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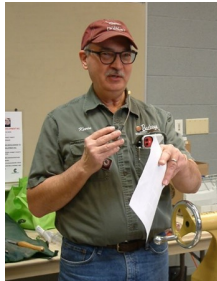
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**Buckeye Woodturners Meeting**  
NW Family Rec. Center  
Akron, OH  
February 10, 2024

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Mark Stransky

The February 10, 2024 meeting of the Buckeye Woodworkers and Woodturners was held at the Northwest Family Recreation Center in Akron, Ohio. President Kevin Dalton started by welcoming all to the meeting.

There were 98 members and guests at today's meeting. Today's meeting will feature Jeff Farris demonstrating the use of Woodpeckers' carbide tools.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S COMING UP**

Kevin Dalton will be demonstrating long neck hollowing in March. Richard Rohr will be the April demonstrator. He will show how he makes his honey pots and dippers.

There is an opportunity for a group buy of Carter bandsaw blades available to BWWT members. There is a 20% discount on all Accuright bandsaw blades. See Jack Boggio for all the details.

There is a Christmas ornament contest that is held online by [www.aswoodturns.com](http://www.aswoodturns.com). This website has a vast amount of woodturning tips and videos. Last year there were over 400 entries and prizes were awarded. The activities begin in August or September and submissions can be made in November. Stay tuned for more information.

There will be a hands on pen turning session on May 18, 2024. This class will be for new, less experienced turners. There will be 2 sessions that day with 8 people per session. Some of the items to be covered will be cutting blanks to length, drilling each blank to accept brass tubes and gluing brass tubes into the blank, using carbide tools to turn the pen, finishing and assembly. Each participant will leave the class with a completed slimline pen. Cost of the class will include the pen kit and will be announced next month. Sign-ups will begin at the March meeting.

The Executive Board made the decision to purchase a new 16" circular saw for the club so that the team that cuts the slabs from the sawmill can cut thicker bowl blanks and larger blanks for spindle work. I have to say that this saw is a real workhorse. Jack Boggio, Ray Marr and Randy Hanson have already given it a workout and you will see some impressive blanks on the wood table from now on.



Ray and Randy trying out the new circular saw



This month's raffle table

The wood sale table

### **SOME RAMBLINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

I hope that everyone is enjoying the BWWT meetings each month. It takes a lot of work from some very dedicated people to pull this off every month. Bob Hasenyager has been working hard to line up our demonstrators and hopefully you are finding them interesting and informative. I know that I have. Last month we had a bit of a snag when our AV software decided to not play nice. Software and computers do that once in a while. Our AV guys worked through the issue and came up with a workable solution so that our demonstration could go on. I think that they were so focused on solving the issues that they missed the coffee and donuts. That's dedication!

We are sorry about the snag but sometimes things can't be helped and you have to plug along the best you can. Jeff Farris took it all in stride and put on a nice demo on how to use carbide tools. He demonstrated this by turning a goblet. Carbide tools are pretty popular with people just starting out in turning (and the resin turners as well). It was nice to see something turned with them that might not be considered an entry level project. Jeff did this with ease and produced a nice turning with a quality finish right off the tools. I am hoping to see lots of goblets on our show and tell table next month. Jeff also left some nice Woodpecker tools for next month's raffle table. A big thanks to the Woodpecker company.

Let me say a few words about our AV guys. They are the first to arrive and the last ones to leave every month. They are instrumental in the setup and teardown of not only the AV equipment but the lathe and the turning equipment as well. They demonstrated their dedication last month as they worked to obtain a solution for Jeff Farris's demonstration. They were able to do this and get us through the demo. Thank you, Gayle, Ben and Paul, for working through the difficulties and getting us through the demo. Of course, Gayle's work continues after the meeting as he takes care of the website for us as well. Gayle seems to be a glutton for punishment. I have been

informed that they believe the problem has been resolved and should not be an issue next month. Again, thanks guys for the hard work.

Now, an update on our website. Gayle has been working on getting our club roster in place. This is on track to be operational by the 1st of March with member's pictures coming soon after as we work through some formatting and trial runs (if not sooner). This will be a living document so I am sure as we get things up and running there will be some minor tweaking and fine tuning. Gayle has really been going gang busters on this and from what I have seen so far it is going to be a nice addition to our website.

In other news Marshall is hard at work generating a pen turning class for our new turners. This will be more involved than our typical pen turning class since the participants will be preparing their own blanks as well as turning them. Marshall, being a retired teacher, is putting together a detailed syllabus and you can be guaranteed that this will be a well thought out and presented class. Marshall is extremely organized and detailed so there is no doubt in my mind that this is going to be a first rate class on pen turning. So, any new turners that want to get their start under the best conditions possible this is your chance. Stay tuned for more information as details are worked out. The date will be May 18th at the Northwest Family Recreation Center. Current plans are for two classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

It appears that the super glue sale came at a good time. Sales of glue, pen blanks and wood seemed to be very popular at the February meeting. Thanks goes to Mark Stransky for doing all the planning, implementation and leg work for the super glue buy. Ray Marr, Jack Boggio and Randy Hanson always put a lot of time and effort into producing the turning wood blanks for the club. Jack has been producing some extremely nice pen turning blanks as well. The club is also looking into a group buy of band saw blades from Carter Products with a considerable discount so be sure to check the club website for details of that effort. Also, be watching for larger turning blanks in the near future as the club purchased additional equipment so that wood up to just over 6 inches thick and be easily cut in one pass. I am thinking that means that 12 inch x 12 inch blanks can be cut in 2 passes. I know one person is excited that there may be some bigger vessel type blanks showing up in the wood sales in the near future.

Our club has considerable support from Hartville Hardware. Hopefully you were able to stop by their February tool sale and pick up some good deals. If not, don't forget that you can get a 10% discount on

turning tools by being a member of BWWT. They also have a large supply of things that wood turners need.

There are many others that work hard to make our club what it is and I want to thank them as well. I feel like a bit of a freeloader riding on the talents and hard work of these people. Thanks guys. Also, a big thanks to the members who keep the show and tell table full of their efforts which are always nice to see. It is also nice to see a steady stream of Beads of Courage bowls as well. A big thanks to the club and the pen turners who turned 530 pens last year for the pens for troops effort put on by Woodcraft. If this is something you are interested in participating in you can get details from Mark Stransky who heads this effort up each year.

One thing that I have been forgetting is Questions for George Raeder. There is a box on the sign in table labeled Questions for George with slips of paper for writing on. Please put your wood turning questions (or anything else you might be inquisitive about) and place them in the box. We will then provide these to George for answers.

See you all in March.  
-Kevin

### **A FEW WORDS FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT**

Just a little back history...I started playing tennis when I found out that it was a good way to spend time with my future wife. After learning the finer nuances of the sport, I continued to play for competitive fun until just a few years ago. Coupled with playing tennis I got certified as a tennis official and began officiating collegiate tennis 25 years ago.

January through April is college tennis season. And as a result, I was down in Cincinnati last weekend calling three matches. I took the opportunity to look up an old friend and fellow woodturner, John Westrup. I think that John has only been turning for about 5 years now. But he is one of those people that when they find something good, they dive in headfirst. He bought a used OneWay and a OneWay coring system and started coring bowls. Not just a few but hundreds and maybe even thousands of them by now.

After catching up and swapping a few war stories we parted ways. I look at John's volume of work and can't help but feel like a slug. Fortunately, I tell myself that I strive for quality over quantity. Now if I could just make something that was quality made.

Also, this last month I discovered our local Medina Public Library. It seems that they have a "maker

space" that includes a laser engraver, a 3D printer, a sublimation printer, heat press, button maker, Cricut, and an embroidery machine. I made two miniature baseball bats for my grandson's first birthday this April. Yes, I know that he probably won't get a lot of game time with these bats but it's the thought that counts. I found a suitable graphic online and combined it to create a logo for the laser. Under the guidance of the library staff the laser made short work of the engraving process. The Medina library is just off the square at 210 South Broadway Street. I do not know for sure, but I was told that other county libraries in our area also have similar "maker space" services as well.

Lastly, I was able to purchase a 10" Rikon bandsaw during the Hartville Hardware sale. I am setting it up and am looking forward to using it. If anyone has any pointers for it then drop me a line.

-Rob Smith

### **YOU TUBE VIDEOS**

I will try to add some links to YouTube woodturning videos each month. These videos will be helpful to beginning and intermediate turners to learn tool control, best ways to use your tools, how to explore new projects, and almost anything else you can think of. This month's links are:

<https://woodturnerscatalog.com/blogs/blog/turning-a-utility-box> - Craft Supplies video on how to make a simple lidded box.

[Woodturning Tips and Projects from As Wood Turns](#) – Alan Stratton – lots of good information and over 400 demonstrations online.

Please give me some feedback on whether you feel that adding this information is of value. I would like to continue to include this information if it helps anyone. Drop me an email if you think it should be included. Thanks, Mark.

### **MONTHLY WINNERS**

The monthly name tag winner was Greg Veigl. 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 submit an email to Mark Stransky with the location of the hidden word in the newsletter.



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 Ben Fix. There were a lot of comments at this month's meeting that it was too easy to find the hidden word last month. In order to kick it up a little bit, there will be 2 hidden words this month and you need to find both of them to enter the drawing. The keywords for this month will be "mle" and "cotters". Please keep in mind that the keywords used in the previous sentence don't count as a winning entry. I hope to have solved the problem with making it too easy this month. Good luck.

Marshall Holmes was this month's photographer. Chuck Marsh 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/february-2024.html> .



**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 accomplish-

ment. 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.

I will again be keeping track of donations. In February there were 7 boxes brought in that will be taken to Akron Children's Hospital.

This month's donations were 1 box from Roger Walker and 6 boxes from Ed Duke.

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.

**JEFF FARRIS CARBIDE TOOL DEMONSTRATION**

**February 10, 2023**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Stransky*

Jeff Farris was the demonstrator for this month. He showed how to turn a small goblet using Woodpeckers carbide tools. He started out with a little history of his woodturning experience; he started out turning on a Shopsmith when he was about 16 years old, 50 years ago. I guess that gives us an idea of how young he is.



The Woodpeckers carbide tools use carbide cutters that have a finer grain structure than is typically found in other carbide cutters. This particular carbide material will give a sharper edge that will last longer under normal use. The shaft of the tools are 5 sided with 45° angles on 2 sides that will give consistent presentation when doing shear cutting.

There are 3 basic shapes for the carbide cutters; square, round and diamond shaped. The square cutter comes in 3 configurations; cutting edges that are completely straight, edges that have a 2" radius on each edge and edges that have a 4" radius on each edge. The square cutters are primarily used for roughing a blank and removing waste material from a blank. It can also be used for cutting tenons for chucks and other types of turning. The round cutters are used for adding coves and other details that are not easily made with the square cutter. The diamond shaped detail cutters come in 2 configurations; a small radius on the point and a sharp point. The diamond shaped cutter is used for adding smaller details that are not easily made with either of the other cutter shapes. When presenting the tool to a blank it is best to have the cutter on center or a little above center with the handle level.

There is also a parting tool with a replaceable carbide cutter. This tool is presented in the same way as

the other carbide cutters. It uses a fluted cutter that gives a finer cut on the sides of the cutter and also a square end cutter.

Jeff said that carbide cutters are good for beginning and less experienced turners because they reduce the learning curve. Starting with carbide cutters means that there is less dependence on learning how to sharpen, learning tool presentation and riding the bevel.

Jeff started turning with a piece of maple that was about 3" x 3" x 12" long. After mounting the piece between centers, he used the square cutter to turn the blank round and add a tenon on one end of the blank. He then mounted the piece in a chuck and started to cut the outside of the goblet bowl with the square cutter. With the outside of the bowl shaped close to what he wanted, he then started to use the round cutter to hollow out the bowl. This was pretty easy as he could cut in both directions, from center out to the rim and from the rim to the center. When he was happy with the inside shape of the bowl, he went back to working on the outside of the bowl with the square cutter to make it to the final shape with a wall thickness he wanted. He used the square cutter in a shear scraping position to get the finest finish on the bowl.



After Jeff was satisfied with the bowl details of the goblet, he used the round cutter and the diamond shaped detail cutter to cut the stem of the goblet. He cautioned that as the turning progresses down the length of the piece that any sanding should be done



before moving on to the next part of the piece.

When the stem was complete, he used the detail tool with a round nose to cut and shape the base of the goblet. Jeff also said that there are smaller versions of the square, round and diamond shaped cutters that can be used for making fine details. When the base of the goblet was complete, he used a small detail with a round point to part off the goblet.

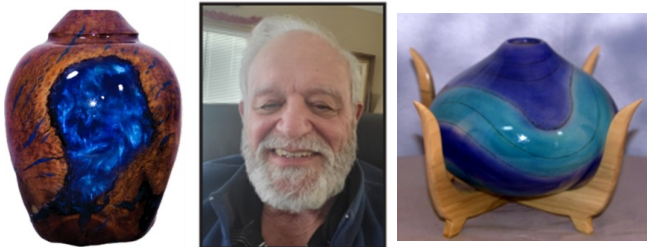
With the demonstration complete, Jeff answered all of the questions that were asked and then gave a short presentation on some of the measuring tools that Woodpeckers offers.

This was a very informative demonstration on the use of Woodpeckers' carbide tools. Many thanks go out to Jeff for this. Be sure to check out the video on the website to get all the details on these high quality carbide cutters.



**MENTORS**

Our mentors and their contact information now are:



**Jack Boggio** [jkbogi@twc.com](mailto:jkbogi@twc.com) 330-696-0791

Jack has been a woodturner since 2002 and a member of BWWT since 2017. He has been an award-winning exhibitor at the annual Wayne Center For the Arts Woodturning Exhibition many times. Jack specializes in resin work and especially likes working with wood that has lots of cracks and voids. He has had numerous BWWT classes in his workshop and can help you with just about anything you need.

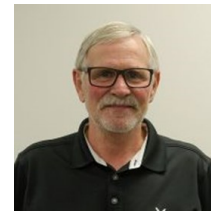


**Tim Crawford** [topcat1353@gmail.com](mailto:topcat1353@gmail.com) 330-697-5459

I've been carving for about 30 years in all types of media, carving in wood and basswood in particular. One of the unique things I create are carvings or accents on wood turnings. These carvings bring out different sceneries, accents, flowers or animals on your turnings.

I have taught many classes in all types of carving. I am willing to help anyone who needs help with carving on one of their turnings. We hold classes at our wood carving classroom in Norton, OH on a regular basis.

Carving on your turnings can be done with hand tools or power carving. If you'd like to learn more, feel free to reach out and contact me.



**Ben Fix** [bfix@neo.rr.com](mailto:bfix@neo.rr.com) 330-268-6032

I like to turn most anything. I should be able to help beginner and intermediate turners. I currently won't be able to mentor at my home, but am able to go to the member needing help, which is what I would prefer to do, since that allows me to better see what equipment and turning tools they are working with.

I have mentored subjects from tools to sharpening, from lidded or unlidded boxes to bowls, from ornaments to tea lights, from salt/peppermills to hollow forms, from pens to texturing.



**Bob Hasenyager** [bobhasenyager@gmail.com](mailto:bobhasenyager@gmail.com)  
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I joined BWWT around 2009. My strongest turning skills are bowls, small vessels and hollow forms, sharpening, and processing of logs for turning.

I teach some woodturning classes at the Akron Makerspace and can mentor BWWT members either at the Makerspace in downtown Akron, at my home in Wadsworth or possibly at your home shop. I am retired and most easily available weekdays.



**Tim Niewiadomski** [tpnski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpnski@sbcglobal.net)  
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As I have nearly 20 years' experience in segmented wood turning, I will be able to teach a novice woodturner the basics of segmented construction as well as the experienced segmented turner any help required with a difficult situation.



**George Raeder** 330-576-3355

George Raeder is a retired architect. He joined BWWT in 1994.

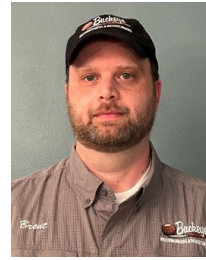
He specializes in platters with rim treatment opportunities.

He has made over 1000 Christmas ornaments of various designs. He has demonstrated at BWWT numerous times and can assist you with almost any facet of woodturning.



Dave Wells [wellsd0849@gmail.com](mailto:wellsd0849@gmail.com) 330-407-4327

Dave Wells is a retired woodshop instructor of 35 years. Has been a member of BWWT since 2004. Dave is a multifaceted woodturner that does most anything.



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Brent joined BWWT in 2014. His focus is on enhancing wood characteristics with embellishments, texturing, color and resin. His favorite wood is any burl. Brent is also an outstanding pen maker.

**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](mailto:Mark Stransky) or [Keith Bellamy](mailto: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. 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**

March 9, 2024: Kevin Dalton will demonstrate how he turns long neck hollow forms.

April 13, 2024: Richard Rohr will demonstrate how he makes honey dippers and honey pots.

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

There are two theories about arguing with women. Neither one works.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them you are a mile away and you have their shoes.

A little gray hair is a small price to pay for all this wisdom.

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