



Smoky Mountain
Woodturners
OCT.15, 2024



OCT. 2024 MEETING @ KNOXVILLE WOODCRAFT

PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER MESSAGE:

Our October meeting was well attended, and the meeting featured our very own Colin Chalmers demonstrating his sculpturing jig. I want to thank Colin for stepping in for Mark Hancock who could not attend because of hurricane Helene. Our thoughts are with him and his family. Many of you are aware of the devastation in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. The AAW has issued an email requesting donations through CERF. If you would like to personally donate through the AAW we have included the link in the monthly meeting agenda and it's on the AAW website. However, we are reaching out directly to the Carolina Mountain Woodturners asking them what their direct needs are. More to come on this effort in the upcoming weeks and months. During our meeting Jake Niedling made a request for additional volunteers for the Wears Valley Ranch program. Please contact Bob Law, Jake Niedling or Randy Fritchman for the teaching schedule. Also, please contact Randy Fritchman regarding the annual Christmas party and let him know if you plan on attending and what you'll be bringing for pot luck. If you want to participate in the gift swap, please bring a gift valued at \$20. Once again this is the time of year for Fantasy of Trees, all ornaments or other items must be submitted to Don Adams by November 9th. Lastly, our "Pens for Vets" day will be November 9th at Woodcraft from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Let's have a great turn out for our Veterans!

The next meeting will be November 19th at the Woodcraft in Knoxville. Randy Fritchman will be demonstrating a Glen Lucas Viking Style bowl. I hope to see everyone there.

Ron Comtois - President SMWT

Oct. 2024 Demonstration



Colin Chalmers was our demonstrator this month showing how his sculpturing jig operated and different things you could produce from it. I must admit that (the Newsletter editor) had a tough time following Colin's instruction, on how to set-up and run the sculpturing jig. This was my fault for lacking the engineering skills needed to follow Colin's demonstration. Others watching the demonstration were eager to build this sculpturing jig and, I for one, am looking forward to these future sculpturing jigs. A big Thank You to Colin for filling in for Mark Hancock, at the last minute, due to the severe weather we recently received.

Scholarship Draw Results

Our winner of the monthly Scholarship Draws for October are:

Arrowmont - Bill Thurman
J.C. Campbell Gordon Sloane

Bring Back Box Result

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

Third Quarterly Challenge Gift Card

Winner: Mikr Johmston

October Wood Donations

Gordon Sloane

Pauline Bayne

Harry Ford

Cathy Horias



October Visitor's

Nicholas Rivera

Al Mathewson

Fantasy of Trees: Special Atta-Boy to Sam DeLozier for donating 91 ornaments!



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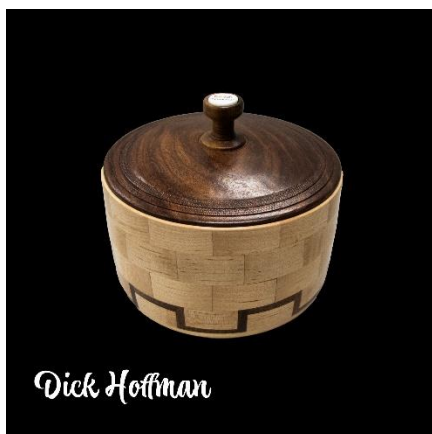
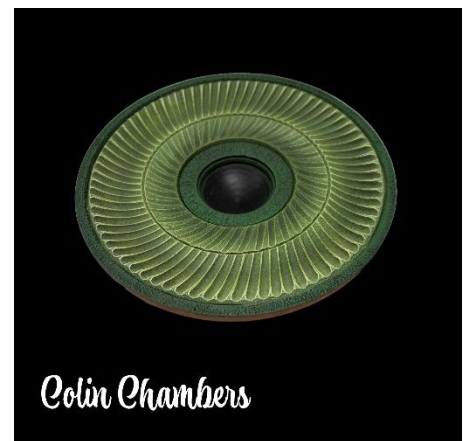
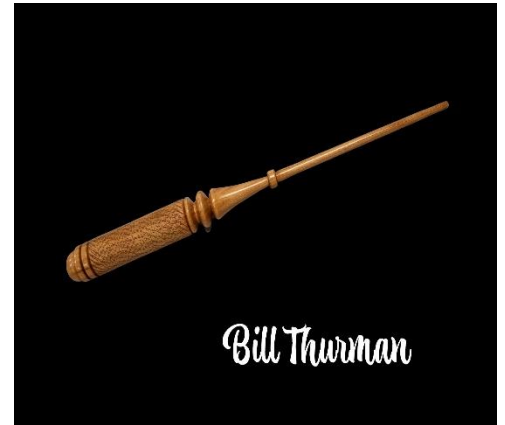
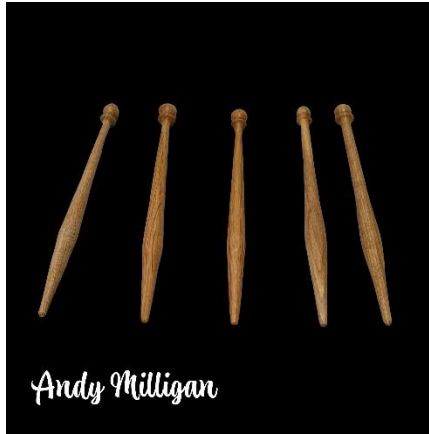
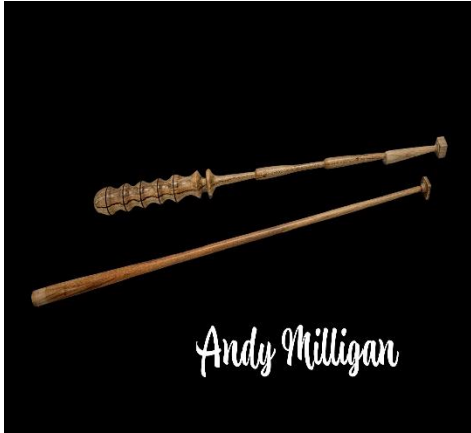
If you have questions about our SMWTS educational program at the Ranch or would like to participate as an instructor, contact Bob Law - rockytopbob1@gmail.com

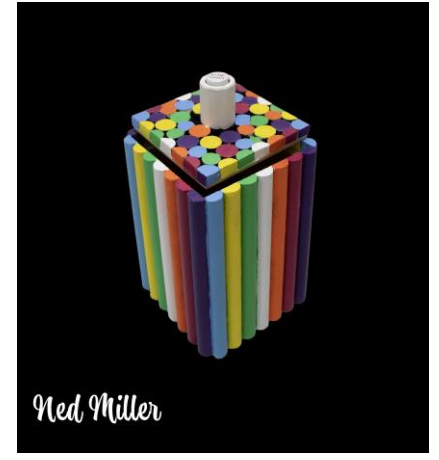
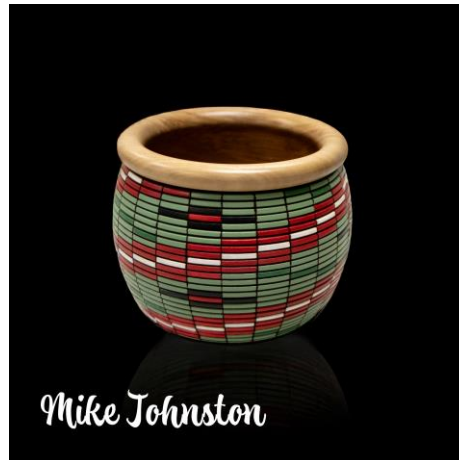
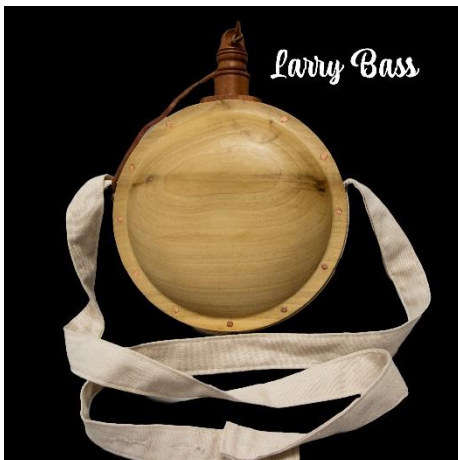
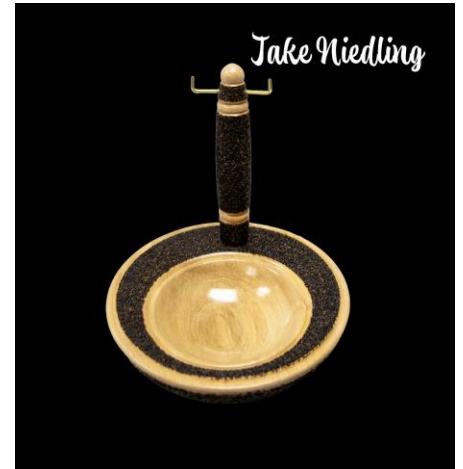
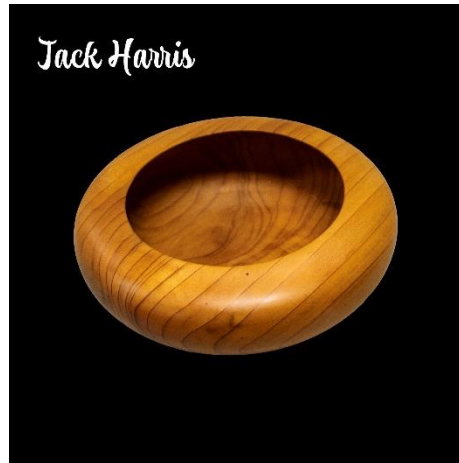
What's Happening at the Ranch in October?

What a great month of turning! All our students worked on their kaleidoscope blanks this month. You may recall that last month both our beginners and intermediate students worked on preparing the blanks (glue up phases since the blanks were made from segments of different species of wood}. This month they started by sketching out their designs with help from Jake. Then they participated in the process of drilling the blanks using various size Forstner & twist drill sizes. Turning, sanding & finishing completed the process. Next month, Dan Land will be joining us to guide the students through the process of inserting mirrors & completing the kaleidoscopes. Students love this project!



Oct. 2024: Instant Gallery:





Election of BOD 2025

Five new Directors for the SMWTS Board of Directors (BOD) (nine Directors in total) will be brought on board January 2025. Any club member who is also a member of AAW may be elected to the BOD for a term of 2 years. Presently the following five members have been nominated so far: Gordon Sloane, Randy Fritchman, Jack Harris, Gordon Fowler, and Mike Johnston. SMWTS President, Ron Comtois will ask for additional nominees at our Nov. general meeting. If no other nominees are added to the ballot, then an election will not be needed. If additional nominees come forward then an election will be held of all members, in good standing, online through the Survey Monkey app. Any member who wishes to know more about the BOD and what they do can find those answers in our club By-Laws posted on our web site.

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

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

Special Projects:

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

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: Colin Chambers
Program: Sculpturing Jig
Description: Come see and be amazed
- 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
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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 attend the meeting.

SMWTS Christmas Party: Instead of our regular general meeting on Dec. 17, 2025, we will be having our end of the year social event. This is a pot-luck type of event with members bringing food for all to enjoy. The club will provide drinks, paper plates, utensils and other essentials. We are looking for main dishes, salads, chips and dip, nuts and cheeses, and desserts. A silent auction will be held from choice items that club members contribute. A dirty Santa gift exchange will also be held for those that bring a wrapped gift (\$20 value approximately). To be successful in this endeavor we need information on who is attending, what they are bringing, what contributions will go into the silent auction. That information should be emailed to Randy Fritchman (emmygreendragon@gmail.com).

October Woodworking Joke:

Man walks into his local lumber yard and steps up to the counter. May I help you, says the salesman? Man says, I need some 4x2's. Salesman replies, are you sure you don't need some 2x4"s? Nope replies to the man I need some 4x2's. Slightly frustrated the salesman decides to go along with the man. How long do you want them, he asks? Oh, quite a while, you see I'm going to build a garage with them.

October 2024 Safety Notes

(Dick Hoffman)

Most chainsaw injuries are caused by.

- Starting it while holding in one hand
- Carrying the saw while running
- Using it on ladders
- Kickbacks'

1. Wear protective clothing
2. Avoid dangling items or loose clothing
3. Try never cut when alone
4. Always start the saw on the ground
5. Use safety glasses and hearing protection
6. Never try to cut using just one hand
7. Stand to the side of the cut
8. Don't carry the saw any distance when its running
9. When making a deep cut, use a wedge to keep the kerf open
10. Let the saw cool down before refueling
11. Keep the log from moving while make a cut.

Happy Halloween

