Smoky Mountain Woodturners

The Smoky Mountain Woodturners Chapter of AAW meets each month of the year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. Our meetings are in-person and on ZOOM. To attend zoom, visitors should send their email to jevogelsang@charter.net. Guests are always welcome. MEETING Location: 8023 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. *Woodcraft Knoxville* (our sponsor) is near Trader Joe's and one block west from West Town Mall.

October 2026 Pauline Bayne, Newsletter Editor



President
Bill Thurman

Our October meeting had 42 attendees: 30 members in person, 2 visitors, and 10 on zoom. We all got to see a great demonstration by Cindy Drozda. Cindy's project was a triangle lidded box. I think it is wonderful how she explains why her tools are ground the way they are and why she uses certain live centers and drives. NOTE: Instructions and diagrams are posted on our website along with the video of the demonstration. We hope to see a lot of triangle lidded boxes on the show and tell table in November.

Traditionally, we have a weekend turning session at Arrowmont every other year. Because of the positive response from the 2026 event, we thought we would have another in 2027. Unfortunately the only weekend open was Easter weekend so we have decided to wait till 2028.

Our board elections will be occur at our November meeting. I would like to ask you to consider being part of the board. Our board is a nine-member board, and we need your help. SMWTS is your club so think about. What do you like about the club? What would you like to see change? Should we have more of a presence in community events, festivals, or craft fairs? What type of monthly demonstrations, weekend turning with a professional, and open workshops are just a few items that need to worked on. Again, please consider being part of the leadership. At a minimum, please share your thoughts with a board member.

We have scheduled a **Pen-Turning Event** for Turning Pens for the Troops and will gather at Woodcraft. Come and learn-teach-make-share on **November 7th from 10 am - 2 pm**. Let's have a good turn out and support Woodcraft in this program. It a good time to bring a friend and introduce them to turning.

Remember. *Life is Good* when we are making shavings so keep them coming.

2026 Club Calendar

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday: 6 pm, Location: Woodcraft Knoxville
Board Meetings, 2nd Tuesday, 5 pm, Location: Woodcraft Knoxville - open to all

January 6	- 1st Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 3rd Wed of Jan, April, July, Oct, 5 pm, Woodcraft
January 20	- Cindy Drozda: *Finial Box —an IRD, Interactive Remote Demo*
February 17	- Jack Harris & Colin Chambers: *Carving your Turnings*
March 17	- Pauline Bayne: Pyrography Techniques for your Woodturning
March 20-22	- Arrowmont Turning Workshop
April 7	- 2nd Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 3rd Wed of Jan, April, July, Oct, 5 pm, Woodcraft
April 21	- Michael Anderson: How to Turn a Neil Turner Urchin-style Box
May 16	- Open Shop: 9 am - noon, Woodcraft. Bring a project; get some help.
May 19	- Jake Niedling: Christmas Tree Topper
June 16	- Ron Comtois: Offset Napkin Holder
July 7	- 3rd Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 3rd Wed of Jan, April, July, Oct, 5 pm, Woodcraft
July 21	- Ted Pelfrey: *Embellishing Hollow Forms*
August 18	- Annual Wood Auction
August 22	- Open Shop Saturday, Sat, 9 am - noon, Woodcraft. Bring questions & projects. Woodcraft
September 15	- John Lucas - Embellishing Woodturning with a Lathe
October 6	- 4th Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 5 pm, Woodcraft
October 20	- Cindy Drozda: Multi-axis Triangular Box
November 7	**- Pen Turning Workshop for Pens for the Troops - Time: 10 am - 2 pm at Woodcraft**
November 17	**- John Jordan - Turning Small Squarish Dished Platters**
December 15	- Christmas Party, Bring a Naughty Santa gift but no food. The party will be catered.

2026 Officers, Board, & Committees



President
Bill Thurman



Vice President
Gordan Sloane



Treasurer
Jack Harris



Secretary
Gordon Fowler

Board of Directors:
Randy Fritchman, 2024-26
Pauline Bayne, 2025-26
Maria D'Elio, 2026-27
Colin Chalmers, 2026-2027
Al Mathewson, 2026-2027

Committees:

Beads of Courage / Wig Stands: Bill Thurman
Education/Wears Valley Ranch: Robert Law
Fantasy of Trees: Ron Comtois & Maria D'Elio
Membership: Maria D'Elio & Jerry DeLaurentis
Mentoring: Ron Comtois
Newsletter Editor, Pauline Bayne
Pens for Troops: Randy Fritchman
Photographer: Randy Fritchman,
Assisted by Terry Fritchman
Program: Gordon Sloane, Colin Chalmers, & Jake Niedling
Safety Officer: John Jordan
Video/Internet: Jim Vogelsang, Website
Andy Milligan, Video

November Meeting will include election of one board member. LET BILL KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN AND BECOME PART OF OUR LEADERSHIP

The Board has decided that there will be no Arrowmont weekend in 2027, returning to the pattern of every 2 years for the event.

REPORTS

Treasurer - Jack Harris
Jack reported that we have $10,800 in the bank with outstanding payment to Cindy Drozda and whatever we spend on a Christmas party.

Fantasy of Trees - Ron Comtois & Maria D'Elio

DEADLINE: Please bring all ornaments and other turnings to the **November 17 meeting**. They will need to be packaged for delivery after that meeting.

Pens for Troops - Randy Fritchman
Nov 7 - 10 am - 2 pm: Pen-turning Workshop for Pens for the Troops at Woodcraft.

Beads of Courage & Wig Stands - Bill Thurman
Received 5 Beads of Courage boxes and 2 wig stands

VISITORS: Nash, from Morristown—a wood worker getting into turning and Ken

Wood Raffle Contributors
Roy Cuff, Ken Godwin, & Steve Kozick

And the WINNERS are…

ARROWMONT - Brian Sawyer

2nd QUARTER CHALLENGE - Bill Thurman

3rd QUARTER CHALLENGE - Larry Bass
(Drawn from those who have participated in the quarterly challenges, received a $50 gift certificate from Woodcraft)

October Attendance:

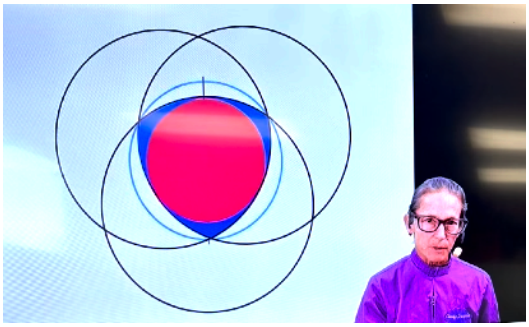
32 present and 10 on ZOOM.



Interactive Remote DEMO
Multi-Axis Triangular Box
Cindy Drozda
Boulder, CO



NOTE: Detailed instructions and dimensions for the project are available on our website: SMWTS.org, under Handouts & Videos. Let's see who can take the challenge and make one of these.



Here's the overall process:

Layout - On each end of the blank, there needs to be a center point and 3 other centers for the multi-axis turning.



Turning steps -

- Turn the blank on each axis to give it a triangular shape.
- Part off the lid
- Hollow the base. The straight sides of the hollowing serve as a recess.
- Cut a tenon on the lid; then the lid serves as a jam chuck for finishing the bottom of the base.
- Prepare a separate jam chuck to hold the lid to finish the top of the lid, putting in the burl inlay.
- Inlay: Cindy used a Pacific madrone blank that had been turned round with both sides flattened on a belt sander.
- Cindy sands the sides of the box with an orbital sander.







Show & Tell - October 2026





































— Lots of good work here —