

Newsletter of the Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Saturday, March 14h
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: City on a Hill Church 225 Drillers Rd Mnt. Home

DEMONSTRATION: Phil Wiles will demonstrate how to turn a Ring or Stack bowl from a board.

Ozark Woodturners News

- ◆ 2026 DUES—\$30 Single; \$45 Family
- ◆ FOOD ASSIGNMENT for March: Mark Lillie and Sandy Lord/Bob Shaffer

President's Message

As I sit here at the VA Hospital in Little Rock I began thinking about all the Veterans we have in our club. I've talked to a couple of people that have recent appointments down here. It occurred to me that if we compared appointment calendars we might be able to get a couple or three heading there on the same date and maybe ride share.... Just a thought.

I brought 100 pen sets down and am returning with some brass tubes — so be ready to volunteer to help!

Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting!

Dallas

Newsletter Editor: Linda W. Moore

Meeting Minutes February 10th

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

Members Present: 33

Guests: 3 Mandie Tetreault, Bill Dale (becoming a member), Zac Holmes

Announcements:

- Steve Wagner led the meeting until Dallas arrived. He mentioned the sales table and the restroom location for the benefit of guests.
- Mary Meyer noted that the Henderson Fire Department is having a Chile Bingo event and needs prizes. They are a charitable organization so donations are tax deductible. She also brought treats today.
- Sandy Lord will bring treats next month. Still need people to sign up.
- John Shetler has spalted hackberry available in the parking lot.
- There are downed walnut, white oak and hackberry trees in Rogers. Contact G. Scott at 479-685-0431 if interested. Trees are at 74 W. Yocum Rd., Rogers, AR.
- Ron Ufkes announced that there is a Fordem Flexshaft for sale that includes hand pieces, burrs and other items. The price is \$400, which is about ½ of what it is worth.
- Antlers are available on the sale table.
- Remember to pay your dues!!

Show and Tell:

- Doug - Two bowls, one sycamore (assistance from Steve) and one Elm. Both were finished with Murphy's Oil.
- Jerry - Walnut heart bowl with lacquer finish.
- Steve - Three stages of rough outs. First was a wet walnut chunk which he wrapped in plastic wrap for drying. Second was a bowl started at 30% then left thick until it reached 12%. Third was a cedar bowl that was at 18% in December and went down to 12% in one month. Use thin CA glue in the cracks if needed.
- Mark - Three small bowls. Two out of spalted sycamore, one shaped like a UFO and finished with wax, the other finished with polyacrylic. The third bowl was segmented cedar finished with polyacrylic. Mark noted that there is a lumber yard behind Lowe's that has

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lots of cedar.

- Terry - Walnut lid to a glass jar and a three-ringed goblet.
- Rex - Large cherry platter with epoxy, large walnut bowl with resin, and a large persimmon platter with a striking grain pattern. All were finished with carnauba wax.
- Phil - Beautiful sycamore vase finished in silver and blue.

Demonstration:

Joe Meskaitis presented a detailed demonstration on making a turkey pot. He sent for a kit by Janet Sutter which included instructions. Joe's wood of choice was mahogany, but any hard wood will work. He started with a 4x4, 1 inch deep block of wood and used a drill press for the holes. He also chose slate for the scratching surface (deeper tone) and glass for a soundboard (not required).

Please see detailed instructions by Janet Sutter should you decide to tackle this project.

Paul will do a ring bowl demonstration next month.

Fifty-fifty:

Mark won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: Sandy Lord, Secretary

February Demonstration

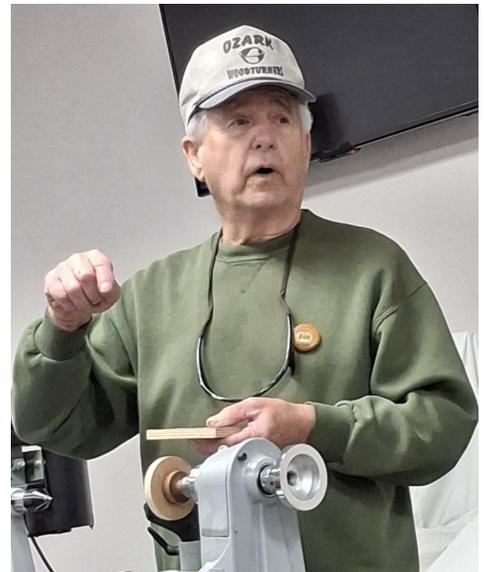
Joe Meskaitis demonstrated how to make a Turkey Pot call. The instructions he used are from an article by Janet Sutter in the November 2016 Woodturning Fundamentals Magazine (page 5) - *see link below*.

Joe chose the following materials to make the pot:

Pot - 4" x 4" by 1" Mahogany (hard heavy wood is recommended for the pot)

Sound board – Glass

Scratch Base - Slate



Below are the general steps he took to make the Turkey Pot:

- ◆ First he rounded the mahogany on the bandsaw.
- ◆ On the drill press using a drilling cheat board (which he had made) he drilled the holes for the pot. The holes were 3/8" diameter.
- ◆ Joe mounted the pot into the lathe using a jam chuck (which he made for the project). He turned the outside of the pot and created a small indentation in its' center to allow for you to grip the pot.
- ◆ Then he started working on the interior of the pot. He hollowed the pot to 3/16" at the center base hole.
- ◆ Then he created a ledge for the slate to sit on, it should be 1/8" deep. You want a snug fit, not too loose.
- ◆ In order to add the glass sound board, he had to lower the base sides more to create a foundation for the sound chamber to sit on. There should be 1/8" between the glass and the slate.
- ◆ Then Joe reversed the pot and turned the base, primarily doing cleanup and creating a slight indentation around the drilled holes.
- ◆ After sanding, the glass and slate where installed using Goop glue or E600. Don't use CA with glass!
- ◆ Joe did not demonstrate how to turn the striker, but referenced the article in the November Woodturning Fundamentals Magazine. (see link)



After completion, it didn't take long for Joe to call in a Tom but as he said, "There is never a guarantee it'll work!"

Joe donated a kit in the raffle, Terry Butler was the proud recipient of it.

[Click here to view the demonstration video.](#)

[Click this link to view the instruction sheet from Janet Sutter](#)

To order the kit Joe's source is: Chad Hutchenson Home -229-868-2877; Cell-229-315-2229; Work-229-868-2227 other options are available on-line.

EDITOR'S PICK
Pictures by Bob Shaffer

Editor's Pick



Phil Wiles— Sycamore vase finished in silver and blue.

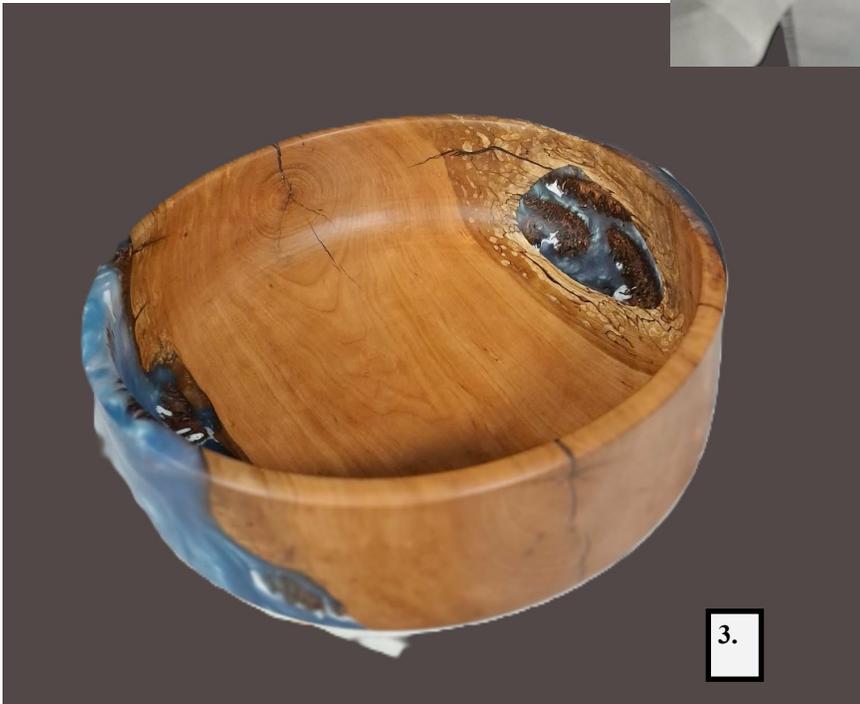
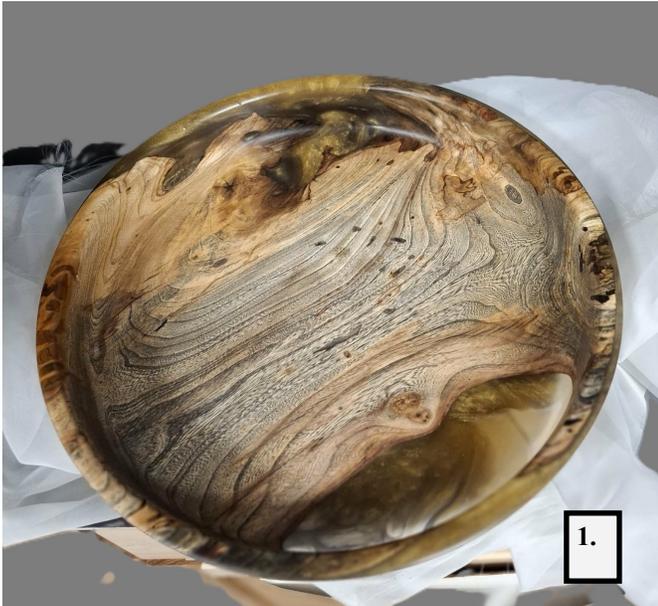
Stunning!

February Show & Tell

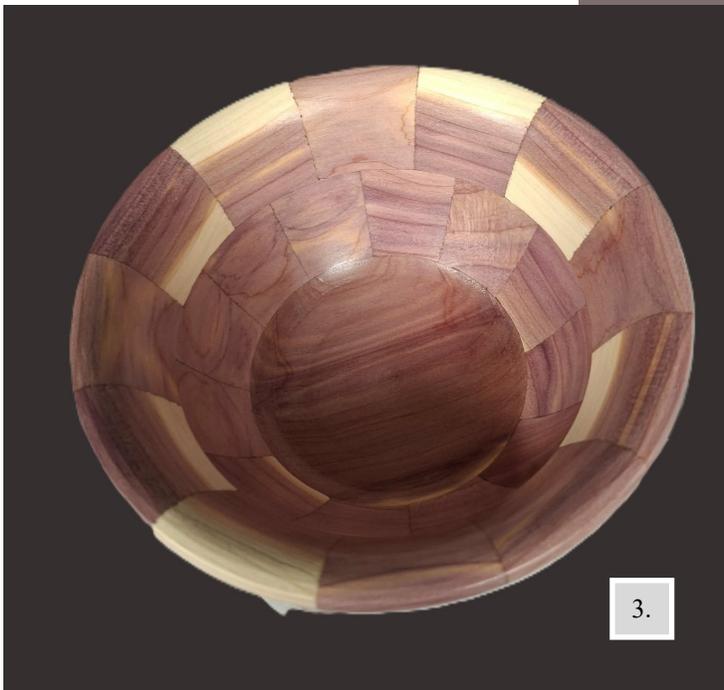
Pictures by Bob Shaffer

Rex Guynn

1. Large Persimmon platter. 2. Large Walnut bowl with resin. 3. Large Cherry platter filled with epoxy. All finished with carnauba wax.



February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Mark Adams—1) Spalted Sycamore finished with a wax. 2) Spalted Sycamore finished with Polyacrylic. 3) Cedar segmented bowl finished with Polyacrylic.

February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Jerry Hankins— Walnut Heart Bowl
with a lacquer finish.



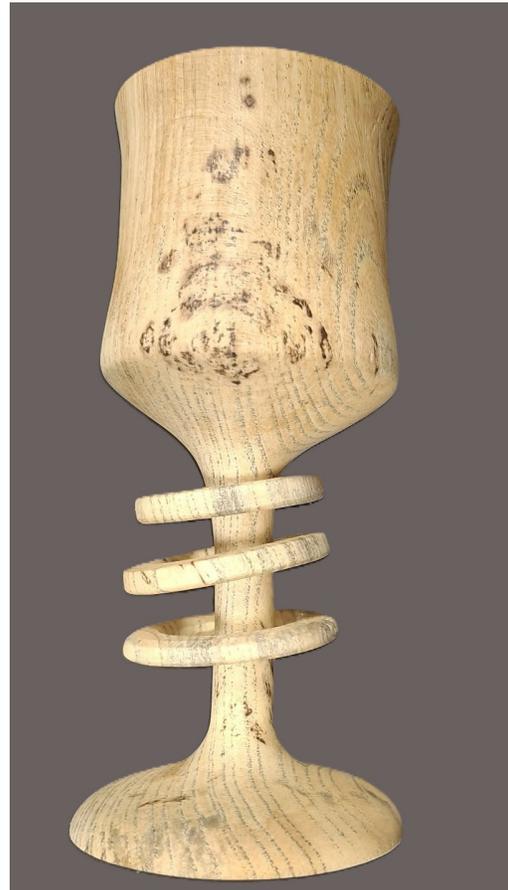
Doug Green— 1) Sycamore and 2) Elm
bowls finished with Murphy's Oil.



February Show & Tell Pictures by Bob Shaffer



Terry Butler—Walnut lid for a glass container. Turned Goblet with three rings.



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Steve Wagner—Two examples of roughing out a bowl. 1) Cedar was roughed in Dec. initial water content was 18% within a month it dropped to 12%. 2) This bowl was roughed, water content starting at 30% and he will let it drop to 12% before finishing.

February 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!



Jeff Smith— Handcrafted Dark Crome Yellow, Dark Sepia, and Deep Scarlet Red Segmented Maple Wood Native American Ceremonial Basket Weave Illusion Wood- en Vase.

This handcrafted vase has 4,680 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 burning 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 1/4 inches in diameter and 11 1/4 inches tall. A spray on finish is applied to protect the colors and surface of the wood.

Club News Notifications

From the Treasurer

02/28//2026 Balance:

Total: \$ 10,771.93

OWT \$ 7,397.94

VA: \$ 3,373.99

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.

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.

* 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	(28-42)
\$ 5.00	EQ Bond CA 2.5 oz Small	(10-12)
\$ 3.00	Activator Pump	(8-12)
\$ 1.50	Activator Refill	(4-6)
\$14.00	Acation 1.2 oz	
\$.35	Glue Caps	

OWT Hats Available

Pick one up at the next meeting for \$15



Ron Ufkes has the following for sale:

FOREDOM MODEL SR FLEXIBLE SHAFT POWER TOOL.

Hang-up Style with Owner's Manual
Includes Type 44T handpiece for rotary grinding and burrs and Type 50 Power chisel handpiece with chisels for carving
Foot operated speed control
17 "Kutzall" or "Saburrtooth" Carbide burrs
Spare inner flex-shaft

Price: \$400.00

Contact: Ron Ufkes

870-321-2719 or janron234@gmail.com