

# Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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### Next Meeting

Saturday, February 14th  
**TIME: 9:30 a.m.**

**WHERE:** City on a Hill Church 225 Drillers Rd Mnt. Home  
**DEMONSTRATION:** Joe Meskaitis will demonstrate how to turn a Turkey call.

### Ozark Woodturners News

- ◆ **NEW MEETING LOCATION**—[Click to see map to City on a Hill Church 225 Drillers Road](#)
- ◆ **2026 DUES**—\$30 Single; \$45 Family
- ◆ **KTLO INTERVIEW** of Rod & Pat Grimes discussing the benefits of OWT. [Click hear to listen!](#)
- ◆ **FOOD ASSIGNMENT for February: no one signed up! Only March, April & May are covered**—please consider volunteering. Signup at the next meeting!

### President's Message

Last month's meeting had a really good attendance. It was great to see so many people there.

I finally made it to Little Rock to take our pen blanks down. I actually had the opportunity to see our veterans turning the pens and it was so heart-warming.

They appreciate the work we put into making the pen sets we provide them.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on the 14th.

As always I am open to comments and suggestions!  
*Dallas*

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

## Meeting Minutes January 10th

**Officers Present:** Dallas Hensley, President; Red Murr, Vice President; Sandy Lord, Secretary; Doug Green, Treasurer; Terry Butler, Librarian

**Members Present:** 43

**Guests:** 4

### **Announcements:**

- Dallas welcomed everyone to our new meeting venue and noted where the bathrooms are located.
- Doug is gathering the membership updates.
- Matt is selling 50/50 tickets.
- Steve and Julie brought in refreshments this month. A sign up sheet was circulated for members to bring in refreshments for the remaining monthly meetings.
- Eggs are available for \$3.00 a dozen.
- Rod and Pat redid the KTLO Podcast which noted our new location.

### **Show and Tell:**

- Linda - Vase
- Jerry - Hickory Bowl
- Steve - Mimosa and box elder bowls
- Mark - Sycamore bowl with wax finish. Finishes were awful and he had to return every time a finish was applied. Also brought in a smaller bowl and platter.
- Jerry S. - Offset bowl and platter
- David D. - Picked up lots of wood and really liked the mimosa. Turned a “leaky” cereal bowl from Koa wood that he called an “art piece”.
- Dick - Food safe sycamore chip and dip bowl
- Joe - Live edge bowl
- Doug - Military flag (USA) made from scrap wood.

Steve won the show and tell and then thanked Rich and Doug for finding the City on the Hill Church for our new meeting site.

**Financial Report:** Doug reported the following:

#### **BANK BALANCE:**

Woodturners	\$ 8,667.48
VA	\$ 3,158.99
Total	\$ 11,826.47

### **Additional Announcements:**

- The Art Odyssey is taking applications for their September tour should a club member wish to be included in the tour.

## Meeting Minutes January 10th Cont.

- The first weekend in May is the Annual Woodcarvers Show. We always do well at that venue so please donate items for sale at our table. The VA Pen sales also do well. For the benefit of new members and guests, Dallas explained how our participation with the Disabled Veterans Pen Turning Program came to be and what an extremely rewarding program it is. He also reminded members that he has blanks and inserts for those who wish to participate.

### **Demonstration:**

Phil provided a detailed and much appreciated tool sharpening demo. He noted that he only uses a grinder if the tool is severely out of shape. Once the tool has been shaped properly, you only need to sharpen as needed.

Phil used a Wolverine Sharpening Set and utilized tools brought in by an “anonymous” member. He reground and sharpened a bowl gouge, then sharpened a skew, spindle gouge, scraper, flat nosed scraper, parting tool and a negative tool.

This excellent demo was recorded for review. It was noted how fortunate our club is to have Phil as a mentor and expert in all aspects of turning.

Dallas thanked Phil for his excellent demonstration and noted that we still need additional topics. Tell Phil, Steve or Bill if you have ideas.

### **Fifty-fifty:**

Rich won the \$81 50/50 drawing!! .

**Meeting Adjourned**

***Respectfully Submitted: Sandy Lord, Secretary***

## January Demonstration

Phil Wiles presented the January demonstration on how to sharpen tools.

Phil had two grinding wheels: one course 40-60 grit and the other a CNB 180 grit. He recommended not using a wheel above 180 grit.

An anonymous member volunteered to have his/her tools sharpened.

Phil uses the Wolverine sharpening system. The base system includes: 2 bases that mount one under each wheel to provide a way to secure the attachments that are being used; “V-arm” attachment (for bowl gouges, roughing gouges and parting tools); and a tilting platform (for scrapers, gouges and parting tools). The base system costs around \$100. Additional jigs used and recommended: Vari-Grind attachment for gouges and a skew attachment (these will be roughly another \$100).



Phil demonstrated sharpening the following:

- Bowl Gouge - After loading the gouge into the Vari-Grind attachment (with approximately 1 ¾ - 2” of the gouge sticking out from the front of the attachment), he started sharpening using the Course wheel. He was sharpening the tool to a finger nail grind that required keeping the angles at the same level on each side (almost flat with a slight curve). After getting the desired shape he took it to the CNB wheel and finished the process. Of course it was Phil Sharp, so as it was passed around the room everyone was reminded to look NOT touch!
- Skew - Since he was using the side of the Grinding wheel for this process, he could only use the Course Grinder with the skew attachment. Grinding the skew required a light touch. Too much pressure would get the tool too hot.
- Roughing Gouge - The roughing gouge was sharpened on the CNB wheel using the tilting platform set to 55 degrees.
- Scrappers – Phil used the tilting platform on the Course Grinder and adjusted the angle (scrapers are normally set to a 70-to-80-degree angle). Laying the scraper flat on the platform, he moved it back and forth for a consistent edge and created a burr.
- Parting Tool - Phil recommended grinding the top side longer than the other, he did this using the CNB Wheel. This allows future sharpening to be done on the short side thus removing less steel. Make sure the tip is at the center of the tool (normally there is a ridge in the center of a parting tool that can be used as a reference point).

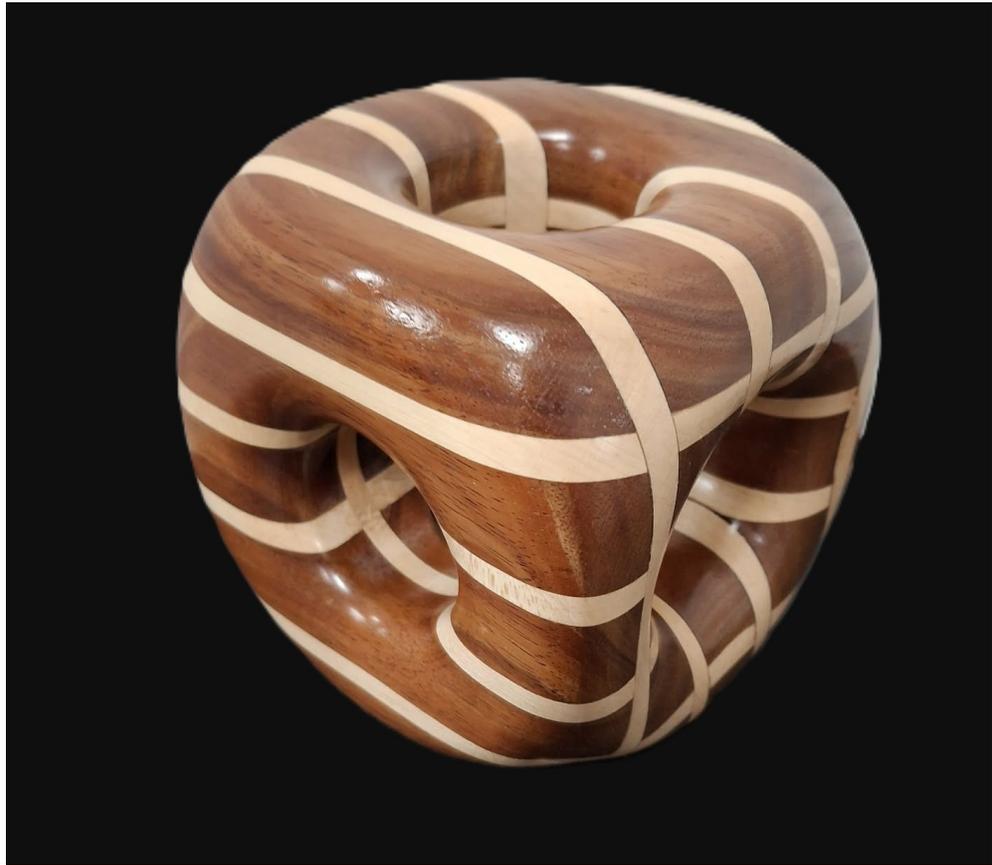


We look forward to seeing the anonymous member’s turnings after his tools were ALL ground to a Phil sharp level!

## EDITOR'S PICK

Pictures by Bob Shaffer

### Editor's Pick



**David Rayburn**—This segmented cube is crafted from Koa and Maple, making it an excellent centerpiece (though the photo truly doesn't do it justice). It is finished with Mohawk High Luster Lacquer. David mentioned that if anyone would like to try creating something similar, he is happy to provide recommendations on how to turn it, as he does not plan to make another one.



**David Rayburn**—Wormy Mimosa bowl, finish is carnauba wax.

# January Show & Tell

## Pictures by Bob Shaffer

Terry Butler—1. Mrytle wood finish is  
Howards Feed and Wax. 2. Hackberry  
bowl 3. Ash bowl



## January Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



**Mark Adams—1) Walnut bowl with Minwax Polycrylic finish. 2 & 3) Sycamore bowls. He turned it wet and had challenges with the finish. 2) finish is Spray Lacquer. 3) finish is Beeswax & mineral oil then a final coat of Carnauba wax**

## January Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Jerry Swartzentruber—Walnut and Sycamore segmented bowl and platter. Finish is CA glue.



Linda Moore—Bud vase made from Kentucky Bean wood. Finish is wipe on poly.



Dick Rickon— Sycamore chip and dip 10 pound bowl.

## January Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Jerry Hankins—Hickory bowl with a Lacquer finish.



Joe Meskaitis— Oak Burl Bowl. Joe used a full bottle of CA to keep this piece together. Finish is sanding sealer and 3 coats of wipe on poly.

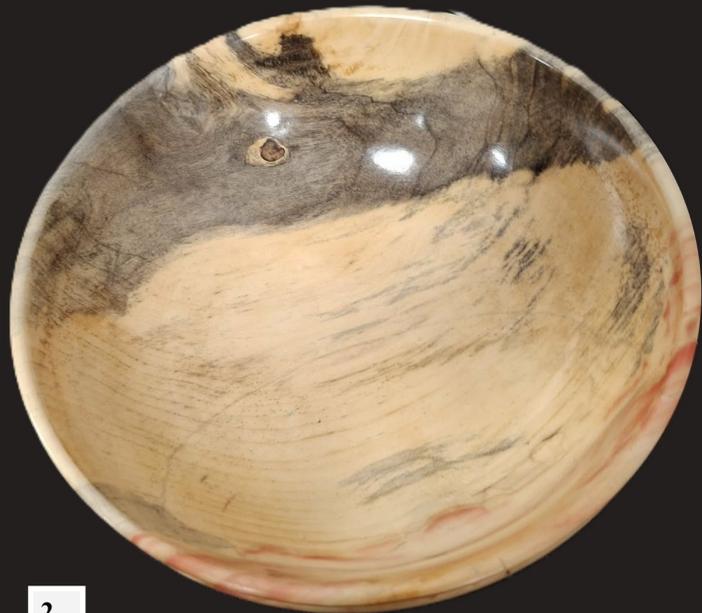


Doug Green—American flag with hand carved stars!

## January Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



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Steve Wagner—1) Mimososa Bowl: It was noted that this bowl exhibits chatoyancy, creating a 3D effect where light reflects off the curved wood fibers to produce a shimmering, color-changing, or wavy pattern. 2) Box Elder. Both are finished with CA and lacquer.

## January Show & Tell From Jeff Smith

Jeff joined OWT in 2019, he currently lives in Conway but has kept his member ship with OWT. Jeff sends his Show & Tell via email. We enjoy seeing his beautiful work!



**Top**



**Side View**



**Bottom**

**Jeff Smith**— Handcrafted Navajo Ceremonial Basket - Basket Weave Illustrations. This handcrafted platter has 3,720 small squares and is 12 inches in diameter by 1/2 inch. It is a segmented platter hand turned on a wood lathe to create the basket illusion effect. It is made with maple wood. Beads are cut in the circumference of the platter and divided from top to bottom by wood burning vertical lines to create the illusion that the surface is of woven basket form. The pattern is colored with Faber-Castell ink pens which are lightfast and of archival quality. The platter is 12 inches in diameter by 3/4 inches. A spray on finish is applied to protect the colors and surface of the wood.

## Club News Notifications

### From the Treasurer

#### 01/31/2026 Balance:

Total: \$ 11,826.47

OWT \$ 8,667.48

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.