

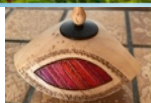
Smoky Mountains Woodturners NEWSLETTER

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Dues are Due



Please send your dues check of **\$30.00** to the club post office box to retain your annual membership.

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Want to become a New Member of SMWTS?

1. Send your name and password to use to Jim Vogelsang jevogelsang@charter.net.
2. Send \$30 dues to PO Box listed above.

2021 Board Members

Rob Smith -- President
Don Adams -- Vice President
Scott Duncan -- Secretary
Jack Harris -- Treasurer

Members-at-Large:

Larry Green -- 2021-22
Dick Hoffmann -- 2020-21
John Jordan -- 2020-21
Gordon Fowler -- 2020-21
Dick Hoffmann -- Program Committee
Chair-- 2020-21

Richard Raffin - Understanding Catches

<https://www.smwts.org/web/handouts-and-videos/understanding-catches-and-tool-marks>



Wood Turning Tool Marks--How to Avoid by Kent Weakley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z9okRcM18M>

AVAILABLE on SMWTS.org in Handouts

IMPORTANT: We still have a NEED for VOLUNTEERS for monthly presentations !!!! Please contact Dick Hoffmann



The Smoky Mountain Woodturners Chapter of the AAW meets each month of the year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our meeting place sponsor is Woodcraft -- Knoxville. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. Guests are always welcome. Woodcraft Knoxville is located at 8023 Kingston Pike in Knoxville, near Trader Joe's and one block from West Town Mall.

---Except at present, we are meeting virtually with ZOOM---

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President's Message from Rob Smith



This last Tuesday night we had our June online monthly meeting. We had 23 members present, which is roughly half the number that we have seen at our previous online meetings. That may become the norm as we move into the summer vacation season. Coincidentally, this drop in attendance may allow us to safely resume in-person meetings sooner than would otherwise be possible.

Congratulations go to Jake Niedling and Ken Lewis who posted 20 pens and 8 lidded boxes respectively for our Show & Tell section. Nice work to both of you.

When COVID hit I knew that both my wife and I fell into the high-risk category. At the time, I was still working full time at ORNL providing analytical support for radiological efforts in support of a number of different programs. As such, I fell into that "essential" group that was necessary to continue safe operations. You know the type... people that were tasked with trying to not scatter the eastern United States with massive amounts of airborne or otherwise lethal levels of radioactivity. Fortunately for me (and the eastern United States), I played but a very small role in those efforts. And fortunately (or so I thought), I didn't really need to be present when everyone else was there during the day. So over the course of the coming year, I essentially transitioned to a night time worker exclusively. I attribute my good fortune of not developing COVID to those precautions.

Committee Chairs

Website – Jim Vogelsang

Newsletter Editor – Pauline Bayne

Video/Zoom – Jim Vogelsang and Andy Milligan

Special Projects

- **Fantasy of Trees** – Jim Vogelsang
- **Beads of Courage & Wig Stands** – Drue Hogland
- **Pens for Troops** – Randy Fritchman
- **Education** – WVR Project – Bob Law
- **Safety Director** – Richard Hoffman
- **Arts in the Airport** – Robert Brown
- **Blount Mansion Project** – Ed Lewis
Kiln-dried magnolia is coming...
- **SMWTS Display at the Emporium** – Brian Horais (2021 cancelled)

It's now been almost 3 months since I retired, and I still find myself struggling to get to sleep by 3 or 4 in the morning. I've also noticed that it seems that at least one or two nights a week I am unable to sleep at all. Nevertheless, I continue striving to return to pre-COVID routines, but I'm becoming less and less convinced that they ever will be. Perhaps I would be better served to focus less on trying to regain the way things used to be but to concentrate more on improving the way things will be to come. Let's all look forward. --Rob



SAFETY MESSAGE

FRACTAL / LICHTENBERG BURNING



With Dick
Hoffmann

The American Association of Woodturners has banned the use of this process at all of its events and has banned articles about use of a fractal burner in all of its publications.

The reported cases of fractal burning deaths range from hobbyist woodworkers through experienced woodworkers to an electrician with many years experience working with electricity. It only takes one small mistake and you are dead; not injured, dead. Some of those who died were experienced at using the process and some were not. What is common to all of them: fractal burning killed them.

What is it?

Lichtenberg or “fractal” burning is a relatively new embellishing technique that uses high-voltage electrical current to produce patterns on wood resembling lightning flashes.

However, at least 25 people have died using this technique!

**Don't Attempt
It !**

SMWTS 2021 Calendar of Events

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| January 6 | 1st Quarter Board of Directors meeting |
| January 19 | Jake Niedling – Small Thin Goblets |
| February 16 | Gordon Fowler -- Multi-Axis Turned Coffee Scoops |
| March 16 | Dick Hoffman –Hand Made Turning Tools |
| April 7 | 2 nd Quarter Board of Directors meeting |
| April 20 | Two-Part Hollowing by Frank Didomizio & Tim Yoder ; public domain videos curated by Dick Hoffmann. |
| May 18 | Graeme Priddle & Melissa Engler - Koru Bowl |
| June 20 | Understanding Catches - Richard Raffin & Tool Marks - Kent Weakley |
| July 7 | 3 rd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting |
| July 20 | Topic TBD - Zoom |
| Aug 17 | Topic TBD |
| Seo 21 | Topic TBD |

*The Board of Directors will be completing our annual schedule.
Contact Dick Hoffmann if you want to demonstrate for our club.*

NEED WOOD? --Donations to SMWTS will be accepted for the club.

Contact John Jordan

mailto: jordanjk@gmail.com

John has wood to donate for those needing wood for practice or chapter projects. Newly cut and available: freshly-cut red oak, dogwood with 12" diameter trees to be cut, and coming soon: sassafras. Let him know if you want some or want to help with the cutting.

Contact Rob Smith

mailto: highsky103@gmail.com

For those who need or want it, Rob also has a supply of turning materials.

Check out AAW Remote Demos

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| Jun 23 1- 4:30 PM, – Cindy Drozda (Capsule Style Box with Inlay) | Learn to Turn Boxes #2: |
| Jun 29 7- 8:30 PM, -John Vaeth | Photographing Woodturnings |
| July 10 1-4:30, - Cindy Drozda (Finial Box) | Learn to Turn Boxes #3 |
| July 17-18, 10 am - 6 pm | 2021 AAW Virtual Symposium |



American Association of Woodturners

If you are not a member of AAW, we ask you to consider joining our parent organization. A new membership promotion is being offered in 2020 – **Affiliate membership.**

Get full access to all online content, publications *American Woodturner* & Woodturning FUNdamentals, as well as availability of demonstrator, maker and educator profiles on the AAW website.

NOTE: Affiliate membership is offered **FREE** to AAW Chapter members for 3 months. **Sign up** for the special offer online at www.woodturner.org

NOW is a Great Time to join, and spend time with all their info, videos, articles – both present and past!

AAW Calendar
2021 AAW Symposium
Omaha, Nebraska
July 15-18, 2021

2022 AAW Symposium
Chattanooga, TN
June 23-26, 2021

Status of Home Depot Grant Request

Our grant application with Home Depot was not funded. We were going to use those funds to help build a shop for Jason Holiday. However, a private donor has agreed to contribute the majority of the materials needed.

For those who are not familiar with Jason, he is a disabled fire firefighter who is attempting to better himself by learning woodturning. He has been using a small (about 3' x 6') shed at his house in New Market, TN. to that end. It is sitting on an area of sloped ground and composed of mostly rotten wood, presenting a dangerous work area.

We hope to begin construction in the coming weeks. We need YOU !!!!! We can use whatever skills you have!

Anyone willing to help should contact:

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Show & Tell Gallery

Jake Niedling

2021 Pens for Troops



Ken Lewis

Lidded Boxes in really beautiful wood





What's Happening at the Ranch this Month?

Bowls, Bowls and More Bowls



In June, our intermediate students worked to complete their Black Gum Bowls. Most of them got to the finish application stage and only need to turn off the bottom tennon and finish the foot on their bowls. You can see by the photo about that they have done an excellent job. Our next project will be hand mirrors that we hope to start in July. Workshop attendance is sporadic in the summer months as the students have additional opportunities like house vacations and summer camp. We lost several students the past two weeks for summer camp.

We'd like to welcome member Tom Staddler to our workshop instruction team. Tom attended our second intermediate session and enjoyed working with the kids. We look forward to more of his involvement in the program.



Our beginners group completed their spindle turning exercises making their foot massagers. Later this month, they'll work on their first convex and concave cuts on bowl blanks.



If you have questions about our SMWTS educational program at the Ranch, contact Bob Law
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