



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Saturday, September 9th

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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

DEMONSTRATION: Kenneth Higgins will be demonstrating how to use the skew.

Welcome New Member

Erica Banza lives in Norfolk. She has been turning for three years since her husband bought her a lathe for an anniversary gift. She views turning as a therapy, it is nice to just focus and let the wood speak to you. Erica hopes to gain new skills, improve her techniques and learn as much as she can from the other members of OWT. Her goal is to become good enough to sell her work. But most of all she wants to have FUN doing it!

Ozark Woodturners History

I received this input from OWT's founder and first President Mike Kornblum. Mike moved to Mountain Home in 1993 from Southern California. In California he had been a member of Inland Woodturners, after moving he missed the friendships he'd made and turning skills he'd learned from other members and of course sharing wood finds. There were no clubs in Arkansas at that time. He was a member of AAW, so he used the AAW directory and sent out a letter to members who were within a certain proximity of Mountain Home to see if there was any interest in starting a club. He received a good number of responses and held the first meeting soon afterwards. The first meetings were held in his garage off Meadowcrest Drive in 1994. Mike currently lives in Springfield, Missouri.

So 2024 will be the 30th anniversary for OWT! Thank you Mike!

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

President's Message

There has been a discussion on the AAW exchange on the difficulty of getting members to participate in doing demonstrations. We are very fortunate to have several dedicated members who have stepped up year after year. Without their dedication, the meetings would be nothing but a gab session and membership would suffer. So, a big thanks to all members who have stepped up to serve as officers and demonstrators. If you have a topic you want to be discussed or demonstrated please let me know.

At the September meeting Ken Higgins will be doing a demo using the dreaded skew chisel, a great tool we all need to master.

I want to thank Joe for showing us his version of a snowman and its several uses. We will have a club challenge to be announced.

See you at the meeting.

keep them sharp and make some shavings

Steve

Meeting Minutes August 12th

Twenty-eight members were present with one new member, Erica Banza, and one visitor, Frank.

Announcements and Tips:

- * Linda Moore gave a treasurer's report. See details in the August newsletter.
- * See Richard Raffan, excellent wood turner, on U Tube where he gives instructions while turning. Also, new and intermediate turners might be interested in buying his book, Turning Wood with Richard Raffan, 3rd Edition. It covers everything from the lathe to hollowing and finishing.
- * Don Scarbrough gave an update on what is on the club web site. If you have questions, please call him at 459-232-9904. Don suggested that if we would want to put club demos on U Tube he could facilitate and put links on the web site.
- * The AAW will have a symposium in Rodgers, AR on 10/09/23 9 AM to 4PM. It will cost \$35 with an additional \$ 15 for lunch. See the AAW web site for content.
- * If you would be interested in taking over managing the library, see Rich Linder.
- * TIP by Ken Higgins. To air dry bowls turned from green wood, turn walls to 1/2" to 3/4" thickness and turn it over on the top with cardboard under it. It should dry to about 15% in 3 months.

Motions voted on: No motions were brought to vote on however, a question was posed on what to do with four pen turning lathes with tools and accessories returned from the Little Rock VA Hospital. Suggestions included:

Meeting Minutes (cont.)

1. Sell them all, possibly by auction.
 2. Sell some and keep some to loan out to Club members on a monthly basis
 3. Donate them to another hospital or rehabilitation facility.
- In all cases, the lathes would be checked out and put in good working condition. Please think about it and be ready to vote at our next meeting.

Demonstration: Joe Meskaitis demonstrated making small snowmen.

Richard Smeltzer, Secretary

Fundamentals of Turning 101 By Kenneth Higgins



Doug Green fine tuning the bottom of a bowl.



Mark Lillie and Mark Adams show off their finished class work.

Kenneth Higgins has been making the best of the HOT days in August by turning on the air in his shop and teaching the fundamental of turning. He hosted two sessions in August—Thank you Kenneth!

August Demonstration



Joe Meskaitis demonstrated how to make a Snowman place setting. Note, Joe donates MANY items to his local VFD fundraisers. In order to duplicate pieces Joe uses lots of marking sticks and jigs!

To start the Snowman he used a 1 3/4 inch by 3 1/8 inch block. After roughing it down to a 1 5/8 inch cylinder he marked where the three V-cuts should be using a marking stick so that all Snowman will have the same body propor-

tions. Joe used a spindle gouge (not a skew) to shape the snowman body and used a sizing cut-out to help him get the right head, body sizes. To flatten the head for the hat, he uses a disk sander.

The Hat is made from a 1 inch x 1 inch piece of stock, he loaded this into a pen jaws chuck for shaping and parting off. The hat is attached to the body using a 1/8 dowel.

The Snowman's nose was made from scrap cedar and turned to match a measuring stick guide.

A 3/16th dowel is used for the sign stick and the holder is made from scrap stock 1 1/8 inch long with a slot cut for the place setting card. To drill the perfect hole for the sign stick in the Snowman a jig was used.

Americana Acrylic paint from Hobby Lobby was used for the finishing coat of paint. These have been very popular items at the VFD Christmas sale.



August Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn

Editor's Pick



Doug Green—Pins segmented with multiple cuts of metal from a pepsi can and another segmented with credit cards. Finish is CA glue.



Jay Dukes—Cherry bowl finished with walnut oil and Acx's paste wax.

August Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Richard Smeltzer— Turned a 2x4 Spruce fruit bowl. He patterned it after one his Father made in the mid 30's.



Joe Meskaitis—A segmented vase made from Magnolia, Cherry, Maple, and a Veneer (which he made himself) . The top and bottom are from Ebony. The finish is wipe on poly. The pattern is from Ray Allen.

August Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Phil Wiles—Spalted Pecan container with ebonized Maple finial. Sea Urchin Christmas ornaments. Phil donated four Christmas ornaments to the Club for sale in November (unfortunately one was dropped at Show & Tell).



Dick Rickon—Redwood Burl (used Minwax Hardener to stabilize it and CA glue to seal it). Huckleberry Root, finish is 2-3 Minwax Sealer and 4 coats of Poly spray.

August Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Bob Renforth—This is his first turning! He turned it in high school and it is made of Walnut and Mahogany.



Steve Wagner—The blue one is a Cherry burl and the Green is Hickory with embedded pine cones. They were made using a resin filler and placing them in a pressure pot to cure.

August Show & Tell Pictures by David Rayburn



Bill Dorzok—Lidded bowl made from Rosewood with a Walnut lid and bottom. Bowl has a Walnut base and Rosewood side. The Urn is Walnut and has a wooden threaded top. Bill used a machine lathe to cut the threads. All three items are finished with wipe on poly and then polished.

Club News

From the Treasurer

08/31/23 Balance:

Total: \$ 3,078.77

OWT \$ 1,974.65

VA: \$ 1,104.12

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 . 50% of raffle \$ goes to first ticket drawn.

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>
\$10.00	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)
\$.35	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. \$85.00 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.