**

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

**Demonstration: Frank Nixon will be doing a demonstration on how to turn a pen.**

## July Workshop



At the July meeting a workshop was held to prepare pen blanks for the pen turning program we support at the VA Rehospitalation Hospital in North Little Rock.

Stations were setup to drill and face the blanks and another to glue in the metal sleeves.

A total of 45 sets were completed at the workshop.

Thank you to all those that brought in all the equipment to be able to make this happen and all those that volunteered their time.



## President's Message ...

Dear OWT members,

At the July Club meeting, our members prepared blanks to send to the VA Rehabilitation Hospital in Little Rock to support their wood turning program. At the August meeting, Frank Nixon will demonstrate how to turn, finish and complete a finished pen. Hopefully this demo will provide sufficient instruction to our members who wish to turn pens, which can provide a unique gift to your friends and family members.

Members are encouraged to bring in their recent work for the Show and Tell. Those participating will have their name entered into an instant drawing for a \$10 gift certificate. This is a great opportunity to get experienced advice on your turnings, whether it be wood selection, turning

## Club News

### From the Treasurer

#### 07/31/22 Balance:

Total: \$ 1877.67

OWT: \$ 980.62

VA: \$ 897.05

### Meeting Raffle

Please bring wood or other turning items you would like to include in the raffle. Note-you are responsible to take back home anything not taken. Tickets will be: \$1.00 Each or 6/\$5.00

### 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 (Steve Wagner)

CA Glue & Lacquer will be available for sale at the monthly meetings. These items are sold at cost.

### Club Library (Rich Lindner)

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.

tools and technique, or finishes.

Please keep in mind that we will be having election of Club officers in November. If you are interested in serving as an officer, the duties and responsibilities of each office is described in the by-laws which are posted on our website. Also, let me know if you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee that will identify and nominate candidates for each office position.

The next meeting time is 9:30 am at the VFW in Mountain Home. 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 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.

#### \* Klingspor's Woodworking Shop-

Website: woodworkingshop.com 10% off non power tools.

#### \* Woodworker's Supply-

Website: woodworker.com Discount varies by product. Inquire before placing order.

#### \* The Woodwork Shop, Bartlett, TN—

In store only. 10% off non power tools.

### OWT Hats Available—

New Order of hats are in, pick one up for \$14 at the next meeting.



# July Show & Tell

Pictures by: Darci Didden

Editor's Top Picks



**Wally Burr—Made from Thunderbird, Sycamore, Walnut and Paduka. Finished with CA glue.**



**Wally Burr—Made from Cherry and Walnut with a CA finish.**

# July Show & Tell

Pictures by: Darci Didden



**Ed Boiteau—Hummingbird vase made from Maple and finished with flat lacquer.**

**Terry Butler—Spalted Pecan pen.**



# July Show & Tell

Pictures by: Darcie Didden



**Phil Wiles—Top—Curly Maple and Bubinga wood. Bottom—Burl Oak with resin. Both were finished with CA glue.**

# Shop Visit with Dallas Hensley

By Linda & Paul Moore

Dallas Hensley grew up in Jonesboro on a cotton farm. Once he turned 17 he ventured out to experience other parts of the U.S.. When he turned 34 he embarked on a career in the Navy specializing in aviation electronics. For the most part he was stationed in Fort Worth, Texas and Jacksonville, Florida and he resigned after eleven good years in the service. He then worked in the oil refiner field in Memphis and later moved to Texas before retiring. Dallas and his wife Sandra moved from Port Aransas, Texas to Gassville, Arkansas four years ago.



Dallas has always worked with wood and he's remodeled every home he's lived in and done lots of flat work such as furniture and cabinets. In 2010 he wanted to try his hand at turning.

He asked his wheeling-dealing cousin to find him a cheap lathe he could start with. They found a 300-pound countertop Craftsman for \$100 and it included tools. For his first turning projects he used only one tool, a roughing gouge from start to finish. Dallas is a self-learner and approached turning knowing he could figure it out. Based on the pieces he's completed he looks to have been successful.

He lets the wood guide him and tries to create each piece to be unique and likes to create a different shape and rim for each bowl he turns. He upgraded to a Shop Fox 1758 as his skill level increased and after repair parts for his Craftsman became unavailable a Rikon 12x16 is used for smaller items.



**Demonstration of drum sander**

Segmented turnings are a special favorite for Dallas. As for type of wood, his favorites are Osage Orange, Spalted Hackberry and Plywood! He finds Plywood brings a unusual circular feature to a piece. He also likes to embellish pieces with items like: sand from a water softener; crushed turquoise; and crushed aquarium rocks. He sets them in CA glue and in some cases epoxy to add an enhancement to the piece.

Dallas is a MASTER of jigs! Just a few of the ones he showed us that he had made: steady rest; wedges

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for segmentation; wedge cutting sled; duplicator (he demonstrated how he was using this to make chess pieces); drum sander (used for flattening glued segmented pieces). These are only a small portion of the jigs covering his shop walls – as he says “I just have to envision it, deconstruct it and get it to happen!”.

Dallas doesn't sell his turned pieces but gives them to friends and family - oh wait- he has sold one piece.

When in Port Aransas, Dallas belonged to the Corpus Christi Turning club, so when he arrived in Arkansas he was excited to find OWT ... “I



**Duplicator to make Chess pieces.**

just went out to the internet and found it”. He likes to be around others that share the common interest of turning.

Dallas is OWT's VA Coordinator. It is a natural fit since he is a Veteran and likes to volunteer. The VA program in Little Rock had been on hold for the pandemic and has just recently been restarted. He's excited to see some Veterans back at their lathes and happy to be able to deliver the blanks the club finished last month. The VA nationally has expressed an interest in the OWT Little Rock program. Several VA Hospitals across the nation have sent representatives to observe the program and visit with Dallas and the L.R. VA staff with the goal of starting their own program.

Just a closing note, when I asked Dallas if I could interview him for this article his response was, “Nothing interesting about me.” Well I think we can all agree, he got that wrong!



**His prize pieces are a bowl made from Texas Ebony and one made from Oak scraps and epoxy resin.**



**Helping Red Murr with turning a dog urn from Walnut. Since the piece was narrow they hollowed it in two pieces and then rejoined it using Osage Orange and Plywood (notice the circles).**

## Notices

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