

# NEOWTA



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NorthEastern Oklahoma WoodTurners Association

**AAW** OFFICIAL CHAPTER  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • BILL EFFRON

The month of June brings an increase in time outdoors for many of us. The temperatures allow the pools to open and the lake water to slowly warm. The fish are biting and NEOWTA once again holds in person meetings. The Board met both in person and via zoom. The general meeting on the 15 will be both in person and via zoom. In anticipation of being in person, I'd like to remind all those attending vaccinations and social distancing are strongly encouraged. Face masks are optional while in the building. If a member does not feel comfortable, a zoom option will be available.

If you feel ill, are running a temperature, or have been exposed to someone with COVID, please stay home. The safety of our members is a top priority.

SWAT registration is now open (<https://www.swaturners.org/>). If you have been in the past, you know about the outstanding the demonstrators and the vendors are equally awesome. If you have not been, consider an August weekend in Waco among other woodturners.

NEOWTA is working with the Dallas club to staff one of the demonstration rooms. We will have 24 time slots to fill while in Waco. It is important that we have several volunteers. More information will be forthcoming.

Beads of Courage is an important part of our charity work and it is important to SWAT as well. In 2019, they had 285 boxes donated. They are striving to better that record in 2021, so consider turning a box and donating at SWAT. If you are not going, contact a Board member and we will arrange first class transportation (a seat in somebody's car) for your box.

I am looking forward to seeing members at our June 17 in person meeting!

Keep on Turning,

Bill



## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The next NEOWTA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15th at 6:30pm.

How, What, Why? The questions you ask about finishes. All of your questions will be answered by our panel who will show you what they use, why they use it and how to apply the finish. Come on out to see Pat Collins and John Scott share their knowledge on finishes they use. Bring your questions and see if they have the answer you need.

This meeting will be **in person**, in the club! For those who are not ready to attend in person, we will have a Zoom connection as well.

## NATIONAL WOODTURNER CLASSES

We are having a nationally known woodturner, **Nick Agar**, coming this fall.

- Demonstration will be Saturday, October 30
- Classes will be Sunday - October 31, Monday - November 1, and Tuesday - November 2.



The demonstration will be \$35 (includes lunch) and is open to all interested turners.

The class days will be \$125 plus the cost of wood with a maximum of ten students per day. Tuesday's program will be tailored to a more beginning woodturning skill level.

You must be a current paid member of NEOWTA to sign up for the class days.

Classes will need to be prepaid in order to reserve your spot.

Sign up sheets will be available at our general meeting, next Tuesday evening, June 15. Remember to bring your checkbooks and credit cards.

*Nick's Bio and website:* <https://nickagarstudios.com>

Nick is now relocated to the United States and he has recently opened a new teaching studio near Savannah Georgia. With more than 30 years' experience. He has a great understanding of his medium.

Choosing Maples for decorative works or burrs and intriguing or figured timber for sculptures or natural edged works Nick is a master at exposing nature's treasures that hide beneath the bark.



Inspired by organic forms, pottery, sea life, ancient cultures and his natural surroundings, he specializes in hollow forms, large diameter work, and surface enhancement. He is renowned for his Viking sunset bowls and wall sculptures in particular. His award-winning work often incorporates carving, airbrushing ceramic and metal effects.

In addition to exhibiting widely and appearing at international conferences both as a demonstrator and a judge, Nick is in constant demand for commissions from collectors, his wide range of clients including HRH Prince of Wales, Dukes, Duchesses and the Royal jewelers, Aspreys. He and his work have also featured on BBC and ITV lifestyle television programs.

Nick is a member of the Worshipful Company of Turners and has recently been awarded the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of his services to the world of woodturning. Nick is Patron of the Max Carey Woodturning Trust the only woodturning trust in the UK. He is co-author of the book "woodturning evolution" an elected member of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen, and a Registered Professional Turner. A member of the AWGB and AAW He has also been made Honorary member of several woodturning clubs at home and abroad. Nick is a popular demonstrator /teacher on the Woodturning cruise.



## POWER CARVING SIG

Power Carving at the Clubhouse! **June 22nd at 5:30p.m.** For all those that would like to come and join in the fun. Bring your power carving equipment and PPE, ie: face mask and hearing protection. We would like to invite all NEOWTA members who would like to learn more about carving, pyrography, and other texturing effects, to come out and learn how and what equipment is needed. There will be extra equipment to use before you purchase to make sure you get the equipment that you need to do the work you want to accomplish. We have plenty of room to social distance. See you there. - **Betty Zumwalt.**



## BUILDING TO REOPEN

Building to Reopen for the General Meetings on June 15.

NEOWTA will reopen the building on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the monthly general meeting. The building will be open by 6:00 PM with the meeting starting at 6:30 PM. A few things to remember related to COVID –

- ✱ Vaccinations for those attending in person are suggested.
- ✱ Masks are strongly requested to be worn.
- ✱ Social distancing of 3 feet is suggested.
- ✱ Limit hand shaking – Try fist bumps or elbow touches to say Hello.
- ✱ Zoom will be available for those that do not wish to attend in person.

As this will be our first in person meeting in several months, please be patient as we work through any issue that may come up.



## MAY SHOW AND TELL

Our May meeting was held on ZOOM and attended by about 30 members.

Then we had a tour of **Joe Kissinger's** shop. Great tour.

We finished up our meeting with a show and tell. We had a number of members that had something to show. It was a great learning experience for all. Thanks for sharing.

Here are a few of the items shared with us:

**Bob Stewart,**

This first one was made for a board that I won at NEOWTA for guessing the weight.



The next two bowls are made from a spalted

maple..



## MAY SHOW AND TELL

### **Dan Rozell**

#### **Wig Stand:**

In December, Vicki Jacobs, a co-worker who I also considered a good friend, was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. She immediately began chemo treatment and was doing great! As she was always a big fan of my woodturning, I knew that I was going to make her a wig ready if/when she needed it. It we had almost daily check-ins and always upbeat and positive. The January 27th, we talked for a while bit of everything as well as nothing, at times. The morning of January in her sleep.

At that time, I shelved the idea of wig stand, until I spoke with her decided that I wanted to make it donate it in her memory. I had forth wanting to start it, but and the fear of not doing it justice roadblock. The other day, I just time and I finished it today. This is intricate piece I have turned, I enjoy it as much as I have had making it and bringing back memories.

March 5, 1974 – January 28, 2021

Wood: Ambrosia Maple

Inlay: epoxy Sculpt in Pittsburg Steelers colors, Vicki's favorite team and colors.,



stand, to be seems that she was afternoon of about a little she had been feeling great, just a little tired 28th, I received the news, Vicki had passed

making the sister. I and we'll gone back and intimidation had been my felt that it was the most hope you



The next item is a toothpick holder.



### **Joe Kissinger**

Slats: 13" tall, carved Cyprus,  
Finish: Shellac and alcohol pens.

Ouch: 10" tall, Burlled and Spalted Maple,  
ebonized Bodark.  
Finish: Minwax Lacquer and CA glue.





## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON?

### Guy Timmons,

The carved piece was done by Ron Fleming, Stan Townsend and Guy Timmons several years ago. I finally got around to making a nicer base for it to sit on.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	PROGRAM
Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24th. 5:30 pm	Learn to Turn Class - 4 sessions in the NEOWTA Training Room
Tuesday, June 15th, 6:30pm	General Meeting - Finishes - In person and ZOOM
Tuesday, June 22nd, 5:30pm	Power Carving SIG - NEOWTA Club House
Tuesday, July 6th, 6:30pm	Board Meeting - NEOWTA Club House
Thursdays, July 15, 22, 29, Aug 5th. 5:30 pm	Learn to Turn Class - 4 sessions in the NEOWTA Training Room
Tuesday, July 20th, 6:30pm	General Meeting - TBA - NEOWTA Club House and ZOOM
Tuesday, July 27th, 5:30pm	Power Carving SIG - NEOWTA Club House
Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30pm	Board Meeting - NEOWTA Club House
Tuesday, August 17th, 6:30pm	General Meeting - TBA - NEOWTA Club House and ZOOM
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, August 27, 28 & 29th	SWAT - Waco, TX

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Membership in an organization doesn't mean just showing up to a meeting or class, taking in knowledge, and leaving. Each member should give back to the organization. Some perform activities behind the scenes and others are up front. BUT, the bottom line is that more hands make for lighter work. And, we need to get more hands involved. Now is the time to step up.

Please Take an Active Part in **YOUR** Club!

Remember ...

You Get Out of an Organization What **You** Put Into It!

Want to Volunteer? Contact Your Officers

See Page 17 for Contact Information

## YOUR PROJECT PHOTOS

Everyone loves Show & Tell after our demonstrations! As Almeda Robertson says "I love Show & Tell—It's my favorite part of the meeting!" We only have Show & Tell at our meetings every 4 months. We would like to show off your work on the Website and in the Newsletter each month.

We ask that you send photos, you can send as many as you want, to the club mailbox [newsletter@neowta.com](mailto:newsletter@neowta.com) by the last Thursday of each month. This allows plenty of time for the photos to be added to the newsletter. Please also send a description—type of wood, size, finish, any special information.

Use the instructions below to help you send the photos. Don't forget to send relevant data about your project(s) when sending photos. The more information you provide, the more we can add when they get added to the website and then to the newsletter.

Send the Photo by Email to the club email: [newsletter@neowta.com](mailto:newsletter@neowta.com). Add any additional information in the email that tells others about your project.

Text the Photo to Arthur Barber cell (918-671-2437) along with information. Remember, he may not know your cell number so be sure to identify yourself!

## AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop at Amazon?

Earn cash donations for NEOWTA in four easy steps by shopping at Amazon Smile:

Log onto [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Type in Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association under "pick your own charitable organization"

Click on "Search"

"Select" Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association to start earning 0.5% from Amazon Smile on eligible purchases for our club.



You shop. Amazon gives.

It's that EASY! There is no charge to you or NEOWTA and you are still eligible for your Amazon Prime perks.

Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate Amazon Smile donations for NEOWTA.





## TIPS AND TRICKS

### Tip from **John Scott**:

Turning between centers: this is a tip I learned from Guy Timmons. Obtain a "spade bit" just slightly larger than your drive center.



Drill your center hole about 1/2" deep. Also, if you have a hard piece of wood do the same thing to the live center end.

This will ensure that the piece does not come off the lathe. If you are turning "green" wood be sure to tighten the live center frequently.



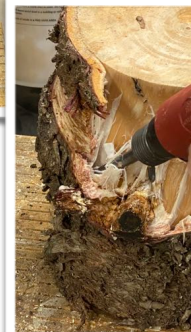
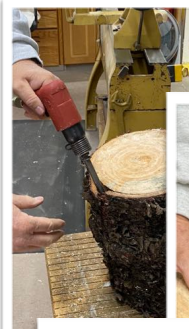
### Tip from **John Scott**:

This is a muffler cutter from Harbor Freight.



It costs about \$25.

It is great for removing bark before you turn a log.



### Tip from **John Scott**:

This boring bar comes from Wholesale Tool and cost about \$12.

It has a 45 degree hole for a 1/4 x 1/4 tool steel and makes a good cutter for use in hollowing.

I drilled a 1/4 clearance hole in the other end for a straight in cutter.

I had to drill and tap a set screw hole to secure the straight in cutter.





## CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY

Librarian, **Dee Baxter**, wants you to check out the DVD library at our next meeting in May and on the members web site to see what is available for your selection and to check it out. There is a wide variety of turning DVD's available for inspiration or help in skill enhancement.

You can check out 3 DVD's per month

DVD's checked out must be returned the following month. Late fee - \$5.00 assessment per DVD per month.

Enjoy the DVDs. You can watch them more than once!

We have several DVDs that have checked out for a significant period. Please look around the house, locate those DVDs and give Dee a call. If you would like to trade DVDs, Dee will be happy to work with you. Our extensive library remains open for business. A list of the books and DVDs are on the website. If you'll contact Dee directly, he will either mail a DVD or even arrange for in-Tulsa delivery. Dee's contact information is 918/407-5045 or [plow55@aol.com](mailto:plow55@aol.com).



## VIDEO OF THE MONTH

### Turned Bowls Made Easy

Bill Grumbine is a professional turner, teacher and furniture maker in Kutztown PA. This DVD shows you every step from chainsawing the log to final polishing of the bowl. Great for beginners. The topics covered include wood selection, band-sawing, rough turning, final turning, drying and finishing. Tool sharpening is discussed along with his four basic bowl gouge cuts that make bowl turning easy.



### Beyond the Basic Bowl

Bill Grumbine goes well beyond his first video "Turned Bowls Made Easy" by showing you the advanced techniques to create a natural edge bowl, a winged bowl, and square bowl, as well as demonstrating a complete coring of a three bowl set.

Call or email Dee Baxter to reserve your copy to start learning today!

Dee's contact information is 918/407-5045 or [plow55@aol.com](mailto:plow55@aol.com).

## MENTORING PROGRAM

Our mentoring program is one of the unique benefits of our club. Our mentors can help with basic to complex turning and teach safety along the way. This is a great way to start out or hone your skills with complex tasks taught by turners skilled in specific areas of turning. Our mentors are volunteers and are dedicated to sharing information on all facets of woodturning. Rest assured however, that all of our mentors are easy to work with. Most often the mentor opens his/her shop to the applicant at a mutually agreed upon time and schedule. So how does the mentoring program actually work? The program is flexible. Just contact a mentor below and arrange a time and date to meet. Are you a new turner? I want to make sure we meet your needs!



### ***Are you a Beginning Woodturner?***

How to use NEOWTA mentoring Program:

Email [Arthur Barber](#), or talk to him at a meeting, and describe your skills or needs. He will do his best to get you matched up with a mentor. Mentors and mentored must be members of NEOWTA. Let me introduce you to our Mentors and their skill set they bring to the table:

- ★ **Patrick Collins** 918-886-5524 Tulsa, OK - [pjc21549@windstream.net](mailto:pjc21549@windstream.net) - All kinds of turning help.
- ★ **John Scott** 918-231-5856 Tulsa, OK - [johnscott1059@cox.net](mailto:johnscott1059@cox.net) - Basics, bowls, boxes and hollow forms.
- ★ **Roger Tice** 918-321-3210, Sapulpa, OK - [roclock1@att.net](mailto:roclock1@att.net) - Segmented turning.
- ★ **Brad Glock** 918-213-9751, Bartlesville, OK - [bradglock@yahoo.com](mailto:bradglock@yahoo.com) - Basics, platters bowls, boxes, hollow forms and limited carving.
- ★ **Guy Timmons** 918-855-9000 Tulsa, OK - [gwtimmons@cox.net](mailto:gwtimmons@cox.net) - All kinds of turning help.
- ★ **James Adams** 918-886-5524 Pawnee, OK - [pawneejames@gmail.com](mailto:pawneejames@gmail.com) - Bowls, bracelets.
- ★ **Arlen Wiens** 918-213-5166 Bartlesville, OK - [arlen.wiens@gmail.com](mailto:arlen.wiens@gmail.com) - Basic - tools, spindle work, Bowls, Lidded Boxes, Hollow Forms...
- ★ **Betty Zumwalt** 918-346-7193 Tulsa, OK - [bettyzumwalt@affordableassistance.com](mailto:bettyzumwalt@affordableassistance.com) - All kinds of turning help

If you would like to volunteer to be a mentor, please send an email to [Arthur Barber](#) with your name, phone number, email address and list the kind of turning you can help with.

## BEADS OF COURAGE

Making boxes for the Beads of Courage program at the Children's Hospital at St. Francis Hospital is an ongoing community service project for our club.

Beads of Courage is a program for children who are seriously ill with cancer or other serious disease. The beads help them tell their treatment stories through the colored beads they receive for medical procedures, treatment milestones, and acts of bravery. Children can amass hundreds of beads during their treatment and typically string them together to form necklaces.



Our project is to turn lidded boxes for the children to use to store their beads and necklaces. Club members are encouraged to turn boxes that are between 4 and 6 inches in diameter and 6 to 8 inches tall. Box design is up to the club member. Be creative and remember these boxes are for kids. We would like some reference to Beads of Courage to be incorporated in your design. The club will have ceramic beads with the BOC logo available for your use. In addition, members are asked to include their name and the club's name, "NEOWTA", to the bottom of the boxes.

For more info contact Betty Zumwalt – phone: 918-346-7193 email: [bettyzumwalt@affordableassistance.com](mailto:bettyzumwalt@affordableassistance.com)



# 2021 WOODCARVING AND ARTS FESTIVAL

In the **BROKEN ARROW ROSE DISTRICT**

**September 10-11, 2021 • 9am-5pm**

**Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main**

**Sponsored by the Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Association**



Invited arts include:  
Woodcarving, Wood Turning,  
Gourds, Mosaics, Weaving,  
Stained Glass, Jewelry,  
Blacksmithing, Quilting,  
Ceramics, Beading,  
Leather Working,  
Basketmaking,  
Painting, And more!

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[www.eowa.us/newsevents](http://www.eowa.us/newsevents)  
or contact  
Bob Block, 918-693-2148  
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Bill Payne, 918-251-8734,  
[wudcrvr@cox.net](mailto:wudcrvr@cox.net)

**FREE ADMISSION!**

## SWAT NEWS

The SWAT Board has officially announced that the SWAT Symposium for 2021 will take place on August 27-29! The WACO Convention Center will not have any restriction on the occupancy, so this will not limit the number of attendees.

Check out the SWAT web site for registration and any new updates. [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org)

NEOWTA will be hosting one of the smaller rooms! We will need 2 volunteers per session to man the room. There will be 9 sessions. One volunteer will be running the video controls while the other will be the MC for the room. If you would like to volunteer to help or just want more information, contact [Arthur Barber](#).

SWAT will need volunteers to sell raffle tickets during the symposium. Contact [Arthur](#) for more information.

Below are the lead and regional demonstrators for SWAT 2021.

**Lead Demonstrators** - see the information [here](#).

Nick Agar - [About Nick Agar](#)

Jimmy Clewes - [About Jimmy Clewes](#)

Nick Cook - [About Nick Cook](#)

Scott Grove - [About Scott Grove](#)

Jeff Hornung - [About Jeff Hornung](#)

Joanne Sauvageau - [About Joanne Sauvageau](#)

Don Ward - [About Don Ward](#)

**Regional Demonstrators** - information [here](#).

Michael Alguire - [info](#)

Sally Ault - [info](#)

Dennis Belcher - [info](#)

Robert Blanford - [info](#)

Jim Bob Burgoon - [info](#)

Colin Chalmers

Rebecca DeGroot - [info](#)

Linda Ferber

Karen Freitas - [info](#)

Jim Hinze - [info](#)

Alan Lacer - [info](#)

Janice Levi - [info](#)

Sammy Long - [info](#)

Matt Monaco - [info](#)

Jeffery Neff

Cory White

Tim Yoder



### SWAT Family Programs

Whether you are a woodturner or not, there are plenty of things to do aside from watching shavings fly. The list of classes that family members can take grows each year. Some of the classes in past years include crochet (a lovely scarf), fusing glass (for jewelry), and paper crafting (handmade cards).

The content of the classes varies from year to year - and they just keep getting better.

There are multiple classes available throughout the day and some of them include field trips in Waco (quilt shop). Each day provides a myriad of opportunities to learn something new. You are even likely to leave with a few new craft pieces. You will certainly leave with new friends.

Every member of the family is welcome at SWAT. Younger family members can even learn to turn a pen from seasoned woodturners.

The Schedule of Classes for 2021 will be forthcoming soon.



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

### 2021 AAW Virtual Symposium

July 17-18, 2021

Plan to join us!



**You'll have a front-row seat** for the programs you've come to know and love and be able to enjoy them from the comfort and safety of your own home.

**AAW will use an enhanced virtual event software platform** to offer multiple concurrent live demonstration tracks, panel discussions, special interest topics, a trade show, Instant Gallery, live and silent auctions, drawings, and more. You'll have opportunities to engage with other attendees face-to-face, plan your sessions, or skip around – you decide. The only thing missing will be the handshakes and hugs from old and new woodturning friends!

#### Featured Demonstrations

**Learn from some of the world's best!** Featured woodturning demonstrations will include a variety of fascinating topics that appeal to a wide range of skill levels. AAW's handpicked roster of internationally known woodturning talent includes Nick Agar, Stuart Batty, Dixie Biggs, Trent Bosch, Bruce Campbell, Pat Carroll, Nick Cook, Rebecca DeGroot, Mark Dreyer, Art Liestman, JoHannes Michelsen, and Al Miotke.

#### Panels and Special Interest Sessions

**Get motivated and informed** by the Artist Showcase presentation, Professional Outreach Program (POP) panel discussions, Special Interest Topics, Women in Turning (WIT), and Youth and Educators sessions.

#### Instant Gallery and Instant Gallery Critique

**Gain insights, inspiration, and new ideas** by perusing attendee work submitted for the AAW Instant Gallery and by attending the Instant Gallery Critique moderated by the Professional Outreach Program (POP).

#### Trade Show

**Shop or browse the AAW's Virtual Trade Show** which showcases a wide variety of vendors who offer state-of-the-art woodturning lathes, accessories, tools, supplies, turning stock, and more. The exhibitor list includes Airbrushing Wood, Axminster Tools, Carter Products Inc., Cindy Drozda Woodturning Tools, D-Way Tools, HannesTool, LLC, John Jordan Woodturning, JPW Industries, Lyle Jamieson Woodturning, LLC, MDI Woodcarvers Supply, Woodturners Wonders, Woodturning Tool Store, Woodturning with Tim Yoder, and others.

#### Community Conversations

**Join informal special interest chats** both days and be able connect with like-minded woodturners to discuss your interests.

#### Auctions

Add to your collection – or just watch. AAW's Benefit Auctions will be streamed live online. So, regardless of where you live, you'll have a chance to buy that beautiful bowl, platter, or sculpture from your desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone – or simply observe the action.

- Live Benefit Auction will take place the evening of **Friday, July 16.**
- Professional Outreach Program (POP) Live Benefit Auction will take place the evening of **Saturday, July 17.**
- AAW Silent Benefit Auction will accept bids throughout the event and the bidding will end **Sunday, July 18.**

Join us for this remarkable event. Registration at AAW. [Click here!](#)

## Wood Toxicity: Symptoms, Species, and Solutions

by Andi Wolfe

Ohio State University, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

Tens of thousands of tree species from hundreds of plant families grow in nearly all habitats. Only a small number of those species are used for construction, paper production, furniture, and wood turning. Wood turners select woods based on their grain, figure, and color; their workability; and their availability.

Wood is considered a friendly material that is easy to work, easy to find or purchase, and beautiful in turned objects. However, some species of trees produce secondary compounds that can cause health problems or temporary discomfort, and all wood dusts can cause health problems.

You may have a reaction to any wood that you use, or you may go a lifetime without any problems whatsoever. In addition, you may have used a wood known to cause a reaction with no problems for years, but then one day have a severe reaction to what you thought was a “safe” wood.

The most common symptom of wood toxicity is irritation of the skin or mucous membranes. However, there are many other symptoms, including: allergic contact dermatitis, hives, coughing, nose bleeds, runny nose, asthma, pneumonitis or bronchitis, sore throat, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, blisters, septic wounds (from splinters), and pink eye.

Direct contact with secondary compounds in wood dust causes irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Irritation may be more severe in hot and humid environments, or if you are sweating. The pH of skin is slightly acidic, and may cause a chemical compound to change from something that is not irritating to one that is problematic – this is more severe if sweat is present. Wood dust can accumulate under watchbands, at the waist band of clothing, under collars, in arm pits, in socks and shoes, and any article of clothing that forms a convenient collecting place. Wood dust is also easily inhaled while working with wood, and dust that accumulates in the shop can cause problems after you have finished turning.

Higher levels of toxicity reactions include allergic contact dermatitis, asthma, or both. More severe health problems include anaphylactic shock, issues with the lungs, or systemic reaction involving the entire body. Reactions beyond direct irritation usually resolve only after medical diagnosis and treatment.

Although any species of wood has the potential to cause a reaction in any particular individual, several families of plants have compounds known to cause irritation or allergic reactions, and many species of the same genus have identical or similar compounds that can cause a reaction. Many chemical compounds from distantly related species may be similar enough to cause a reaction, too. Thus, if you become allergic to a chemical in rosewood, for example, you may also have a sensitivity to a chemical in another species containing a different secondary compound.

Knowing the botanical identity of the tree is important when purchasing woods known to cause allergic reactions. However, this is not a trivial task. Trade names of woods may refer to more than one species, and tracking the source of a wood may be impossible by the time it has passed through many hands from forest to vendor. For example, wood blanks labeled as “rosewood” may come from several different species of Dalbergia, or may come from Machaerium scleroxylon, Metopium brownie, and several different species of Gluta, Melanorrhoea, and Swartzia. These belong to different and unrelated families, and the types of reactivity are different. Similar challenges in identification can be found for wood blanks known for wood toxicity labeled as ash, blackwood, ebony, mahogany, maple, mesquite, padauk, redwood, teak, and walnut.

Best practices for shop safety include the using a dust mask or respirator, removing dust at the source, and protecting your skin from exposure to wood dust. A barrier cream that’s sweat-resistant, such as 3M Caviol, Brave Soldier Friction Zone, or pr88 may





## AAW SAFETY

protect exposed skin. Wearing tight-fitting long sleeves, a turning smock, closed-toe shoes, long pants, a hat or headscarf can also help. It's also good practice to wash your hands before you eat or use the bathroom (allergic contact dermatitis of certain areas of the body would be extremely uncomfortable). You can help prevent problems with sensitization if you wash your clothes and shower after you have worked with toxic dust. Other members of a household may be affected if you track dust into the house into shared spaces, so keep the shop free of dust.

Direct irritation of skin or mucous membranes usually clears up in a matter of hours. If it persists more than a day, you may have been sensitized to secondary compounds. You can treat minor irritation with the same over-the-counter remedies used for poison ivy. Allergic reactions need prompt medical attention, and may include treatment with steroids. Allergy testing to specific wood dusts can isolate the species that are causing problems, but it is important to identify the wood to exact species. This can be done by sending a sample of the wood to a lab such as the USDA Forest Products Laboratory ([https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/research/centers/woodanatomy/wood\\_idfactsheet.php](https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/research/centers/woodanatomy/wood_idfactsheet.php)).

Tables 1 – 3 list species of trees commonly used by wood turners that are known for wood toxicity. Reported symptoms are also listed. Table 1 is organized by common name, Table 2 by botanical name, and Table 3 includes the species known for the most severe reactivity. There may be species not on this list that cause problems for turners, but they have not yet been reported in the medical literature.

A helpful online resource that includes information about economically important timbers is the Wood Database (<http://www.wood-database.com>). A good reference book about wood toxicity is “Woods Injurious to Human Health – A Manual” by Björn Hausen (1981) ISBN 3-11-008485-6.

For more information, download the PDFs for:

Wood Toxicity: Symptoms, Species, and Solutions:

Table 1. Woods known to have wood toxicity effects, arranged by trade name.

Table 2. Woods known to have wood toxicity effects, arranged by botanical name.

Table 3. Woods known to have the most severe wood toxicity effects, arranged by trade name.



## NEOWTA RAFFLE

Are you feeling lucky? NEOWTA as many items on the Raffle table for you to win! Tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Money raised from the ticket sales help the club with financial needs. Stop by the Raffle table in the back of the room at the next meeting. Ticket sales are available during the meeting and the drawing will be held after the main program and all announcements. Winner must be present to win.

The Raffle drawing will usually draw 6 - 8 winners. Winners get to choose from the variety of items on the Raffle table. First winner gets first choice, 2nd winner gets 2nd choice... etc, until all winners have made their selection.

We are always looking for donations to the raffle table. If you have an item you want to donate, bring it to the meeting and talk with either **Danny Borrell** or **Bill Bush** at the raffle table.



# NEOWTA MEMBERSHIP



# NEOWTA

## 2021 Membership Application



New ( ) Renewal ( ) Check One

Annual Membership per Calendar Year (Jan - Dec): Individual \$55.00 ( ) Family \$90.00 ( )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) Retired ( )

Are you a member of AAW? Yes ( ) No ( ) (If yes, Member No. \_\_\_\_\_)

How long have you been turning? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of lathe do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your skill level? Beginner ( ) Intermediate ( ) Advanced ( )

What would you like to see at our club meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to give a program? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, describe your program \_\_\_\_\_

Can we contact you to help with special events? Yes ( ) No ( )

Check the box if you do NOT want to be listed in the printed roster ( )

Would you be willing to be a Mentor? Yes ( ) No ( )

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to: Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association*

Send Check to:

NEOWTA  
c/o Phil Buchman, Treasurer  
5344 S 73rd East Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74145



( For Office Use )

Amount

Method

Date

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## OTHER WOODTURNER CLUBS INFORMATION



**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION - COWA**  
[www.centralokwoodturners.com](http://www.centralokwoodturners.com)

**2nd Tuesday of each month. 6:30pm**

Metro Tech South Bryant Campus  
4901 S Bryant Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73129

Douglas Lawrence, 405-751-7071, [douglawrence@att.net](mailto:douglawrence@att.net)



**OZARK WOODTURNERS CLUB**  
[www.ozarkwoodturners.com](http://www.ozarkwoodturners.com)

**2nd Saturday of each month. 1:00pm**

Lakeview City Hall  
14 Skyles Ln, Lakeview, Arkansas 72642

Edward Boiteau, 870-491-5622, [ebboiteau@gmail.com](mailto:ebboiteau@gmail.com)



**STATELINE WOODTURNERS**  
[www.statelinewoodturners.org](http://www.statelinewoodturners.org)

**2nd Saturday of each month. 9:00am**

Center for Nonprofits at St. Mary's  
1200 W Walnut St, Rogers, Arkansas 72756

Paul Taylor, 479-426-3007, [paulraytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:paulraytaylor@gmail.com)



**NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION - NOWA**  
[www.nwokwoodturners.com](http://www.nwokwoodturners.com)

**3rd Monday of each month. 6:30pm**

Hoover Building  
318 E Oxford, Enid, Oklahoma

Dwayne Colwell, 405-464-9798, [colwell@peoplepc.com](mailto:colwell@peoplepc.com)



**DALLAS AREA WOODTURNERS - DAW**  
[www.dallaswoodturners.com](http://www.dallaswoodturners.com)

**3rd Thursday of each month. 7:00pm**

13650 TI Blvd #101, Dallas, Texas, 75243

President - Tod Raines - 214-924-3748,  
[tod@woodturningtoolstore.com](mailto:tod@woodturningtoolstore.com)



**GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS**  
[www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org](http://www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org)

**1st Monday of each month. 7:00pm**

The Center For Visual Arts  
400 E Hickory St, Denton, Texas 76201

Steve Thomason, [steve@worksworld.com](mailto:steve@worksworld.com)

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR - ARTHUR BARBER

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