



# Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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### Next Meeting

Saturday, March 8th  
**TIME: 9:30 a.m.**

**WHERE: Mountain Home VFW 214  
 West 7th Street**

**DEMONSTRATION:** Kenneth Higgins will demonstrate how to turn an acorn box. He has made so many that people call him the Acorn Man!



### Loss of OWT Member

We lost a special friend and OWT member on February 27th—Shirley Wiles. Shirley was a devoted companion to Phil and always a strong supporter of his work and Ozark Woodturners. We will miss her smiling face! Our condolences to Phil and the family.

### Ozark Woodturners News

- **Klingspor Sand Paper**— 6 bags of cut off donations will be in the March raffle.
- **February Auction**—Thank you to all that helped gather the auction items, clean and organize them and then run the actual auction. Final sales total: \$3,002

### President's Message

I want to thank everyone who participated in the auction last meeting. The donation of Lathes and related equipment has put OWT in a great position. We as a club need to think wisely on how to best use the money.

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

## President's Message (Cont.)

Ken Higgins will be giving the demo for the March meeting on turning the simple Acorn. Well, he makes it look simple! There are always tips and tricks to any turning plus the skill learned here can and will be used in other turnings. Hopefully we will have the video camera working.

My apologies for not having the camera working on the demo on tenons. We will try getting more members involved in the whole process.

I hope to see everyone March 8th

Steve

## Meeting Minutes February 15th

**Officers Present:** Steve Wagner, President; Dallas Hensley, Vice President; Sandy Lord, Secretary; Doug Green, Treasurer; Mary Meyer, Librarian

**Guests:**

Danny Ponder, joined  
Ron Hulstein, former member rejoined  
Evelyn and Matt Burttram  
Jerry Swartzentrueber

For the benefit of guests/new members, Steve pointed out the table where members can purchase items at cost, the library where books, magazines and CDs are available for checking out, and the raffle tickets being sold for the 50/50 and free table drawings.

**Announcements/Discussion:**

- ◆ Dallas met with Michelle Dobbs in Little Rock and discovered that the DAR is not affiliated with the Veteran's Hospital Therapy Unit, but rather the VA State Home, so we will discontinue our association with them and will work directly with the Therapy Unit from now on. The money from the pen sales (\$960) did go to the veterans, but not to the Hospital Therapy Unit.
- ◆ Dallas took 455 pen blanks to the VA last week and he brought in 120 pens that need to be prepped. We need volunteers to drill them—25 at a time. It was suggested and agreed that anyone who wants to learn to prep the pens can call Steve, Bill Dorzak, Doug Green, etc. to arrange a tutoring session.
- ◆ Steve mentioned the possibility of the club purchasing a pen turning kit that members could then check out from our library. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to authorize \$300 be spent to purchase a pen turning kit for the club.
- ◆ Steve reminded everyone that we will have two tables at the Woodcarvers show on May 4th and 5th. The VA pens will be on sale as well as any items members would like to donate for sale. We always do quite well at this show and it's a great venue for raising money for our club.
- ◆ Steve noted that we need to get the video equipment fixed.

## Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

### **Show and Tell:**

Fifteen members participated in showing their works which included bowls, urns, vases, pens and a flute. Matt Burtrum showed his first bowl turned at Kenneth's class, and Kurt displayed a broken tool rest. Kurt won the gift certificate drawing.

### **Auction:**

The meeting was paused for the auction of dozens of items, including two lathes. Phil Wiles and Danny Ponder bought the lathes at \$400 and \$1825 respectively. Thirty-one other items were auctioned off at extremely good prices. Total raised by the end of the meeting was \$2985, but there were still a couple more payments due.

### **Demonstration:**

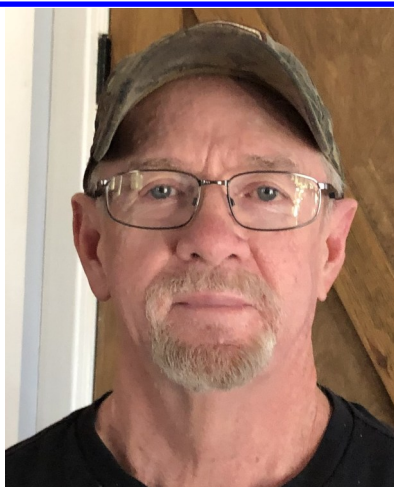
- ◆ Steve demonstrated the proper use of faceplates and tenons. The faceplate goes on what will become the inside of the bowl so that you can turn a tenon on what will become the base. This allows the faceplate holes to be removed as you turn the inside of the bowl.
- ◆ Next month, Kenneth will demonstrate how to turn an acorn lidded box.

**Fifty-Fifty:** The 50/50 prize was \$78.

*Respectfully Submitted*

**Sandy Lord, Secretary**

## New Members



### **Danny Ponder**

Dan lives in Mountain Home with his wife of 55 years. He has been turning wood about 4 months thanks to the generous use of Ron Hulstein's lathe and mentoring.

His immediate goal when he started, was to turn bowls to make Christmas gifts for his family (they have 5 kids and 11 grandchildren). He ended up turning 10 bowls using mostly cedar wood. The kids and grandkids loved them. That fueled his desire to continue and share them with others. He recently bought a Jet lathe and is looking forward to working with it.

With membership in OWT he now hopes to increase his skills in woodturning with the mentoring of more experienced woodworkers.

## New Members (Cont.)

### Ron Hulstein

Ron and his wife moved to Mountain Home from Juneau, Alaska in 2010. In his lifetime, he has made 90 per cent of the furniture in their home from roll-top desk, Hoosier cabinet, water beds, dressers, bookcases, etc. Finally in 2013, his wife explained that they did not have room for any more furniture, so as a woodman he turned to wood turning to keep his mind occupied in the winter months. Back in 2014-2016, he was a member of OWT. Due to Danny Ponder who is a friend of his, he decided to join up again to help him develop his skills. Woodturning has become more than a hobby to Ron, it keeps him out of trouble.

Ron wants to continue perfecting some of his segmented bowls to a more finite design. He said, “We can't all become like Phil Wiles, but we can certainly do our best. Keep up the great work in educating others and developing friendships.” Other goals are to improve on what he has learned and not be afraid to help others learn the joy of woodturning.

Quote from Ron “Trees are a beautiful part of God’s creation with so many different qualities. Turning a seemingly dull log into a masterpiece is a phenomenal experience!”

## February Demonstration



Steve Wagner demonstrated how to create a tenon and mortice.

In the demonstration he used a worm screw in the top of the bowl blank, that had been secured in a chuck. He then roughed the bottom of the bowl and created a tenon with a bowl gouge (a special tool can also be used to cut the proper angle for the chuck).

- ◇ The angle required on the side of the tenon must fit the shape of the chuck and should make full contact with the tenon.
- ◇ The bottom of the tenon should not touch the chuck.
- ◇ The tenon ledge should fit firmly against the top of the chuck jaws.

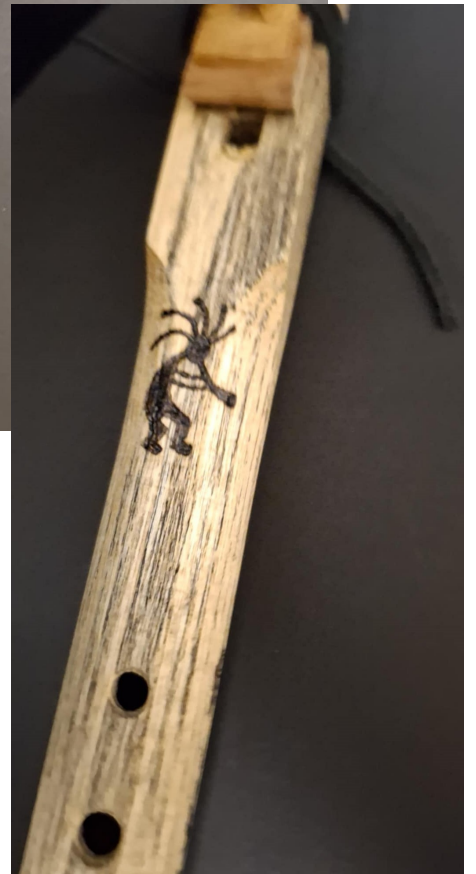
Once completed he removed the worm screw and flipped the bowl around inserting the tenon in the chuck. All ready to turn the top / inside of the bowl. To remove the tenon he used a jam chuck.

Steve also demonstrated how to create a mortise. He often uses a mortise when he is working on a shallow piece and doesn't want to waste depth or when he wants be able to remount the piece. For the mortise, he created an insert in the bottom of the bowl. The two critical cuts are the depth of the mortise and the dovetail jaw angle.



## February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer

EDITOR'S PICK



**Mark Adams—NA (Native American) Style Flute made from a wormy piece of unknown wood. This is the 18th flute Mark has made. The carving and detailed pyrographic detail set this piece off. He also played a tune for us—thank you!**

## February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Jeff Smith—Vase with 288 segmented pieces of Curly Maple and Mahogany. Finish is CA. Vase is 12 3/4” by 6 1/4”**



**Ray Peacy—Sassafras bowl finished with tongue oil.**



**Jerry Hankins—The city of Dover took down an Elm tree. Jerry turned this beautiful bowl and donated it to the Dover city museum. The finish is lacquer.**

## February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Terry Butler—Sycamore mug  
with beeswax finish.**



**Erica Banza—(left) Hackberry  
platter bowl. (above) Hickory live  
edge. Both with a lacquer finish.**



## February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Steve Wagner—(left) Burl Cherry with a blue river of resin flowing through it. (below) Oak Burl. Finish is CA and lacquer on both.**



**Kurt Dekker—Broken rest curtailed his work for the month. Fortunately he was able to purchase another at the auction!**



## February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Dallas Hensley—(upper left) Peach with black resin. (upper right) Walnut bowl. (lower left) Cherry Burl with bark inclusion. All pieces finished with lacquer.**

**Dennis Feldkirchner—Pens made from the Spectra plywood we send to the VA. Finish is CA.**



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**Ron Hulstein—This is his 38th segmented bowl. It was made from scraps of: Walnut, Osage Orange, Red Elm, Red Cedar, Ash, Brazilian Cherry, Hackberry, Persimmon, Maple, Cherry and Hickory. Finish Sanding Sealer and Lacquer.**



**Linda Moore—Catalpa Bowl with a wipe on poly finish. Heart bowl made from Sycamore. Finish is multiple coats of Danish Oil, then waxed with Carnauba.**

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**John J. Dejournett—Milk Jug Composite made from scraps of Magnolia, Pine and Oak. Finish is spray lacquer.**



**Doug Green—The three Pens on the left are made from Soap Stone. The one on the far right is made from 22 pieces of a 7up can.**

**Bill Dorzok—Urn with each block cut individually adjusting the angle with each cut. The blocks were glued using Fast & Tite which allowed him to not use clamps. He also cut the threads for the lid. The finish is 5 coast of wipe on poly.**



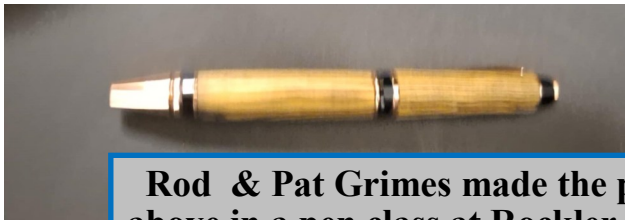
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**Rod Grimes— Ash bowl with a beeswax finish. This was his first bowl made during Kenneth's class.**



**Pat Grimes— Ash bowl with a beeswax finish. This was her first bowl made during Kenneth's class.**



**Rod & Pat Grimes made the pens above in a pen class at Rockler in St. Louis.**

**Mark Adams—This is Mark's 15th bowl. Finish is lacquer.**



## Club News Notifications

### From the Treasurer

#### 2/28/25 Balance:

Total: \$ 9,044.37  
 OWT \$ 7,293.91  
 VA: \$ 1,750.46

### 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 1 on 1 Class

Club member Kenneth Higgins offers a one-on-one "Fundamentals of Wood Turning" class. If you are interested please contact Kenneth Higgins at (870) 405-7283 or e-mail him at higgs52@icloud.com

**CA Glue & Lacquer (Dennis Feldkirchner).** 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	

### Club Library (Mary Meyer)

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. Mary 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 SHIPMENT \*\*** Pick one up for \$15



## 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.**