



## Upcoming Meeting

*Pat Morris and Hal Merriman* will give a demonstration of woodturning.

*Gary Anderson* will demonstrate bending wood with steam for our April meeting. We will meet at the UALR Windgate Center at 6:30 for the April meeting.

## New Members

Welcome new members *Peggy and Ron Ekstrom*. They live in the Little Rock area where Ron has spent the last year setting up a new shop.

## Wood for Sale

*David Harding* has some cherry for sale. Approximately 8 to 10' long, 6 - 7 quarters thick, air dried for five years. Contact David at 501-837-2222 for more details.

## February, 2020

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### Upcoming Meetings...

Mar	Pat & Hal Woodturning
Apr	Gary Anderson Steam Bending
TBD	Dr. Jim Guldin Wood Species State of hardwoods

### Meetings are held at

Steen Hall  
Park Hill Presbyterian Church  
3150 John F. Kennedy Blvd.  
North Little Rock, AR 72116  
7 p.m.  
Unless otherwise noted

### Dues...

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



## Meeting Recap

Ken Royal did an interesting presentation on wood movement. He discussed how proper drying methods greatly influence the usability of wood once it's been dried. He provided some examples of wood that had not been dried properly and had an excellent example of how using two different woods that have been dried at different rates can also cause problems. He brought a model of a stack of wood to show how to properly stack it for air drying as well.

With the moisture content in Arkansas at about 56%, your moisture content goal should be about 10% equilibrium for an unheated, uncooled shop. Lumber needs to dry about one year for each inch of board thickness. The base where lumber will be stacked needs to be level all the way across. Use 3/4" to 1" thick dried boards for stickers (spacers) to separate the layers of wood. Also leave a 1" space between the boards so they will have airflow all the way around each board. Stack widest boards at the bottom and limit the stacks to about seven feet high. Examine each board and cut off the ends if there is a split. Coat the ends with a product like Anchorseal to prevent further checking, since the ends of the boards dry out faster than the length of the board. Before using the lumber, it is best to acclimate it to the moisture content where it will be used. Inside a home, this is usually 7-8%. Ken then demonstrated some cabinet construction techniques to show the proper way to assemble using minimal glue and to allow for wood movement over time. [Back to Contents](#)



## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	2885.21
Dues Collected	330.00
Funds Available	<u>3215.21</u>

Expenditures	
Printing newsletter	68.29
Total Expenditures	68.29

Reconciled Balance	<u>3146.92</u>
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Total 2020 Paid Membership: 27 members  
1 Corporate Sponsor

## Current Officers

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