



Smoky Mountain
Woodturners
DEC.17, 2024

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

DEC. 2024 MEETING @ KNOXVILLE WOODCRAFT

PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE:

We ended our year with our annual Christmas party at Woodcraft on December 17th. There were 30+ members in attendance and about 25 participated in the dirty Santa gift swap. I want to thank the many folks who brought food and desserts for the party. The silent auction was a big success with \$1023 raised for the club. I also want to thank the folks including Joan Cannon, Pauline Bayne and others who donated great auction items. It was a fun time, and it really capped of a great year for the club. Special thanks to Randy Fritchman and Gordon Sloane for organizing the event.

Just a reminder the BOD will meet in January to vote on the officers. The BOD meeting is scheduled for January 1st but that is a holiday so we moved the date to January 8th and will have it in person at Woodcraft from 6PM to 8PM.

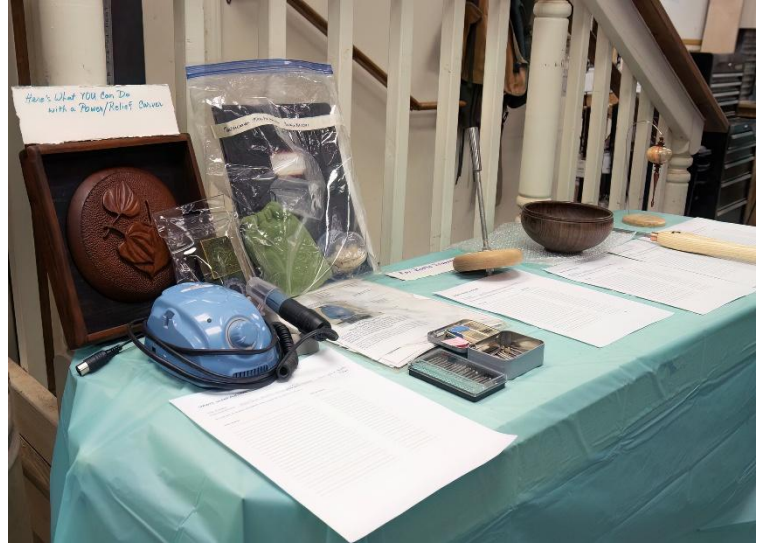
On a personal note, it has been my privilege to be the SMWT club president for 2024. I'd like to thank everyone on the BOD, VP Bruce Pharis, Treasurer Jack Harris, Secretary Bill Thurman, Gordon Sloane for his great work on the News Letter, Jim Vogelsang for being the Website/Audio Visual Guru and the entire membership for supporting me and keeping the club moving forward. I will still be engaged as the outgoing president and helping the incoming president transition.

Thank you all for a great year.

Ron Comtois - President SMWT

SMWTS 2024 Christmas Party







Scholarship Draw Results

Our winners of the Annual 2024 Scholarships are:

Arrowmont - Dan Peters
J.C. Campbell - Colin Chambers



**The Woodturning Shop
At the Sawmill**

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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 December?

A very merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you from our Education Committee/Team and all the folks at the Ranch. Our regular workshops are suspended in December as it is a short month dedicated to mini courses for kids. Our program didn't lend to that offering this year. We'll start up again on the 14th of January. A special welcome to Bill Thurman who is joining our team in January.



Wear Valley Ranch

2024

Election of BOD 2025

President Ron Comtois asked for nominations for the 2025 Board of Directors at our November General meeting. No new nominations were forthcoming. Therefore we do not need an election from the membership for new Board Members. Our Board of Directors for 2025 will consist of the following club members:

Bruce Pharis 2024-2025
Maria D'Elio 2024-2025
Colin Chambers 2024-2025
Jerry DeLaurentis 2024-2025
Randy Fritchman 2025-2026
Jack Harris 2025-2026
Gordon Sloane 2025-2026
Gordon Fowler 2025-2026
Mike Johnston 2025-2026

Election of officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be held on Wednesday January 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm, at the Woodcraft workshop classroom. Our current President Rom Comtois will begin the meeting with the election of new officers. After that Ron will transfer the meeting agenda to the new officers. All club members are invited to attend Board of Directors meetings.

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

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. Terri Fritchman was back at work behind the shutter providing vivid details of the Christmas party. Thanks, Terri, for a great job.
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. The January 2025 BOD meeting will be held on Jan. 8, 2025, at 6:00pm, at the Woodcraft classroom. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

December Woodworking Joke:

4 Lumberjacks go on a hunting trip. Their tents only have room for two men in each. No one wanted to sleep in the same tent as Karson because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair for just one of them to share with Karson the whole time, so they decided to take turns.

Odie was the first to sleep in Karson's tent. Comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess (what hair?) and his eyes bloodshot.

His mates ask, 'Odie, what happened?'

He answers, 'Karson snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night.'

The next night it was Dan's turn.

The following morning, same thing, Dan's hair is all standing up and his eyes are bloodshot.

His mates ask, 'Gees, what happened to you? You look awful!'

He says, 'Bloody Karson shakes the roof. I just sat and watched him all night, I couldn't sleep.'

The third night was Grumpy's turn.

Grumpy was a big, burly, lumberjack; a man's man.

The next morning he comes to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.
'Good morning,' he says cheerfully.

His mates can't believe it.

They ask, 'Blimey, what happened?'

Grumpy says, 'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Karson into bed and kissed him good night.
Then he sat up and watched me all night.

(sorry if I offended anyone but that is just too darn funny)

Gordo