



Contains June 2023 Minutes

July 2023

**THE BUCKEYE BARK**  
**June 10th, 2023**

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

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**Buckeye Woodturners Meeting  
 Doll Lumber Picnic  
 Southington, OH  
 June 10, 2023**

*Respectfully submitted,  
 Mark Stransky*

The June 10, 2023 meeting of the Buckeye Woodworkers and Woodturners was held at Doll Lumber in Southington, Ohio. Past-President Marshall Holmes started by welcoming all to the meeting. Marshall reminded all that there is a new monthly bulletin on the sign in table that you should pick one up before leaving.



This month's meeting was the annual picnic held at Doll Lumber. Many thanks go out to Jim and Eric Doll for hosting this annual event again. Members from the North Coast Woodturners and Lake Erie Woodturners were also in attendance. The day's activities featured Marty Chapman and Dave Hout leading a hands-on session on sharpening turning tools. There was also a boatload of wood available for purchase from the folks at Doll Lumber.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S COMING UP**

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.

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. Please see any board member if you would like to volunteer for this position.

Marshall Holmes still needs a few volunteers for the Camp Carl Woodturning sessions. Two volunteers are needed on Tuesday July 11 and one volunteer on Wednesday July 12. These sessions will be held at Camp Carl, south of Ravenna, Ohio. The dates are July 10 thru 13, with set up at the camp on July 9. See Marshall for the details if you would like to volunteer for this event.

BWWT will be offering pen turning sessions at the Northwest Family Recreation Center. These sessions are being offered through the City of Akron to summer campers and veterans. There will be three days with two sessions each day. The first session will be for summer campers and run from 3:30 to 5:00; the second session will be for veterans and run from 6:00 to 7:30. The dates of the sessions are June 22, July 27 and August 24. Set up for each day will start at 2:00 and clean up and loading of equipment will need to be complete by 8:15. This is a great way to give back to the City of Akron for providing our meeting space. See Marshall Holmes to volunteer for these sessions.

The next pen turning sessions at Hartville Hardware will be held on August 26. Set up at the store will be on August 25. There will be two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions with lunch provided. Volunteers are needed for all sessions and also to prepare pen blanks. See Marshall Holmes to volunteer for these sessions.

Each year, BWWT chooses a member for induction into the BWWT Hall of Fame. It is our pleasure to name this year's inductee, Dave Hout. Dave was instrumental in founding the North Coast Woodturners and then the Buckeye Woodworkers and Woodturners. He was also involved in the early days of the American Association of Woodturners and has held offices in each of these organizations. He has conducted numerous demonstrations over the years and has also opened his shop for teaching and mentoring. In his "spare time" he has also taught at Arrowmont School and John C. Campbell Folk School.



At the May 13, 2023 BWWT meeting it was announced that the Executive Board was exploring the purchase of additional lathes for club use. At the June 5, 2023 Executive Board meeting the officers and advisors voted to present to the membership a proposal to purchase three Rikon midi-lathes and related equipment for club use. Marshall Holmes reviewed the proposal and estimated cost with members in attendance. After holding discussion and asking if there were any questions regarding the purchase, Adrian Cook made a motion to move forward with the purchase and the motion was seconded by Ray Marr. A vote was called, and the motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The dates of the Wayne Center for the Arts Woodturning Exhibition have been announced. The show will open with an open house and awards ceremony on August 31, 2023. The show will close on September 20, 2023. Entry forms will be made available at the July meeting. All entries must be submitted at the August 12, 2023 club meeting and will be returned at the October 21, 2023 meeting. If anyone cannot make the August submittal date, entries can be dropped off at George Raeder's home. Contact George at 330-576-3355 to make arrangements for the drop off. Please remember that ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PROPERLY BOXED UP FOR SUBMITTAL per the instructions on the entry form!! No submittals in bags or loose without a container. Pretend that your submittal will be sent to California by the worst carrier you can think of and will be handled by a bunch of apes (think of the old Samsonite commercial on TV) and pack it accordingly.



Some of this month's pieces displayed by BWWT members:

After the business meeting ended Dave and Marty started their hands on session. Following that there was still time to pick out some good deals on turning stock, see the portable mill in action, have some lunch and talk about your latest projects. I think everyone had a good time and is looking forward to next year's picnic.





**PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

Bob is on vacation this month so he will be back next month with another round of his wit and wisdom.

**AND A WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT**

The June meeting shaped up to be every bit as advertised and then some. You could not have asked for better weather and there was a really good turnout of members and guests. I believe that there were 6 or 7 sharpening stations set up and there was a crowd around all of them as Marty and Dave showed members and guests how to sharpen their tools. There were quite a few people that showed up with tools to be sharpened so the demonstrators were kept busy.

Then there was the wood! Doll Lumber had quite a bit of freshly sawn curly maple stacked up for sale as well as sycamore, honey locust, soft maple and cherry. Lots of different sizes and varieties to choose from. I picked up my share of stock once again. I just could not help myself. I picked up a slab of 6/4 maple that was highly figured with dark markings. Also procured was a board of curly maple and some turning

blanks to add to the collection on the yet to be turned piles back home. The curly maple board is earmarked for platters and experimentation with coloring dyes.

The weekend before the Doll Lumber meeting my wife and I visited the AAW Symposium in Louisville. We drove down the day before and then checked out the Louisville Slugger plant the next morning. There we had the pleasure of running into Pat Carrol and Helen Bailey, both coming across the pond from Ireland to do demonstrations at the AAW Symposium. Pat is the host of Meet the Woodturning which is a live online interview with a wood turner as well as a presentation of the interviewee’s work. It usually runs every other Sunday (2 PM local time) in a Zoom meeting. It is well worth watching if you have some spare time on a Sunday afternoon. Helen is known for her finely turned pieces with piercing, pyrography and some coloring. She and Pat both are outstanding presenters and drew large groups for their demonstrations.

The presentations at the symposium were quite varied and plentiful. There were multiple demonstrations going so there was plenty to choose from. I wanted to see them all but that was just not possible. Overall, the common thread in the current woodturning scene seems to be embellishment, (carving with knives, power tools and chain saws, burning with pyrography pens and blow torches, coloring with paints, dyes and in-lays). In many instances the wood is becoming a canvas for other processes to enhance or otherwise change the appearance of the turning. A tour through the galleries confirmed this as the vast majority of the pieces displayed had been embellished in some way or another. There were some amazing pieces of art. The creativity was incredible and at times leaves you scratching your head trying to figure out how things were done.

Then, there was the trade show. Did I mention that I took my wife with me? Her job was to keep an eye on my wallet. She tried her best, but I did manage to get some paint dyes. I also added a couple more tool rests from Advanced Lathe tools to increase the range I have to work with at home (I really like these tool rests). Then there is always the need for more sandpaper so I had to take care of those needs as well. In the end, there were more vendors than I could get to. I did see our Robert Sorby friends from the Hartville tool sale (Darryl Jones and Kevin Bedgood). They were there doing their day jobs! All in all, it was a lot to take in within the time allotted.

Of course, my wife dialed in on the ice cream stand and side-tracked my attention from the tools. Seems that the Bourbon, Pecan Fudge was a winner! I do

have to agree on that! In the long run it probably saved us some money too! I guess I will just have to save it for next month's auction at the family center. Don't forget to bring your old tools, wood, and your wallets. Leave your wives at home!

**MONTHLY WINNERS**

There wasn't a nametag drawing this month. It will return at the August meeting. Each month the name-tag winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate.

Kevin Dalton filled in with taking pictures of today's meeting. The Show and Tell pictures of member's work will return in August.

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 that 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 Brian Kuryn. The "Did You Read It" challenge will take the next month off and return in the newsletter after the annual auction.



Brian Kuryn



Mark Stransky announcing the newsletter winner

**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. 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 medalions 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.
- Finishing of boxes is extremely important! Children who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs and infections. Each box MUST HAVE A NON-TOXIC FINISH. Please avoid finishes that require extended drying time or out gassing (some oil finishes) and finishes that have a strong odor (all forms of lacquer). Unfinished boxes can 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 clear finish and/or burning.

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 June there was 1 box brought in that will be taken to Akron Children's Hospital. The June donation was from Don Horn. That brings this year's total to 23 boxes donated.

**MARTY CHAPMAN AND DAVE HOUT—  
TOOL SHARPENING HANDS-ON  
June 10, 2023**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Stransky*

This month's demonstration was a hands-on session led by Marty Chapman and Dave Hout on tool sharpening. There were several grinder stations set up that they each used. They both gave excellent instruction for sharpening bowl gouges, spindle gouges, scrapers, parting tools and negative rake scrapers. There was also guidance on sharpening systems, grinders and grinding wheels. All in all, it was a very informative hands-on session.



Many thanks go out to Dave and Marty for an excellent hands-on session. I know that I came away with many of my questions answered and problems solved.

**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.

**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.

**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**

July 8 meeting: Annual fund raising auction at the Rec Center. Start gathering stuff to donate. If you bought something last year that you ended up not needing, or if your significant other said "what the heck were you thinking???" about one of your bargains, bring it back and we will sell it again! We will once again be having the silent auction for work done by our members. This has been a big hit since we started having the silent auction. One last thing – if you want to donate something to the auction that isn't quite up to the standards of what the weekly trash pirates pick up the night before trash pickup day, please save it for the recycling crew. We have no way to dispose of unwanted items, so be prepared to take home anything you brought that doesn't sell.

August 12 meeting: Ethan Moore from Canada will be demonstrating bandsaw set up and some accessories that you will find helpful.

September 9 meeting: Don Horn will be our demonstrator and will show how he makes his acorn box and birdhouses.

**SOME FINAL THOUGHTS – JUST FOR THE HECK OF IT**

It may be that your sole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.

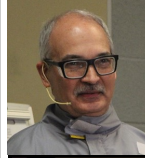
In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

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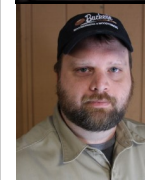
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