

WOODWORKERS NEWS



March 2024

February Meeting

Banjo Basics and More

Someone once said that you can't frown and play the banjo at the same time. If that is true, members at the February meeting enjoyed hearing from a man who has made a lot of people smile.

Lukas Poole, owner of the [Ozark Banjo Company](#), gave members a detailed presentation on banjo making, from selecting wood to making final adjustments for restringing. At this time, a two-year waiting period for his instruments provides proof of his success.



Adding to the enjoyment, he provided proof of his mastery of the instrument. He gave two examples of the skill that provided the honor of winning the National Old Time Banjo Championship twice ensuing in his demand as a session artist and instructor.

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

\$25.00 payable to our Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Williamson, for those who haven't paid.

The Treasurer's report is now available online at:

www.arkansaswoodworkers.org/member-login

Show & Tell



Tricky boxes and conference tables: Rich Sherman, pictured left, made a Japanese tool box of oak. He finished it with polyurethane. Shown here, he demonstrates its use. He also presented, with a photograph, a conference table too large to

bring. He used walnut for the 15-foot table with shellac and polyurethane for the finish. Levelers help provide balance.



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Monthly Meetings

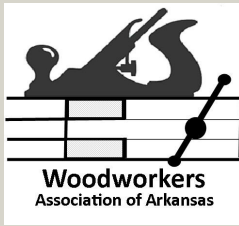
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at:

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

Coming in March

March 5, 2024—Planning A Project

For all woodworkers who have ever puzzled about how to plan a project, help is available. (See Page 3)



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MEMBERSHIP DUES!!

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

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

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He began by discussing the pot of the banjo and the various issues. Different woods, even woods of the same species from different areas produce unique results due to varying densities. He makes pots of two types. The first is segmented. The second laminated. The future owner makes the choice.



For years, Lukas reported, he formed the banjo neck by hand and using antiquated radial arm saws. A CNC router machined now does the work

in less time and with greater precision. His wife Eden handles the beautiful inlay work on the fretboard and pegboard. Since acquiring the CNC router, his company even makes the bridges which they once purchased.

So, want to smile more? Sign up for lessons and get on the waiting list.



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Does a preacher have a vice? Carl McCormack has one, a wooden bench vice which he shared with the membership. He made it of cherry and finished it with Danish oil.

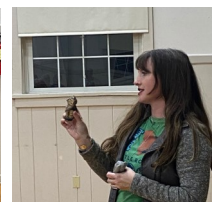
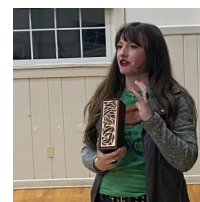


Pat Morris presented a lidded box that he turned from walnut and cherry. He also brought a beads and courage box he turned from walnut with a water based polyurethane finish.



Rachelle Logan presented a scroll saw box of walnut and maple with a wax finish, pointing out the number of holes she had to drill.

She also brought a figure of her cat carved from bass wood with acrylic finish.



March 5, 2024 — Planning a Project



Have you ever had a desire to build a piece of furniture, or casegood, and find yourself overwhelmed with where do I start? For someone who is new to woodworking or even an experienced woodworker, it can be daunting just thinking about all of the steps needed to complete a project. Before you turn on the saw or drag out a hammer, have you considered your design? What about the style? How do you plan to use it? How will it be constructed? What type of joints will you use? Do I have all the tools I need? Have you considered the finish? Our challenge during March’s meeting is to help you remove the clutter and be able to see your finished project while understanding all the small detailed questions BEFORE you leap.



CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Members present elected new officers by secret ballot during the February 6, 2024 meeting. The following members will serve in these respective positions during 2024:

- President:** Kim Fifer
- Vice President:** Rachelle Logan
- Secretary/Treasurer:** Gary Williamson
- Newsletter Editor:** Jim von Tungeln
- Board of Directors:** Phil Brown, Moe Hansen, Rob Middleton, Pat Morris

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.

End Notes

Association bylaws are being reviewed for inconsistencies and revisions. Anyone wishing to comment should contact a board member. The proposed revisions will be discussed at the March meeting.

This is the first newsletter attempted by the current writer/editor. He is new to the job, so have patience. Anyone having information, hot ideas, or complaints may forward them to him at jimmiegt@gmail.com.

Good ideas will be incorporated into future newsletters. Complaints will suffer appropriate ridicule at Saturday morning gatherings.

Please note that the "Members Only" page on the website requires a password for access. Those paying membership dues receive the password, so anyone who has paid and received no password or has paid and forgotten it, contact Secretary-Treasurer Gary Williamson.

And ... let guests know that Association meetings are held at the Park Hill Presbyterian Church, 3520 John F. Kenned Blvd, North Little Rock, AR 72116. The Association meets in Steen Hall, facing Pine Street.

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