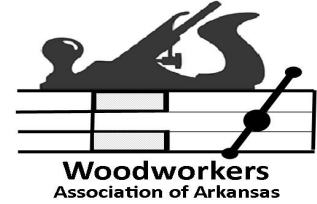


WOODWORKERS NEWS



February 2024

January Meeting

Woodworking Jigs

January’s meeting was all about jigs, which is essentially a tool that helps to accurately repeat the same action over and over. An example is a table saw guide, which is a jig that holds a piece of wood standing on its end so it can be cut accurately. We asked our members to bring a jig and share its purpose and enhancements they would make if they were to create a replacement. As you can see, there was no shortage of participation and variety of jigs.

John Altoff, right, created a jig to make rocking chair runners. He takes multiple strips of wood to make a laminated runner, which is then clamped in a curving jig until dry.



Scott Minor created a jig, which he uses to make bowling pins. The pins, which are made using Wenge and Sapele are segmented into about 15 different sizes.

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\$\$\$ ANNUAL DUES \$\$

\$25.00 per year payable at the meeting to our Secretary-Treasurer, Angie Heifner.

The Treasurer’s report is now available online at:

www.arkansaswoodworkers.org/member-login

January 26, 2023

Show & Tell



Rich Sherman, pictured left, made a Recipe Box for his wife. The box is made from butternut, which he stained and applied polyurethane for the finish. Rich used a jig he made to set the hinges in place.

Amanda Mamula, pictured left, made both, a Cutting Board and a Challenge Coin Holder. The cutting board was made from walnut, tiger maple, wenge, padauk, purple heart and Caribbean rosewood. She applied cutting board oil for the finish. The challenge coin



holders were made from tiger maple, African rosewood, Caribbean rosewood, wenge and purple heart then finished with polyurethane.

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Monthly Meetings

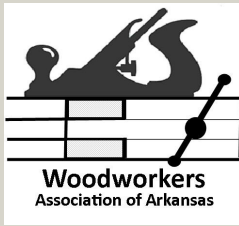
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at:

Park Hill Presbyterian Church
Steen Hall
3510 John F Kennedy Blvd
North Little Rock, AR 72116

Coming in February

February 6, 2024—Custom Built Banjos

Luthier Lukas Pool will be sharing his skills and the techniques he uses to build and repair banjos and various other instruments. (See Page 3)



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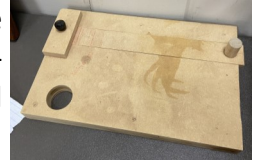
MEMBERSHIP DUES!!

Dues are \$25.00 and payable to the Treasurer during the January meeting. If you have not had an opportunity to pay your dues, please do so at our February meeting.

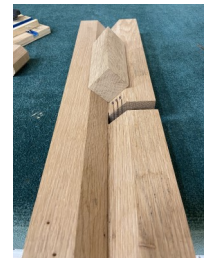
Notice: For those of you who joined in September - December of 2023, your dues included calendar year 2024.

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Each segment is passed through the saw with little turns to achieve the correct size. Once cut, the segments are glued together then sanded and finished with tung oil.



Carl McCormick shared various jigs, which he uses in his shop. Pictured left to right: a jig for cutting tappers, a jig for correctly cutting finger joints, a jig used to align a drill bit when drilling splayed angled holes in a chair bottom and a jig for hexagonal chair legs.



Kim Fifer, pictured below, showed various jigs he has used to make fraternity type paddles, jigs for making shadow boxes for fallen law enforcement officers (including his son), which includes a sled for cutting 45 degree angles on table saw and 67-1/2 degree angles and a jig for creating spline slots for both 90 degree and 45 degrees.



Mel Petty, pictured left, showed a small sled, which he uses to cut 45 degree angles on small thin box sides.

David Hunt, pictured right, created a jig, which he uses to make dowels on a table saw.



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Rachelle Logan carved an elephant and bowl from bass-wood and finished both with wood butter. She also made several wooden utensils from oak, canary and walnut, which she finished using cutting board oil and wood butter. In addition, she made a challenge coin holder using wenge, padauk, tiger maple, walnut and purple heart and then finished with polyurethane.

February 24, 2024 — Lukas Pool, The Arkansas Banjo Company



Lukas Pool is a multi-instrumentalist and luthier known for his innovative playing style and respect for Old-Time tradition. He grew up in Mountain View, Arkansas in the Ozark Mountains, where he started playing the banjo as a kid and learning instrument repair from his father Scott Pool. In 2008, Lukas left Arkansas to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA adding structure to his traditional roots. Since graduating from Berklee in 2012 Lukas has had the honor of winning the National Old Time Banjo Championship twice and recorded with Darol Anger on his latest album 'e and a'. Lukas is in high demand as an instructor at camps nationwide.

Lukas works with his father, Master Luthier Scott Pool, at the Mountain View Music Store, just off the famous Court-house Square in Mountain View, making and repairing banjos, fiddles, guitars and more. Lukas says one of the biggest things he's learned: It's amazing the difference made in the quality of wood you use and where you buy your wood. It's the biggest thing I have to say to anyone building a banjo or looking to buy a banjo. It's wild the difference between walnut in Arkansas and walnut from Maine. You have to know where your wood supply comes from. The density changes from one part of the country to another.

View future events at www.arkansaswoodworkers.org/events

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2024

An election of the Officers and Directors for the Woodworkers Association of Arkansas for year 2024 will be held during the February 6, 2024 meeting. The following members have agreed to serve in these respective positions during 2024, subject to election by majority of those attending the February 6, 2024 meeting.

President: Kim Fifer

Vice President: George Harrison

Secretary/Treasures: VACANT

Newsletter Editor: VACANT

Board of Directors: Phil Brown, Moe Hansen, Rob Middleton, Pat Morris

If you have an interest in serving as an Officer or Board member, contact Kim Fifer at 501-993-8748 prior to the February 6, 2024 meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities

The President shall be the presiding officer. As such, he/she shall supervise the functioning of all other officers and committee heads, which shall be subject to majority approval.

The Vice President shall provide in the absence of the President, or in case of a vacancy in the office of President, he/she shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the term.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall take notes of whatever business comes before an assembly and from them prepare minutes, which are the official record of the proceedings of the association when approved by the membership. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be the official custodian of the funds of the association and also disbursing officer. As such he/she shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of income and disbursements. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the official membership rolls of the Association.

The Newsletter Editor shall prepare and distribute to the Association membership a monthly newsletter.

The Board of Directors shall transact the business of the Association. A simple majority vote shall govern unless otherwise specified. The Board shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness in excess of association income.

Good Tool / Bad Tool

Kim Fifer showed a high-end mechanical pencil that he really liked. It uses 9mm lead, which he said does not break as easy as most pencils.

Mel Petty showed a hand-held router stand for doing inlays. It was expensive but worth the price! He recommended using it with a Dermal tool.

Tool Recall



Grizzly Industrial has recalled G0584 and G0462 lathes.

The wood lathe's cutting tool can break, posing an injury hazard due to projectiles that can strike the user and bystanders, and a laceration hazard to the user who could come into direct contact with the cutting tool.

Contact Grizzly Industrial toll-free at 888-615-7944 or online at www.grizzly.com/recalls.

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