



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Saturday, April 12th
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mountain Home VFW 214 West 7th Street

DEMONSTRATION: Doug Green and Dennis Feldkirchner will demonstrate how to make a pen. From making the pen blank, drilling requirements and using the pen press.

Ozark Woodturners News

- ◆ The Challenge for the April meeting is to turn a lidded acorn! Best acorn will receive a prize.
- ◆ The Challenge for the July meeting is to turn a Christmas ornament.
- ◆ May 3rd and 4th OWT will be participating in the 45th annual Woodcarving Show at the fairgrounds. OWT will have two tables. Please bring items you would like to donate for us to sell to the April meeting or bring them to the Show during set-up on Thursday afternoon (May 2nd).

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President's Message

A special thanks to Ken Higgins for the demo on turning an acorn lidded box. I believe making one that size is going to be quite a challenge. I can't wait to see all the little acorns on the table, remember there will be a prize awarded.

This month's demo will be on pen turning and equipment needed. Doug Green and Dennis Feldkirchner will be working together and will answer questions on what kits to buy and how to use them.

Hope to see everyone there !

Steve

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

Meeting Minutes March 8th

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

Members Present: 33

Guests: 1

Announcements:

- We now have pen turning equipment. There will be a demo next month on pen turning by Doug and Dennis, then the equipment will be available for check out from our library.
- Steve noted that we need to have a sign-up sheet for snacks so that the same people aren't always bringing in the treats. Sandy Lord volunteered to prepare a sign-up sheet and bring it to the next meeting. Dee volunteered to bring snacks next month.

Show and Tell:

Some beautiful items were shown including large, small and segmented bowls, a double-deck rotating tray, segmented mugs, a "bed pan" and a segmented rolling pin. Please see the newsletter for photos and descriptions. Kurt noted that his broken tool rest was fixed by a neighbor. Bill won the gift certificate drawing.

General Meeting:

- Doug gave the Treasurer's report. The club has \$9,729 (\$1,750 in the VA account and \$7,978 in the club account.).
- Steve noted that the auction, which brought in \$3,003, has put the club in a good financial position and we should consider purchasing some pen blanks. It was M/S/C to purchase 20 pen blanks for sale to members. It was also M/S/C to order 400 more pen blanks.
- Steve reminded members that the Woodcarvers' show is the first weekend in May. He urged turners to start bringing in items to sell.
- While on a trip to Tennessee, Steve went to a woodturning club meeting there. He noted that it was a good club, well organized. Their club had several committees so that the activities were spread around. He will be putting together a meeting to look at how our club can develop committees for better organizing club projects.
- Steve noted that mentors need to have good insurance or have visitors sign a waiver against suing for personal injuries.
- Phil Wiles announced that his shop will once again be open five days a week. Call ahead to let him know if you want to come out. (cell: 870-421-9342)

Demonstration:

Kenneth Higgins did a very detailed demo on turning a lidded acorn. He stressed using small tools for small projects. He has made 100's of these, and they always sell very well. (Video equipment is now working!!)

Club Challenge April

Steve issued a CLUB CHALLENGE for members to turn lidded acorns. They can be any size. He would like to have some for the Woodturners Show table.

50/50:

Mary Meyers won the \$95 drawing.

Meeting Adjourned!

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy Lord, Secretary

**March Show & Tell
Pictures by Bob Shaffer**

EDITOR'S PICK



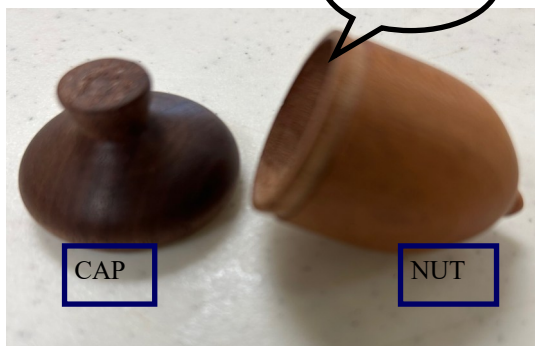
Phil Wiles—Phil made this rolling pin in 2009 at the second meeting he attended of OWT. It was one of Shirley's favorites. Phil had to add a finish coat before sending it off to his son.

March Demonstration

Kenneth Higgins has been making acorns to sell for years. He sold them at Silver Dollar City where he became known as the Acorn Man!

Kenneth's acorns are basically a lidded box and a lidded box should always create a "pop" when you remove the lid. He recommended making the acorn base (nut) out of either Cherry or hard Maple because those woods will stretch and compress. For a contrast he uses Walnut for the cap.

He started the demonstration by rounding the blank to the desired diameter and marking off the length of the nut. He used a skew to shave off the end of the wood to remove any torn grain and then ran a drill bit in center to the depth required to be used as a starting point for hollowing. To perform the hollowing a square nose scrapper was used to rough out the inside. Then he focused on creating a dove tailed shoulder on the outside which would serve as a tennon and then completed the inside of the nut. Next using a spindle gouge he shaped the outside of the nut, sanded the inside and parted the nut off. In order to finish the tip of the nut Kenneth had to create a jam chuck. Light cuts were required using a small skew. Then he sanded the exterior and applied a friction polish—Note, he did NOT sand the tennon or apply the polish to it!



The next step was to make the cap for the acorn. After rounding the Walnut blank, he shaved off the end grain using a skew. Then using the caliber he marked the width of the nut tennon. Using a spindle gouge he started removing the inside being sure to remove a smaller opening than was marked and to not cut any deeper than the tennon height. As he got closer to the caliber mark, he would stop and check to see how the cap fit. When he got closer he started cutting less and less. When he was

“very” close he gave it a little bit of angle using the skew, retested the fit of the cap until he was satisfied with it and then concentrated on cleaning up the inside of the cap to create a dome. On the outside he completed shaping the cap of the nut and then sanded and finished it. Note Do not sand or finish the lip of the cap!

Thanks Mr. Acorn for a wonderful demonstration!

[Click Here to see YouTube Video.](#)



March Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer

Jeff Smith—Segmented Curly Maple and Bubinga wooden bowl, 96 pieces. It is 4 3/4" tall and 12 1/2" diameter. Finish is CA .



Wally Burr—Wally tossed a Hackberry log in the weeds for 8 months. What a beautiful spalted bowl, the finish is CA.

March Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Terry Butler- (Left) Post Oak Burl. Per Terry, “It turned like an anvil and is finished with egg whites and dill pickle juice.”

(Below) Walnut bowl turned “thin” wet he’s loving how it warped.



Joe Meskaitis—Small bowl from Rosa Plum. Finish is sanding sealer and 4 coats of poly.

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Bill Dorzok— Bill made this cup cake lazy susan out of Box Elder and Walnut. He made it for his wife to use when the domino club is over. The piece can be broken down for storage. It is finished with wipe on poly.



Steve Wagner—(Above) Burr Oak bowl. (Left) Spalted Maple. Finish is CA and lacquer.

March Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



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Phil Wiles—(1) Spalted Maple bowl. (2) Bed pan from Walnut. Finish is CA glue for both. (3) Ornament



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March Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Ron Hulstein—This bowl is made from Paduka, Red Oak, Wenge, Olive Wood and Maple. The finish is sanding sealer and lacquer.

Club News Notifications

From the Treasurer

3/31/25 Balance:

Total: \$ 9,322.23

OWT \$ 7,571.77

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

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.

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	

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.