



Smoky Mountain  
Woodturners  
SEPT.2 024



SEPT. 2024 MEETING @ KNOXVILLE WOODCRAFT

## EDITORS SEPT. MESSAGE:

Well, I do not know where the President or Vice President were for our September meeting, but Andy Milligan did a heck of a job filling in and running the meeting. A big thank you to Andy Milligan. John Jordan did another great demonstration on turning thin spindles. His wands really do have magic in them. Our Pens for the Troops project is still going on with the end in sight so finish the pens you have and get them into Randy F. I am not sure about Fantasy of Trees this year since the first 12 ornaments were donated at our Sept. meeting. That is a long way to go to hit the number we had last year. Anyone with suggestions on how to improve this should sit in at the October Board meeting and help our directors. Anyone wishing to serve on the Board for 2025 (there will be 4 vacancies) should let the current BOD directors know of your willingness to help. You can only get good stuff out of the SMWTS, if you are willing to put some good energy into the SMWTS.

Editor

Gordon Sloane

## Sept. 2024 Demonstration



John K. Jordan demonstrated how to turn thin spindles (magic wands and Orchestra wands). With a delicate touch, using mostly different size skew chisels, John took the members through a step-by-step process of turning a beautiful wand. John's preparation was shown again and again as he answered questions from the audience and kept us all on track of what he was doing. John also prepared a thorough project guide of his methodology that is downloaded on the club's web site. John has gone the extra mile in saying that people who need help with the skew chisel should give him a call and he will set a mentoring session up at his shop. Thanks for a great demonstration, John, and for always helping club members learn the proper way to use wood turning tools.

## Scholarship Draw Results

Our winner of the monthly Scholarship Draws for September are:

Arrowmont - Bill Thurman  
J.C. Campbell Gordon Sloane

## Bring Back Box Result

Our Winner for the September monthly drawing is – Sam DeLozier. A beautiful cherry box was turned by Gordon Sloane

# Quarterly Challenge Gift Card

Winner: Not this Month

## SEPTEMBER Wood Donations

Gordon Sloane

Andy Milligan





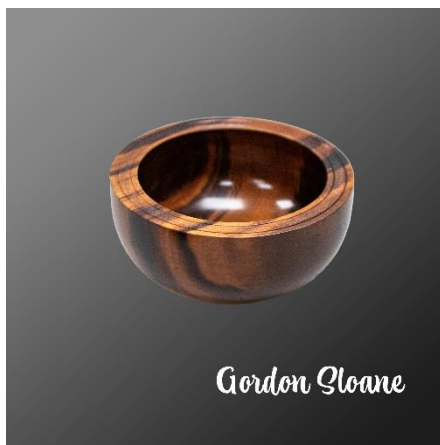
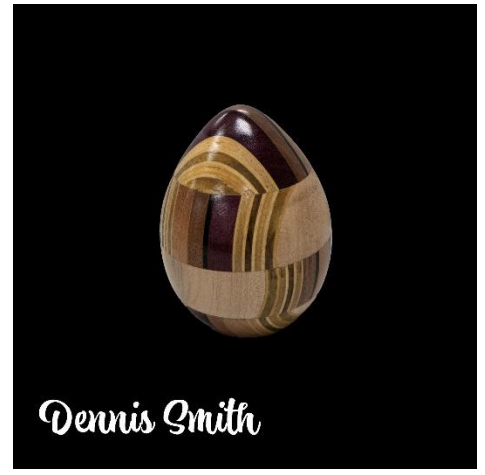
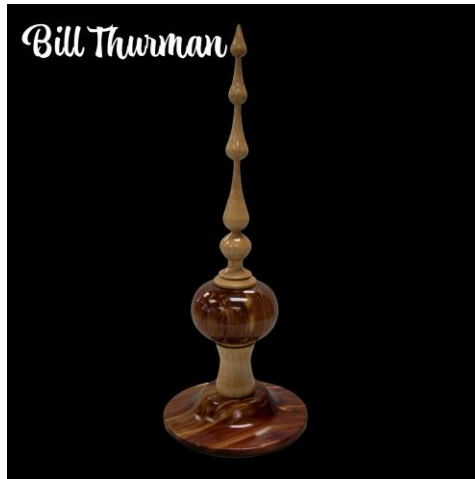
If you have questions about our SMWTS educational program at the Ranch or would like to participate as an instructor, contact Bob Law - [rockytopbob1@gmail.com](mailto:rockytopbob1@gmail.com)

## What's Happening at the Ranch in Sept.?

Wow.... It's our largest group of students to date – 23! Our woodturning education program continues to grow with a new group of 1st time students this school year. Our September workshops started those students into the program with orientation, safety and equipment instruction, followed by turning square to round exercises. Our continuing beginner groups unpacked their rough turned green wood bowls and finished turning them. Both our beginners and intermediate students worked on preparing blanks for our October project, turning a Kaleidoscope! Intermediates then used the remaining time to complete unfinished projects.



# Sept. 2024: Instant Gallery:





Mike Johnston



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Robert Brown

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Board of Directors:** All Directors of the Smoky Mountain Woodturners agree to be members of the America Association of Woodturners. Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the general membership in good standings. Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. Terms of office shall be staggered to enhance the continuity. Four Directors shall be elected in odd number years and Five Directors will be elected in even number years. General Members with a willingness to serve are eligible to seek the office of Director. The Board of Directors shall meet every other month or at a minimum of four times a year. All members in good standing are eligible to attend meetings but only the Directors are eligible to cast votes. Elections shall normally be held in November and newly elected Directors shall assume office at the January meeting.
- B. Officers:** Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors, from among the Directors. The Officers of the Smoky Mountain Woodturners shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each Officer shall hold the office for one year. An Officer can only be elected for two consecutive terms.

**Editor's Notes:** These are the exact words as written in our club's By Laws. A simple majority vote means more "yes" votes than "no" votes. Abstentions or blanks are excluded in calculating a simple majority vote. In the past our club has solicited nominees for Directors at the October meeting and those names are placed on a ballot. Since these Directors will serve in 2025 (an odd year) 4 new directors need to be elected. The ballot is usually sent out to all members in good standing, in November (Survey Monkey has been used in the past) with the newly elected Directors announced at the December meeting. Members wishing to serve as a director should let the current Board members know of their willingness to serve, or let another member nominate them.

### **Present Officers: And Board of Directors:**

Ron Comtois, President 2024-25

Bruce Pharis, Vice President 2024-25

Bill Thurman, Secretary 2024-25

Jack Harris, Treasurer 2024-25

### **Members at Large:**

Maria D'Elio, 2024-25

Jerry DeLaurentis, 2024-25

Colin Chambers, 2024-25

Randy Fritchman, 2024-25

Frank Huscroft, 2024-25

Past President: Andy Milligan

### **Special Assistants to the Board:**

Website – Jim Vogelsang  
Newsletter Editor – Gordon Sloane

### **Special Projects:**

Fantasy of Trees: Don Adams/J. Vogelsang  
Beads of Courage: Bill Thurman

Video/Zoom – Jim Vogelsang and  
Andy Milligan  
Program Director – Bruce Pharis

Pens for Troops: Randy Fritchman  
Education: WVR Proj.: Bob Law  
Mentoring: Don Adams

## Smoky Mountain Woodturners 2024 Meeting Schedule

- Jan. 16      Presenter: Cancelled due to weather
- Feb. 20      Presenter: Dennis Smith  
Program: 3-D Wave Bowl  
Description: Dimensional Illusion
- March 19     Presenter: Bruce Pharis  
Program: Ring-A-Ding-Ding  
Description: No Clue
- April 16     Presenter: Mike Anderson  
Program: Eggception  
Description: Surprise
- May 21      Presenter: Gordon Sloane  
Program: Proportion and Form in Turning  
Description: An open discussion to improve turnings.
- June 16     Presenter: Collin Chambers  
Program: Textured Bowl  
Description: A process used to add interest to bowls
- July 16      Presenter: Ron Comtois  
Program: Making A Tool Handle  
Description: How to make a Tool Handle.
- Aug. 20     Presenter: Wood Auction  
Program: Bowls, Platters, Blanks, etc...  
Description: Bring Money
- Sept. 17     Presenter: John K. Jordan  
Program: Thin Spindles/Magic Wands  
Description: What you need to know to put magic in the wands.



Oct. 15	Presenter: Mark Hancock Program: Three-Legged Bowl Description: A Professional Woodturner from England
Nov. 19	Presenter: Randy Fritchman Program: Glenn Lucas – Course Review Description: One week with Irish Turner Glenn Lucas
Dec. 17	Presenter: None Program: Holiday Party Description: Christmas social event

## Notes from the editor:

1. Send your \$30 annual dues to SMWTS Treasurer, PO Box 50141, Knoxville, TN 37950-0141.
2. A big thanks to Randy Fritchman and his lovely bride Terry Ann for the great pictures they take of the club meeting and show and tell projects.
3. Another big thanks to Jim Vogelsang and Andy Milligan for the great Video/Zoom work they do for our monthly meetings.
4. To all the members who help clean-up after the meeting - Thank You.
5. BOD Zoom meeting 10/2/2024, check upcoming events on our web site. All members are welcome to join the meeting.

## September Woodworking Joke:

Two woodturners were siding a house together. The first woodturner looked over at the other and saw that he/she was throwing away about half of his/her nails after pulling them from his/her pouch.

Curiosity got the best of him/her, and when he/she asked the second woodturner why he/she was doing that, he/she replied that it was because they were pointed in the wrong direction.

Realizing the real problem, the first woodturner said to the other "You fool boy/girl, those nails are for the other side of the house."

# September 2024 Safety Notes

(Dick Hoffman)

- ▶ Don't try to use a wire to friction burn a bowl, without handles on the wire.
- ▶ Don't start to turn a segmented bowl until the glue is dry AND cured.
- ▶ Don't fill a void with CA glue and then turn on the lathe
- ▶ Don't try to sand the inside of a small bowl that your hand "just" fits into while the lathe is turning.
- ▶ Don't turn the lathe on, without checking that the wood blank will clear the tool rest.
- ▶ Don't turn on the lathe with the chuck key still in the chuck.
- ▶ Don't turn and stand in a cloud of dust without dust protection.
- ▶ Don't punch holes in your elbows by not removing the tail stock's live center.
- ▶ Don't do dumb things when you are woodturning.