



Contains November 2023 Minutes

December 2023

THE BUCKEYE BARK
November 11th, 2023

Anyone wishing to submit pictures for the newsletter please send them to the editor within two days of the meeting

*******Note*******

Buckeye Woodturners Meeting
NW Family Rec. Center
Akron, OH
November 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stransky

The November 11, 2023 meeting of the Buckeye Woodworkers and Woodturners was held at the Northwest Family Recreation Center in Akron, Ohio. President Bob Hasenyager started by welcoming all to the meeting. Bob also reminded everyone that today is Veteran's Day and thanked all of those who have served our country.



There were 69 members and guests at today's meeting. Today's demonstration will feature Tom Olechiw demonstrating how to put a dyed rim on a platter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S COMING UP

November is the month for the annual election of BWWT officers. This year, Rob Smith volunteered to serve as next year's Vice-President. Mark Stransky and Dirk Falther volunteered to continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Vice-President Kevin Dalton will automatically move into the position of President for 2024, replacing Bob Hasenyager. There were no other vol-

unteers for office. After a show of hands vote, Rob, Mark, and Dirk were elected to their respective positions.

Bob gave a report on club finances. Currently the club is financially sound. Bob asked for a motion to allocate \$2500 of available funds for the purpose of paying demonstrators in 2024. Marshall Holmes made a motion to allocate the funds, seconded by Bruce Minich. After discussion the motion was voted on by members present and was approved.

There was a short video presentation on how to use a new type of wall thickness caliper that is manufactured by Pat Carroll, a professional woodturner in Ireland. After the video members could order the calipers if desired.

The Ohio Department of Forestry is offering a Chainsaw Safety and Introduction to Felling Trees training session. The session will be held on Saturday January 20, 2024. Information was available on the sign-in table for those who are interested.

STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS EACH MEETING TO SUPPORT BWWT!! Club photographer Bob Stone would like to step down from taking pictures at the club meetings. The main duty for the photographer is to take pictures of the club meetings, demonstrations and activities that occur during the meeting. **It's one of those things that is a lot easier than it sounds.** You also have an opportunity to see each demonstration up close and personal. Please see any board member if you would like to volunteer for this position.

The December 9 meeting will be our annual Christmas potluck luncheon. Be sure to bring a covered dish for members to enjoy. There is a special start time of 10:00 instead of 9:00. The program will include a Tips and Tricks session by various members, a gift exchange for those who wish to participate, and door prizes to be given away.

The Pens for Troops have all been returned. There were 26 members who participated in making 530 pens. This is an outstanding contribution to those who have served our country. Congratulations and thanks go to all who made pens.



Checking out this month's raffle table



This month's Show and Tell table

A WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

Here we are at the end of 2023. The year has flown by. It has been a good year as the club continues to get back to their normal operations after being interrupted by the pandemic and a move to a new location for our meetings. The club's board has not been sitting still but continues to look for ways to serve the membership and introduce wood turning to new members. If you have suggestions or requests, please be sure to pass them on to one of the board members.

At the November meeting I enjoyed seeing the photos from Jack Boggio's ornament turning class. I saw some ornaments on the show and tell table. It ap-

peared that the class was a success based upon what I saw. I also saw that Jack's video of turning ornaments is out there on YouTube as well so look it up and check it out.

I also wanted to mention one of the show and tell pieces that I saw at the October meeting that brought a smile to my face. It was a piece by Ken Salmon. It was made up of different species of wood and was a sculpture of several mice eating their way through a block of cheese (a piece of spalted wood). It was very well done and finished with nicely turned mice. There were many other nice pieces on the show and tell table as well. Keep them coming!

Tom Olechiv did a fantastic job at demonstrating how to turn a platter with a decorated rim. The focus being on how to color the rim of highly figured wood. Tom was able to show how to make the figure in the wood pop and explode with the addition of a little bit of color. Be sure to check out the video in the club archive if you missed the meeting.

The Hartville Hardware tool sale for November 2023 is now in the books. Thanks to everyone that came out to support the club's demo area. We had two great lathes provided by the Hardware. One Jet and one Powermatic. Both functioned well and provided two days of non-stop turning. It was a bit damp, dark and noisy on Friday. To help with the darkness Tim Crawford provided us with some LED lamps that made a big difference in the lighting. Thanks Tim, it was greatly appreciated.

The rain on Friday turned into bright sunshine on Saturday. In all there were lots of items turned and given away during the sale. I am not certain if Bill Stone kept track of all the pieces handed out, but it was quite a few. Thanks again to all who volunteered their time to help support the event. By the way, for the turners that were at the hardware demonstrating please check your buckets for a spare spur center. It is possible that someone dropped the one for the Jet lathe into the wrong container and we would like to find it and get it back to the hardware.

Turning in the Dalton shop has been a bit slow with the arrival of Fall. The trees from which all this wonderful material for turning comes from are now dropping a lot of leaves that must be dealt with. I am pretty much done with them after spending the Saturday afternoon following the November meeting turning them into mulch. Maybe one more go around before I can say that they are really done for another year and the mower deck can be removed and replaced with the snow blower. Yes, it is that time of year!

I am at the start of a week of vacation. I am making plans to spend quite a bit of time in the shop during

this period. I was given a red cedar tree trunk and asked to make a walking stick out of it. There are also a couple of short honey locust logs that need to be processed into a cake stand for a wedding that is coming up next fall. Of course, there are many other pieces that are bouncing around in my head to try. I hope to make some Christmas ornaments as well as a few gifts. Then it will be back to work for a few weeks followed by 2 more weeks off. More time in the shop, at least that is the plan. After that it will be the New Year.

But, before that, we have the December meeting and a gift exchange. I still remember the dinners that we attended out at the camp Y-Noah in the past. We have a nice Christmas tree ornament that we got at one of those events. It was turned by none other than Hoby Horn! The gift exchange as we do it now is where you bring a turned item (please wrap your item if you are participating) and in exchange you will receive an item that someone else has turned. It is a nice way to end the year. That said, it is time to get off to the shop to get something turned for the gift exchange.

Hope to see you all at the December meeting.

MONTHLY WINNERS

The monthly name tag winner was Dave Wells. Each month the nametag winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate.

The BWWT Newsletter “Did You Read It” challenge was next on the agenda. The winner will be determined by a random draw of those dues paid members who read the newsletter and submitted an email to Mark Stransky where they found the hidden word and where in the newsletter it was. The winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate. You must be present at the meeting or attending on Zoom during the meeting to win. This month’s winner by random draw was Adam Klemann. The keyword for this month will be “blubs”. Please keep in mind that the keyword used in the previous sentence doesn’t count as a winning entry.

Chuck Marsh was back and took pictures of the members’ work on the show and tell table. Thanks also go to Darrell Dube for getting the show and tell pictures on the website. The pictures can be viewed on the website with the link <https://www.bwwt.us/november-2023.html>. Bob Stone was this month’s meeting photographer.

BEADS OF COURAGE

The Beads of Courage program deals with seriously ill children and their treatment. As each child goes through various treatments and procedures, the child receives a special bead signifying that accomplishment. These procedures can be anything from getting a medicinal shot, an I.V. or any medical or surgical procedure along with significant milestones and achievements. The Beads of Courage organization provides boxes for each child to store their beads. These boxes are hand crafted and donated by various organizations and BWWT members can submit boxes. Information about the program can be found at the organization’s website: <https://beadsofcourage.org>. BWWT will have a supply of Beads of Courage medallions for each box. BWWT will be donating boxes to Akron Children’s Hospital and all boxes should be brought to BWWT meetings for donation. Let’s continue making this a regular donation to this great cause. Guidelines for making boxes are as follows:

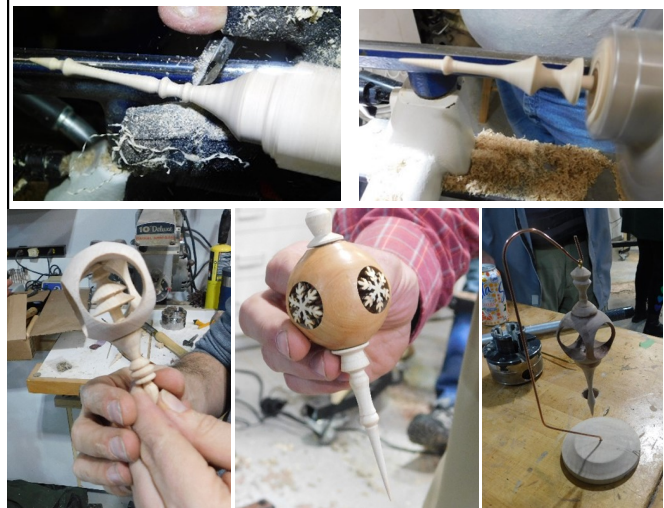
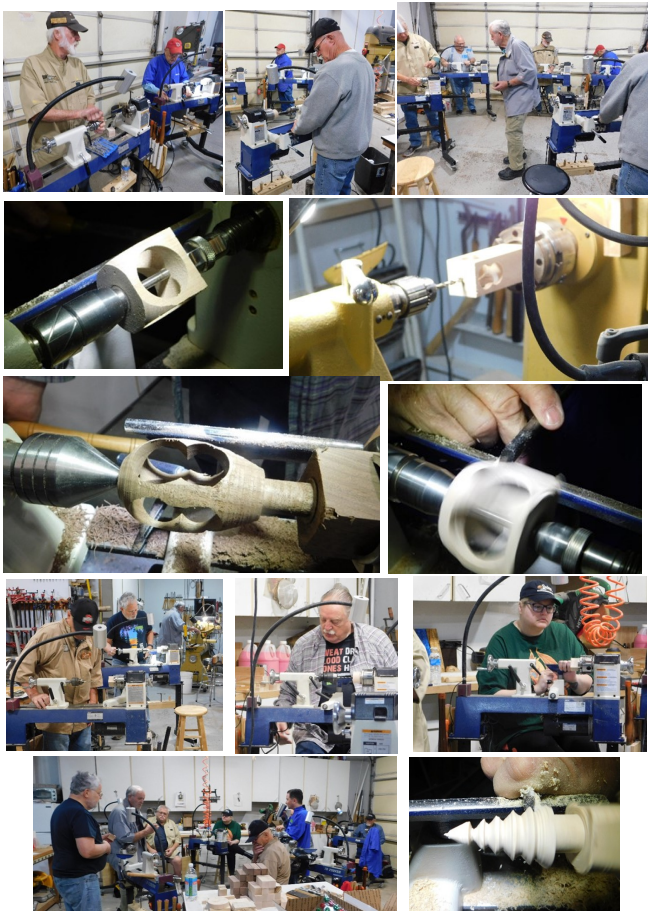
- Turned or rectangular boxes are acceptable.
- Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are 5” to 6” diameter and 4” to 5” high. Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are 4” x 6” x 4” high. Please keep in mind that these dimensions are approximate and anything close will work.
- Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don’t break. Avoid designs that could easily break or be damaged.
- The finish on the boxes is extremely important! Children who receive these boxes are highly susceptible to germs and infections. Each box should be sanded smooth inside and outside so that there are **NO ROUGH SURFACES OR TORN END GRAIN** that can trap dirt or germs and **MUST HAVE A NON-TOXIC FINISH** on both the inside and outside of the box. Please avoid finishes that require extended drying time or out gassing (some oil finishes and linseed oil) and finishes that have a strong odor (all forms of lacquer). The applied finish should be apparent; “natural wood look” type of finish should not be used. Unfinished or rough surfaced boxes will not be accepted for donation.
- All kinds of wood are beautiful! Please do not paint Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with a readily apparent clear finish.

One thing that I wish I would have done last year but overlooked was tracking how many boxes BWWT members donated to Beads of Courage. I estimate that in 2022 there were at least 35 boxes donated. This year I plan on keeping track of donations. In November there was 1 box brought in that will be taken to Akron Children's Hospital. This month's donation was from Doug Aichholz. That brings this year's total to 38 boxes donated.

Mark Stransky would also like to request that anyone submitting Beads of Courage boxes please also bring your donation in a box (if you don't normally do that). He has finally exhausted his supply of boxes at home (one more thing his wife is VERY happy about) and it is a lot easier to deliver the boxes in a box.

ORNAMENT TURNING HANDS ON SESSION

Jack Boggio had two all day hands on turning sessions on November 4 and 5 in his shop. He gave a lesson on how to make the Christmas ornaments that he is known for. There were 16 participants over the 2 days, and each had a great time. The class showed a method of making two different styles of ornament blubs, top and bottom finials, miniature Christmas trees to put in the ornament bulbs, and an ornament display stand.



**Tom Olechiw – Dyed Rim Platter Demonstration
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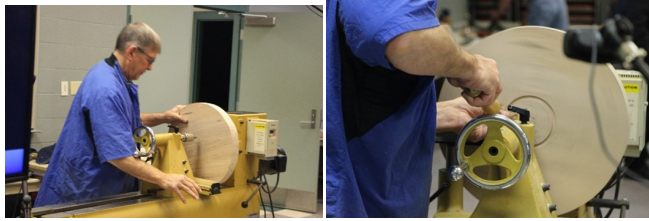
*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stransky*

This month's demonstration was on how to apply a multi-colored dye to the rim of a platter. Tom Olechiw presented his method of creating these details. Don't think that this can only be done on a platter; it can

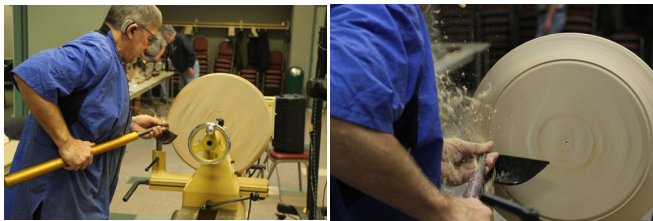


be done on anything with a surface that needs a little bit of color added to highlight some feature in the wood.

Tom started out with a piece of maple about 2" thick and 15" diameter with some curly grain throughout. The first thing he did was cut a recess for his chuck into what would be the top surface of his platter. With that done, he reverse mounted the piece in his chuck and started to cut a cove on the bottom edge. Tom used a 5/8" bowl gouge with a 40-40 grind to cut the cove in the edge of the piece. He has switched over to the 40-40 grind on all his gouges because he is able to get an extremely smooth surface from the cut. He also uses a very long handle on his larger gouges to reduce vibration and get better leverage. He stressed that every cut he makes is what he would like to be a finished surface even though more cuts will follow. This is a good way to practice tool control and making smooth cuts that will give less tear out on end grain.



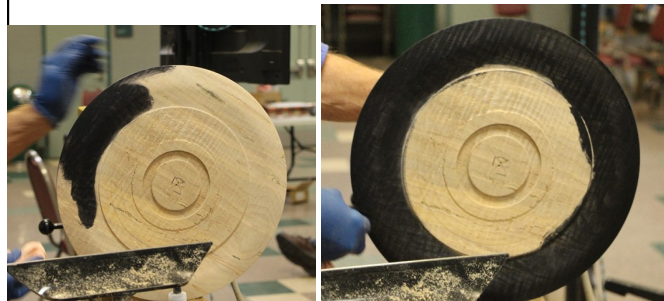
After he had the cove cut to his satisfaction, he cut a recess in the bottom for his chuck. He cut out the entire recess and smoothed it out so it was complete. With the recess and cove complete, Tom started to round over the bottom corner so that he would have an ogee curve on the bottom surface. With the ogee cut, he followed that up with cutting a foot into the bottom for the platter to set on. After that was done, he used his bowl gouge to shear scrape the entire bottom surface to clean up any torn grain. With all the details cut and cleaned up the last step for the bottom was to power sand the bottom with 150 grit and followed that up with 180 grit.



The next step in making the platter was to reverse mount it in the chuck to make the top surface. He started out by cutting the outside curve of the rim and then the inside curve. After he had the rim cut, he power sanded it through 150 and 180 grits.



The rim was now ready to start applying the dye. Tom uses Artesian dyes that he gets from Craft Supply. He started by covering the entire surface of the rim with black dye. He used a hair drier to speed up the drying process and when the piece was dry, he power sanded the entire dyed surface to 150 grit and 180 grit until almost all the dye was removed. The only remaining dye was where it had soaked deeply into the grain.



With the black dye applied and then sanded down, the curl in the grain of the wood was prominent. It was now time to add the remaining colors to the rim. Tom started out by applying a medium red dye in a random spotched pattern. After that, he applied a darker red to fill in most of the open areas followed by a yellow dye that he used to fill the remaining areas and blend it all together. When he was satisfied with the appearance of the dyed surface, he gave it a coat of sanding sealer.



With the rim complete, the final step was to finish hollowing the bowl. Tom started by using a beading tool to cut a generous bead at the inside edge of the dyed rim. It took a few tries to cut down past the dye that had soaked into the wood. When he was satisfied with the rim and bead details the next step was to hollow the bowl portion of the platter. He went back to his bowl gouge and hollowed out the bowl to a wall thickness that was appropriate for the piece. With the bowl cut, he power sanded the interior of the bowl up through the grits and then applied a final coat of sanding sealer.



Many thanks go out to Tom for this demonstration. Be sure to check out the video on the website for a complete recap of Tom's presentation. He gave some great information on how to use the 40-40 grind on his gouges and on some design considerations to take into account when making platters.

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

If any member has an article they would like to include in the newsletter, don't hesitate to send it to either : [Mark Stransky](#) or [Keith Bellamy](#) and it will appear in the next newsletter.

SAFETY NOTE

Be sure to use proper safety equipment including eye, hearing and breathing protection whenever you are working on projects in your workshop. Make sure

that you fully understand and follow the safe operating procedures for every piece of equipment that you use.

EMBROIDERED LOGOS

If anyone would like to have their name and the BWWT logo embroidered on any new (preferably) or gently worn shirt or other item, see Ray Marr.

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS – GET THEM HERE!

If you are a Menard's Shopper and don't always apply for the rebate, bring your Menard's receipts to the monthly meeting. BWWT frequently purchases from Menard's and we receive a tax free purchase benefit as a non-profit. We'll handle the receipt rebate refund and use the funds for future items for the raffle table! It doesn't matter how small the rebate is since we'll pool all the receipts. Each Menard's receipt you donate for the rebate earns one free raffle ticket. Several of the monthly raffle items come from Menard's as we are always shopping there. Please remember to submit all receipts before they expire.

MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Members in good standing are eligible for 10% discounts at Hartville Hardware and Penn State Industries. See Dirk Falther for more information on our discount programs.

UPCOMING MEETING ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

- December 9 meeting: Holiday Party
- 2024 calendar will be announced.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS – JUST FOR THE HECK OF IT

Three quotes from Marion Robert Morrison (guess who that was):

- Talk low, talk slow, and don't talk too much.
- Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid.
- If everything isn't black and white, I say "why the hell isn't it?"

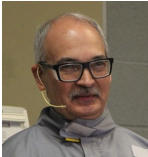
Without Freedom of Speech, we would not know who the idiots are.

Someone just called me normal. I have never been so insulted in my entire life.

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