



Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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2025 Club Officers

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Next Meeting

Saturday, December 13th
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mountain Home VFW 214 West 7th Street

AGENDA: Christmas Brunch (please bring a dish to share), Show/Tell and Christmas Ornament Challenge (cash prizes).

Ozark Woodturners News

- ◆ 2026 Dues—pay prior to January 1, 2026 and pay \$25 Single; \$40 Family

President's Message

A reminder to bring in your Christmas theme turnings to our annual Christmas potluck meeting December 13th. Everyone will vote for the top 3 turnings with \$100 prize money to be divided.

Special thanks to Phil for the November demo on turning a snowman!

The craft show was a great success with nearly an empty table in the end. Doug will have the total figures at the meeting. The club thanks all who donated turnings and time at the table.

The results of our 2026 election are: President – Dallas Hensley; Vice President – Red Murr; Treasurer – Doug Green; Secretary – Sandy Lord; Librarian - Terry Butler. Mary Meyers will continue to support CA glue and lacquer sales, Don Scarbrough will continue as Webmaster and Linda Moore will continue as the OWT Newsletter Editor.

The December meeting will be our last at the VFW. We owe them a big thanks for allowing us to meet and providing us a place to store the lathe for the past 5 years! They had to up the

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

President's Message (cont.)

rent to a price we could not afford. We have found a new home thanks to Doug and Rich. City On A Hill Church has agreed to allow us our regular Saturday meeting in a new facility with lathe storage for \$50 per meeting. This is located behind Walmart at 225 Drillers Road. 2026 looks to be a great year with *new leadership* and a *new meeting place!*

See you on the 13th!

Steve

Meeting Minutes November 8th

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

Members Present: 33

Guests: 2 (joining)

Announcements:

- Mary is manning the sales table.
- There are eggs for sale this month.
- The Christmas pot luck sign-up sheet is being recirculated. The party will be on December 13th.
- Craft Show sign-up sheet is being circulated. Bring in donation items to the show on Thursday (set-up day) or Friday morning.
- Steve went to the VFW Board meeting to plead our case for free rent. That won't happen. So, our rent will go up to \$150 per meeting unless we find other accommodations. Dallas talked to Michael Dobbs who said that the VFW is really short on funding, thus the reason for the large rent increase. Doug noted that his church has a fellowship hall that might be suitable for our meetings, and he has submitted an application for consideration. They would only charge \$50.
- Dallas read a safety check list that all turners should post by their lathes.
- Election of officers will be held today. Both President and Vice-President must be elected. The Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian have all agreed to serve for another year.

Show and Tell:

- Linda Moore: Live edge walnut ring holder.
- Paul Moore: 3-legged stool with square walnut top and white oak legs. The white oak was fumed with ammonia to add color.
- Mark Lille: Two live edge bowls (donated for sale table).
- Mark Adams: Demonstrated the pre-bored flute (donated for sale table).

Meeting Minutes November 8th Cont.

- Wally Burr: Has 3 more grandbabies so is making Christmas toys. Showed pigs and a pull-toy.
- Matt Burttram: Crochet hooks with different profiles, dyes, and woodburning.
- Steve Wagner: Box elder (small flame) bowl and several small bells donated for the sale table.
- Rod Grimes: Large bowl that exploded (work in progress). Two small walnut bowls and a small elm bowl.
- Phil Wiles: Stack bowl made with yellow heart and purple heart. He will demonstrate how to turn this project next year.

Election of Officers for 2026

Dallas was nominated for the position of President
Red volunteered for the position of Vice President
Sandy will continue as Secretary
Doug will continue as Treasurer
Terry (who took over from Mary) will continue as Librarian

Steve asked for a vote by those present. **The above slate of officers was elected unanimously.**

Demonstration:

Phil demonstrated how to turn an 8" Christmas snowman. He started with a 3x3x9" block of Maplewood. He reminded everyone to turn each segment from the center out. His finished product will be donated to the sale table along with several others.

Fifty-fifty:

The \$61.00 initial drawing was won by Red Murr.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Lord, Secretary

New Member—Andy Humble

Andy Humble lives in Branson West on Table Rock Lake and has just purchased a 2nd home in Cotter. Andy has been Blowing Glass for 8 years and is new to wood working and turning.

His goals are to be safe, continually improve and work toward having Glass/Wood/Pottery build on each other.

From OWT, Andy plans to learn and share what works and what doesn't with others that know what is needed. He's enjoyed this interaction with other glass blowers and looks forward to a similar relationship with wood turners.

Lathe Safety Check

Do Not Turn if Tired, Upset, Sick or Topsy

Use Safety Glasses & Face Mask

Wear Short Sleeves, No Jewelry, Comfortable Shoes; Tie-Up Hair

Sharpen Tools

Remove Shavings and Clutter, Eliminate Distractions

Is Blank Sound and Securely Mounted? (both ends)

Check Locks on Tool Rest, Banjo Tailstock, etc.

Rotate Work by Hand First

Begin at a Low Speed,

Listen while Turning

Turn Lathe OFF for Adjustments

Remove Tool Rest and Use Dust Mask while Sanding

Submitted by Joe Meskaitis

November Demonstration

Phil Wiles demonstrated how to make a Snowman. He started with a 3 x 3 x 9 inch piece of Maple (Bradford Pear and Sycamore are also good options).

He mounted the piece between centers, turned the lathe up to 1800 rpm and rounded it using a bowl gouge. Phil uses a bowl gouge on almost everything. He then marked off the snowman's body into three sections, the lengths were: 2.5", 2" and 1 5/8". To create the ball for each body section, mark the center of each section and then turn from the center out... that will create your ball. Finish each section with a shear scraper to reduce amount of sanding required. The diameter of the body sections are reduced by 3/8—1/2 inch as you move up the snowman.

Then he shaped the top hat.

After shaping the hat, he touched up the centers between the snowman's body sections and then sanded it to 600 grit.



Using a black marker he created a band on the hat. Then he used a ruler and marked the location for the buttons (mark one in the center of the section and then a point that is 1/2" above and below it) also mark the location of the nose. Using a wood burner he created the button points and the nose, eyes and eye brows.

A red ribbon was tied around his neck and glued.

To finish, Phil parted the snowman off the lathe, sanded the bottom and then added a lacquer finish.

[*Click to view Phil Wiles Demo of turning a Snowman!*](#)

November Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer

EDITOR'S PICK



Wally Burr—Extra cute piggy bank for his great grandson Billy! His rear access has a friction cap that requires an adult to remove (or so he hopes).



Matt & Evelyn Burttram—Presented an array of crotch hooks. They sell as quickly as they make them!

November Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Mark Adams—NAF pre-bored blank (unknown wood).
Turned to finish with a fetish block carved as a fish.**



**Jeff Smith— Handcrafted Magenta, White, and
Black Segmented Maple Wood Native American
Ceremonial Basket Weave Illusion Wooden
Vase.**

**This handcrafted vase has 5,160 squares. It is
a segmented vase hand turned on a wood lathe
to create the basket illusion effect.**

**Beads are cut in the circumference of the vase
and divided from top to bottom by wood burn-
ing vertical lines to create the illusion that the
surface is of woven basket form.**

**The vase is colored with Faber-Castell ink pens
which are lightfast and of archival quality. The
vase is 7 3/4 inches in diameter and 12 inches
tall. A spray on finish is applied to protect the
colors and surface of the wood.**

November Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer

Paul Moore—Three legged stool with a Walnut seat and White Oak legs. To darken the legs, he fumed them with ammonia until he got the desired color.



Rod Grimes—Sycamore bowl that he explained to be a work-in-progress.



Walley Burr—Pull toy for his Great Grandson! Finish is mineral oil.

November Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Steve Wagner & Kay Eden made an array of Christmas bells for the Craft Fest Sale.

Mark Lille—Natural Edge Bradford Pear bowls. Finish is mineral oil and butcher block finish.



November Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Steve Wagner—Box Elder bowl with worm holes. Lacquer finish.

Phil Wiles—Yellow and Purple Heart stacked bowl. Finish is CA glue.



Linda Moore—Walnut ring/earring holder. Finish is Danish with a Carnauba wax finish

Club News Notifications

From the Treasurer

11/30/2025 Balance:

Total: \$ 11,538.19

OWT \$ 8,379.20

VA: \$ 3,158.99

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.

Phil Wiles Open Shop Phil will have his shop open to assist OWT Members **Tuesday—Thursday**. Please touch base with him prior to dropping in. Cell 870.421.9342.

Club Library (Terry Butler)

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. Terry 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.

* The Woodwork Shop, Bartlett, TN—

In store only. 10% off non power tools.

CA Glue & Lacquer (Mary Meyer). 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>
\$12.00	Mohawk Lacquer	(13-18)
\$23.25	EZ Bond CA. 16 oz Large	(28-38)
\$5.00	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

Pick one up at the next meeting 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.