Newsletter of Ozark Woodturners

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Next Meeting

October 17, 2015
1:00 P.M.
Lakeview Civic Center
(14 Skyles Lane)

- Club Business
- Show & Tell
- Demonstration
- For Sale Table
- Raffle
- OWT Library

October Demo: James Pruitt will demonstrate an alternative method of turning ornamental bird houses (just in time for the holidays).

Spotlight

Multiple lathes in operation at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare Facility in Little Rock thanks to the generous support of the Ozark Woodturners Club members.

Reminders

Meeting Sign Reminder

Ron, please take care of the meeting sign. Thank you!

Name Tag Reminder

Please wear a name tag when attending any Ozark Woodturners club function.
If you aren't wearing a name tag, you will be required to stand and introduce yourself.

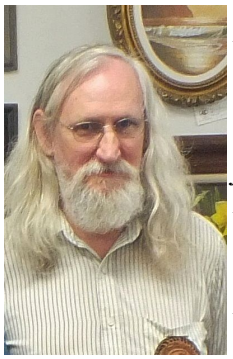
Spouses and Visitors

Spouses and visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

For Sale Table & Raffle

Bring woodworking tools or accessories that you want to sell. Please make the deal before the meeting, during the break, or after the meeting. Also, bring any extra wood, tools, sandpaper, or anything that you may have for the raffle. Visitors are welcome to participate. The raffle tickets are $1.00 each and the proceeds go to the club treasury. Every ticket is drawn and the choice is made in the order the tickets are drawn. See the special raffle items on page 2.

A message from the President ..



Hello fellow members,

I have been a member of this club for about 5 years now. I joined at the Show and Sale in 2010. I, like many others in the group, got introduced to woodturning in high school shop class. After high school, I went on to voc tech school; then to work and family. Woodturning faded into the background, except for a walnut bowl that sits on my countertop and a couple of spindles in a bookshelf that I built in shop class.

After joining the club in 2010, I bought a lathe and took the basic turning course offered by the club; then classes by Jimmy Clewes, Phil Wiles and Jim Ackins. In looking back over the last few years, I contemplate why I joined the club and how I have benefited by being in it. I joined the club to have FUN and to learn. I have had fun and, sometimes after a stressful day, there is nothing better than putting a large piece of wood on the lathe and making shavings out of it. By no means a great turner, I have learned a lot and I do enjoy turning. I have benefited by learning enough that I can turn things that others can enjoy. Last weekend, I attended the annual meeting of the Arkansas Archeological Society and I made and donated a replica of a 900 year old engraved Caddo bowl. The smile on the woman's face when she won this prize made everything worthwhile.

I would like for all members to think about why they joined the club and what they would like to get out of their membership. Then look at what you can do to help make those things happen. If you joined to have fun, come and enjoy and try leaving negative thoughts behind. If you joined to learn, come and bring in things that you turned and ask others for help if you have some problems. If you have something that you want to turn, but don't know how to start, ask and someone will help. We all can benefit by helping others, whether its a club member, the veterans, Ozark Center of Hope, or another way where you give of yourself - it just makes you feel good.

Please bring in things for show and tell to let others see what you are doing This also helps to give others ideas for future projects.

I will not be at the October meeting as I am going to a hands-on turning class with Trent Bosch.
I will be at the November meeting but otherwise available by phone if anyone has any questions or comments.

Happy turning,
Joe

Club News

Treasurers's Report:

We currently have $2,327.44 as our bank balance, including $366.41 earmarked for the VA woodturning program. 2016 dues can be paid directly to Darcie Didden at the meeting or by sending your check, payable to Ozark Woodturners in the amount of $20.00 (if paid before year end), to:
Ozark Woodturners
c/o Darcie Didden
847 CR 142
Oakland, AR 72661

Darcie Didden, Treasurer

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Monthly Club Raffle:

The October raffle will include special items to engender additional interest. The following special items will be available for the October raffle:

- **Shop Flash** - attaches to your telephone and has a built-in audible sound or flashing light or both to alert you when the phone rings. Requires no batteries and includes an AC/DC adaptor w/14' cord.
- **Food safe finish** - Non-toxic salad bowl finish, 1 qt.
- **CA/lacquer bundle** - a bag of thin, medium and thick CA, accelerator and spray lacquer.
- **Abrasive Rolls** - 5 rolls for sanding including hard to find j-weight cloth backed sandpaper, 1" wide x 20' rolls; assortment includes 150, 240, 320, 400 and 600 grit.

One special item to be awarded per meeting to the winning ticket holder.

Club News

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.

Hartville Tools
Klingspor's Woodworking Shop
Woodworker's Supply

See Darcie Didden for details.

Basic Turning Course

The club offers a "Basics of Wood Turning" class to its members. If you are interested, please contact Kenneth Higgins at (870) 405-7283 or e-mail him at higgs52@suddenlink.net.

Club Library:

If you have any materials checked out, please return them at the next meeting. Thank you for your cooperation. The club has a Grizzly MT2 Finishing Taper Reamer to clean the quill on your lathe. It may be checked out from the library.

Kathy Levo, Librarian

The Ozark Center of Hope:

Our club is a sponsor for this worthwhile charity. Please consider donating one or more of your turnings that will be used to support the efforts of this organization. Your contribution can be brought to the meeting or given to James Pruitt.

CAVHS Update:

An additional 100 or so spalted pen blanks have been drilled, rounded and ready for tubes and facing when more blanks are needed at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare facility in Little Rock for their woodturning program. These blanks were previously donated by Phil Wiles and have been stabilized by Frank Fusco, a past member of the club. Bob Shaffer and Pete Drew visited the VA facility recently to inventory their turning equipment and operation, and to discuss future needs that our club can assist with. We will hear more at the October meeting.

Classifieds & Services

Items to be included in this section should be sent to the Secretary 10 days prior to the next meeting.

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For Sale:

- Ozark Woodturners Caps - $5.00 ea.
- Carbide Circular Saw Blades Sharpened
- Custom Log Sawing
- Band Saw Blades – 5 Sizes & Teeth Type
- **Pen blank drill centering bushings, $10 plus S&H**
- 20-inch planer (220 v, single phase)
- 10-inch De Walt home shop radial arm saw (220 v, single phase)
- 8-inch jointer (220 v, single phase)

James Pruitt (870) 481-5315

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Wanted to buy: a small lathe to turn metal.

Contact James Pruitt (870) 481-5315

Show and Tell, September 2015

Photos by Ed Boiteau

Last Month's Demonstration

OWT club member Sherman Anderson demonstrating how to turn a spinning top, from design considerations, wood selection, chucking, roughing and final shaping to stringing and spinning techniques. Sherman has made and sold thousands of wooden tops over his career as a professional demonstrator and wood turner to the delight of children of all ages.

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