



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Saturday, May 11th
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mountain Home VFW 214 West 7th Street
DEMO: Kenneth Higgins will demonstrate turning a lidded box.

Ozark Woodturners News

- We are sorry to report the death of Jim Whittington. Jim joined OWT in 2022, in 2023 he returned to Warsaw, Ohio. He died April 29th.
- The Woodcarving show is May 4 & 5. OWT will have two tables—if you have items to donate for sale please take them to the Fairgrounds Friday between 2-3 or Saturday morning at 10 a.m..

New Member

Rick Brightwell

Rick lives on Gaither Mountain 10 miles SW of Harrison on a farm. He has been involved in wood and metal working all his life. For years he made steam bent oak stirrups for saddles, he made several hydraulic presses that he used to steam bend White Oak stirrup blanks in. In the 80's a renowned period saddle maker who was making reproduction military calvary saddles and gear from the Civil and Indian war periods reached out to him to make exact copies of stirrups for his saddles. Using original stirrups for patterns he made lots of period correct stirrups for military reproduction sad-



Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

New Member (cont.)

dlers. From stirrups he got into metal working and forging handmade spurs for cowboys and collectors. A Google search for Rick Brightwell spurs and Rick Brightwell stirrups will show some of my cowboy gear and tell some stories.

As for wood turning his experience is limited to a few legs for butcher block tables years ago. Recently after seeing some of Richard Raffans work in *The Art of Turned Bowls* his interest in bowls and vessel turning grew. He thought watching a few YouTube videos would help, but after experiencing his first catch he thought meeting other turners was a good idea! Rick hopes to gain knowledge, comradeship and turning wisdom by being a member of the Ozark Woodturners Club.

President's Message

I have been busy getting caught up on spring things around the house.

I had 12 turnings near completion and all still had the tenon to be removed. I turned my last bowl before the upcoming Carving Show May 4-5 th. Reminder set up will be at 2pm Friday the May 3rd. You can still bring in turnings for our table Friday or Saturday morning.

We wish to thank our mentor Phil Wiles for the demo last month on the 3 sided 3 footed bowl. Once again he makes it look so easy.

Ken Higgins, also our mentor, will be doing this month's demo on lidded boxes. If you are having trouble with boxes and lids please bring any questions for Ken.

I did get a couple of requests for future demos. One on sharpening tools and scrapers and another on rolling pins. We will get these demoed in the near future.

Hope to see you at the carving show. We have several of our club turners setting up at the show stop by and visit.

Steve

Meeting Minutes April 13th

Officers Present: Steve Wagner, President; Linda Moore, Treasurer & Newsletter; Sandy Lord, Secretary; Rich Linder, Librarian. Member Absent: Dallas Hensley, Vice President

Total Members Present: 34

New Members: Rick Brightwell ; **Visitors:** 1

Meeting Minutes Continued

Announcements & Discussion:

- Steve donated some items to the library including a couple of CD's. In addition, a tub has been donated to carry bowls.
- Tools are available for purchase or swap during the break.
- Sign-up sheet for the Wood Carvers Show is available. We still need volunteers to man the tables. It's an excellent show with good attendance for getting items shown/sold. Set up is on Friday, May 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. In addition, we need tops to give away to the kids and items for display and/or sale.
- Bernie Martinson is in Baxter Hospital. He had a 2 hour procedure, then had a serious hemorrhaging problems. He may be in the hospital for a while and would love to have visitors.
- Former member, Jim Whittington, who moved to Ohio, died just two weeks after getting his shop all set up. His wife, Sue, has his lathe, sander, hand saw, etc. needs to sell them, but she lives 12 hours away. It was suggested that we advise her to contact a local club.

Show and Tell:

- Ten members brought in beautiful items turned from a variety of woods including elm, maple, mahogany, cherry and walnut. See the newsletter for photos and descriptions.
- Red Murr brought in a ship that he has been working on for about 20 years. It came in a kit with thousands of tiny pieces. It is very intricate and was a real challenge to build.

Ten minute break for tool sale.

Demonstration:

Before beginning, Phil Wiles noted that the item he turned last month was done at 1,500 RPMs which is great for small pieces. But for larger pieces, that is way too fast.

Phil Wiles turned an amazing geometric sculpture. This was an outstanding example of skill by our own master turner.

Steve noted that we need a volunteer for next month as well as ideas from the members as to what they want demonstrated. One idea was a demonstration on tool sharpening. Another was a rolling pin.

Kenneth Higgins volunteered to do next month's demo.

Fifty-Fifty: Chris Anderson won the \$75.00 pot.

Meeting Adjourned.

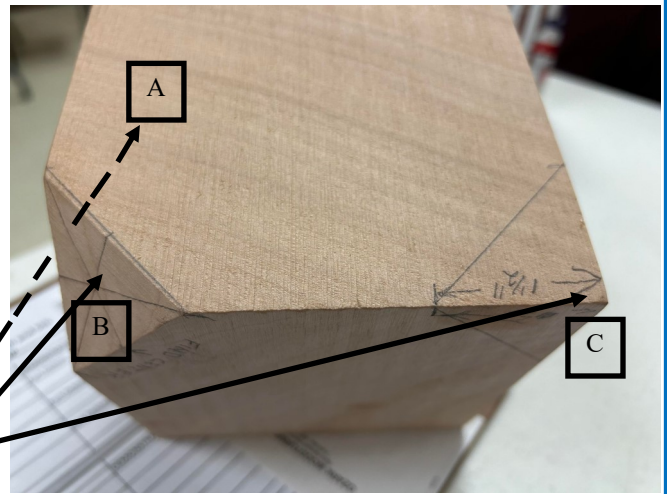
Respectfully Submitted: *Sandy Lord, Secretary*

April Demonstration

Phil Wiles demonstrated how to turn a three footed three sided bowl.

He started with a 4 3/4 cherry block (he recommend not using anything larger than 6" for the block size).

The photo on the right shows how he marked the block to prepare for turning. He has a jig to set the block in and runs it through the bandsaw to cut off the corners. The two opposite corners (corners A & C) will be used to mount into the lathe.



Phil starts roughing the block around 1000 to 1100 rpm. The foot of the bowl would be the tail stock end. He turns in stair steps and makes the base smaller than the top. The base also is where he creates a tenon. He cuts until he comes to the end of the side. Once he was satisfied with the bottom, he mounted the piece in a chuck. To start the inside, Phil continued to use his tail stock and increased his speed to 1750 rpm. When he completed the outer parts of the wings he removed the tail stock and removed the center. Phil then sanded the whole piece, first sanding the edges that had gone through the band saw and then the remaining top and bottom.



To remove the tenon he placed the piece in a jam chuck and shaped the bottom. Sanding the bottom completes a unique three footed three sided bowl.



April Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer

EDITOR'S PICK



Wally Burr—Star segmented bowl made from Cherry, Walnut and Cedar. Finished with 3 coats of CA glue and buffed with Beall System.

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Erica Banza—Cherry burl finished with sanding sealer and friction polish.



Steve Wagner—Feathered crotch of Walnut and a Spalted Hackberry. Finish is 6-8 coats of CA glue then 2 coats of O.B. Shine Juice (O.B. Shine is made of equal parts of Boiled Linseed Oil, Clear Shellac and Denatured Alcohol—apply with paper towel at high speed.)

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Terry Butler—Large Maple Bowl.
Finish is linseed oil. There was discussion on how to address mildew, it was suggested to use a combination of Clorox and white vinegar.



Joe Meskaitis—Live Edge Elm bowl. After turning it he microwaved it until moisture content was 12%. It was finished with sanding sealer and 8 coats of wipe on poly.



Linda Moore—Live Edge Walnut bowl. Finish is Danish Oil and after additional drying she will apply Carnauba wax.



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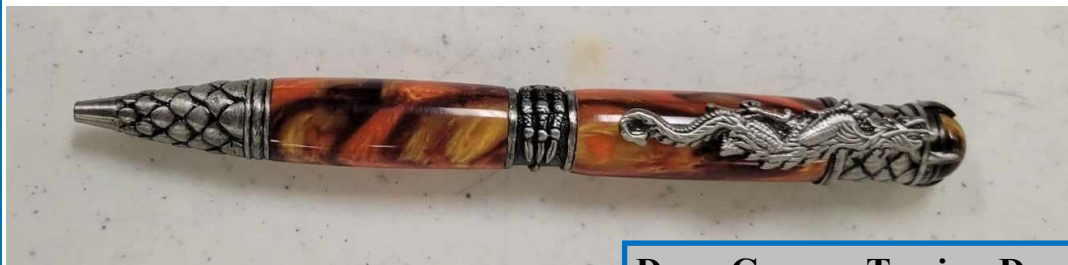


Phil Wiles—Maple vase (below) and another vase out of unknown wood. On the one on the right he used a torch on the outside to darken the wood. It has a CA finish.



Wally Burr—Illusion Bowl made from Cherry, Walnut and Ash. Finish is 3 coats of CA and then buffed with carnauba wax.

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**Doug Green—Top is a Dragon acrylic skull pen,
the bottom one is a dragon roller pen made
from a Maple Burl.**



**Dennis Feldkirchner—
Mahogany bowl. Finish is 4
costs of sealer, 3 coats of CA
glue and 6 coats of lacquer.**

Club News Notifications

From the Treasurer

4/30/24 Balance:

Total: \$ 3,318.15

OWT \$ 2,219.07

VA: \$ 1,099.08

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	

Open Workshop Every Wednesday starts at 9a.m!

Kenneth Higgins –5729 Highway 202 Flippin
Text or call if you plan to come out (870.405.7283)

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—

Pick one up for \$14 at the next meeting.



Member Notices

BAND SAW BLADES

Custom band saw blades for wood. Pricing is based on length and width.

Contact: Dick Rickon 870-424-4540 leave a message and he will return the call.