



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Saturday, May13, 2023

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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

DEMONSTRATION: Phil Wiles will demonstrate tool sharpening, how to make a tennon and a jam chuck.

New Members

Roger Pitchford

Roger lives on a farm about four miles south of Norfolk. He has wanted to turn wood for years, but just recently got the opportunity to make it happen. His goals are to make bowls, plates, etc. for family and to experiment with some of the complex projects. By being associated with OWT he hopes to get ideas, learn new techniques and methods.

Mark Adams

Mark lives in Mountain Home. He did a little Native American Flute (style) lathe work before retiring four years ago, but none since then due to lack of a shop. He is also a member of the local North Arkansas Wood Carvers club and carves his own NAF fetish blocks. His goals are to learn how to sharpen tools, bore his own flute blanks, turn better flutes and expand into other interesting projects such as bowls, ornaments, etc. He hopes to attain inspiration, education and friendship from OWT.

Kurt Dekker

Kurt and his wife Julie live south of Yellville. Kurt started turning in high school on his father's lathe. About 5 years ago he acquired a lathe and now that he is retired he is able to pursue the hobby again. He has made many different types of tops and would like to make more pots, bowls and laminated pieces. Since his father was his last lathe teacher, he looks forward to what the exposure from club members will bring in learning all aspects of turning and being inspired by new ideas and setting new goals.

President's Message

Dear OWT members,

It's a typical spring birds are singing, turkeys are gobbling, fish are biting, the grass is growing and my garden looks just like I left it last fall. Yes, I am behind. The good news is I have been doing a lot of turning.... priorities, priorities!

Our membership is growing. Keep spreading the word. We gained three new members in April.

Club mentor Phil Wiles is doing the demo on May 13th. He will show tool sharpening, how to make a tennon, and jam chuck. He has made for sale several simple tools for measuring bottom depth to avoid turning your project into a funnel.

Hope to see you all at the meeting. Remember if you have an extra piece of wood bring it to the meeting we need things for the raffle.

"Make some shavings!"

Steve

Meeting Minutes April 8th By Richard Smeltzer

The total members present was 28, including 3 new members, Mark Adams, Kurt Dekker, and Roger Pitchford. There also were 4 visitors, Jill Brown (DAR rep.), Julie Dekker, Roy Little, and Laurel Smeltzer.

Announcements:

Jill Brown from the local DAR chapter confirmed that the DAR would be helping with pen sales from those turned by patients at the VA Hospital in Little Rock at the May 6th & 7th benefit sale. She also gave us information on membership requirements for the DAR and her personal familial connection to an American Revolutionary war veteran.

Steve Wagner challenged members to get busy turning items to be donated for sale at the May 6/7 Wood Carvers / OWT benefit sale. All donations should be priced in multiples of \$5.00 (tax included). We have two tables and need more volunteers to sign up to work at the tables. Kenneth Higgins and Dallas Hensley will be giving turning demonstrations during the sale. Others are welcome to give demos also. Contact Kenneth if willing. This will be a great opportunity to let people know about the club.

Meeting Minutes (continued)

The Little Rock VA Hospital is buying three new lathes and will return to the club the three lathes for pen turning which the club originally provided.

The next club turning challenge will be presented at the May meeting.

Motions: No motions were made to be voted on.

Two issues were discussed to be considered in the future :

1. Club insurance coverage
2. Whether or not to loan club lathes to members for use on a monthly basis

Demonstration :

Joe Meskaitis demonstrated turning a bird house from green crabapple branch wood. He made a set of detailed instructions by James Pruitt available.

Richard Smeltzer, Secretary

Editor's Picks



Walley Burr—Ring bowl made from Walnut/Cherry/Purple Heart/Locus. It took him four days to glue it up. Finish is 5 coats of CA glue. Beautiful work!

April Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Steve Wagner—Mimosa bowl finished with CA glue.



Doug Green—Segmented vase made with sixteen rings. The rings are from Elm, Purple Heart and Maple. The Base is Elm. He used four coats of Dr. Wood Shop for the finish.

April Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



David Rayburn—Ring bowl made from Maple, Sapele, Purpleheart, Caribbean Rosewood. Finish is gloss lacquer.



Dallas Hensley—He presented his 1st turning—A Walnut & Cedar urn that he turned totally with a roughing gouge. He referred to it as a mouse urn. The bowl is a recent turning made from Sycamore, the finish is spray on poly.

**April Show & Tell
Pictures by David Rayburn**



**Dennis Felokirchner—
Black Cherry Bowl. Finish is five
coats of CA glue then lacquer.**



**Linda Moore—Honey Locus bowl. Fin-
ish is Watco Danish Oil then coated with
Carnauba Wax.**

April Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Ed Boiteau—Wavy stacked bowl made from Maple, Oak, Walnut and Padauk. Finish is semi gloss lacquer. Ed explained that he had the second ring blow up on him .. Nice recovery!



Terry Butler—Bowl made from Crabapple. It was all going well until he did one too many cuts and created a funnel. The plug is an exotic wood.

April Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn

Phil Wiles—In the March demonstration Phil had multiple examples of the glue-ups for the ring bowl he was demonstrating. Below are the finished products! Beautiful!



April Demonstration

Joe Meskaitis is a master at turning miniature bird houses. He has turned over 200, with the majority of those being donated to his local VFD for fundraising events.

For the demonstration, he started with a plum tree branch. It was 1 1/2 inch in diameter and 7 inches in length.

He started by mounting it using a safety drive and the tail stock, rounded it and then created a tenon on each end.

After chucking it, he parted off a third of the stock (this will become the roof).

Then using a Forstner 1/8 drill bit he drilled to a 1.25 depth to create the body of the bird house. With a little more trimming the body was shaped and ready to be removed from the chuck. He then chucked the roof portion and turned a 1/4" tenon to fit the bird house body (this required multiple checks to be sure it was snug). He under cut the roof so that it covers the top of the bird house body. Next the bird house body was chucked and he used the body to "jam chuck" the roof.

This is where things got a little "wild"! ??? Joe who has turned over 200 bird houses was having issues with keeping the roof from flying out of the Jam Chuck when he tried to complete the final cuts on the top. After the roof blew off multiple times, Joe settled on completing the demonstration by explaining the final steps needed to finalize the miniature bird house.

Joe called me the day after the demo and said, "WHERE WAS THE TAIL STOCK! I removed the tail stock to use the Forstner bit and never put it back on!"

Things happen when you are using an unfamiliar lathe and have 32 sets of eyes on you!



Club News

From the Treasurer

04/30/2023 Balance:

Total: \$ 2,105.92

OWT: \$ 1,736.65

VA: \$ 369.27

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 Class

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@icloud.com

CA Glue & Lacquer (Dennis Felokirchner). Prices are subject to change. The numbers in the parentheses are a price range from multiple online sources.

<u>OWT Price</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>On-line Est.</u>
\$8.75	Mohawk Lacquer	(13-18)
\$23.23	EZ Bond CA. 16 oz Large	(28-38)
\$4.75	EQ Bond CA 2.5 oz Small	(6-8)
\$3.00	Activator Pump	(8-12)
\$1.50	Activator Refill	(4-6)
\$.25	Glue Caps	

Notices

FIRST-UP/OZARK TRAILS STRAIGHT WALL POP-UP GAZE- BO SHELTER

10' X 10' X 11' high in the center.
Includes a screen curtain as an extra.
A “must-have” if you plan to display at outdoor events. \$95.00 Ron Ufkes,
Tel. 870-321-2719 or
janron234@gmail.com

Open Workshop Every Wednesday starts at 9a.m!

Kenneth Higgins –5729 Highway 202 Flippin
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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. A list of available projects is on the OWT web site.

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.



DICK RICKON HAS THE FOLLOW- ING FOR SALE.

His contact information is: 870-424-4540
leave a message and he will return the
call.

1. WOOD BAND SAW BLADES -Custom band saw blades. Pricing is based on length and width.