## **Knothole News**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings.

Just a crazy thought but, if I pick up and glue all the leaves back on my tree (using Titebond III of course) would that mean it really isn't fall yet? Hope everyone is enjoying making sawdust in now a little cooler environment. For our meeting this month at the Hardesty Library we will be doing preliminary work for the toy

build, getting sorted out on what we have done and left to do. If you have work done on either of the two club project builds, please bring with you to the meeting. We may assign (if you volunteer, is that what it's called??) unfinished work or additional steps that make more sense to do in advance of the November meeting. In addition, I have a bunch of extra parts that I hope to put together as build kits of the trucks we made for the last two years. Maybe you would like to finish some of these up for the kids. Hope to see you all next Thursday.

Bill Nay, President

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Hardesty Regional Library, Maple Room

8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa, OK

Toys for Tots, pre-build discussion in preparation for November



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## Minutes from Last Month's Meeting by Bill Morgan

The GCWW club met on 9/8/22 at Bill Morgan's home shop to develop plans for this year's Christmas toy build. In attendance were Bill Nay, Earle Smith, Arthur Barber, Jim Rouse, Harold Blalock and Bill Morgan.

Earle and Bill Nay have downsized the bat mobile that we built a couple of years ago and have developed templates and jigs to facilitate the build and assembly process. Bill Morgan has completed one of the grass-hopper toys planned for this year's build and refined some of the detailed parts.

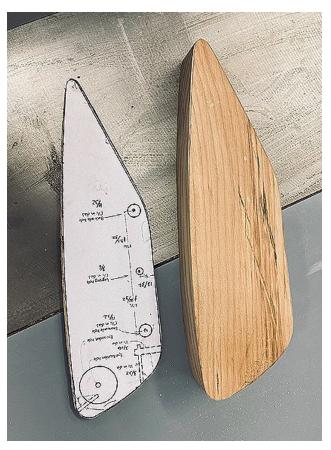
The group agreed to build some of the components for the toys so we'll be able to finalize the plan for the group build and sign up volunteers for any additional parts needed at the next meeting.

## **Photos From Last Month's Meeting**

The group spent the meeting planning the toy build. The members examined various patterns and jigs to be used in the build.









## **Content Submitted by Club Members**

# Vinton made these neat salt and pepper shakers



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Ray Hucek made Halloween lanterns out of some leftover Cedar planks. They use little LED tea candles and light up pretty well.

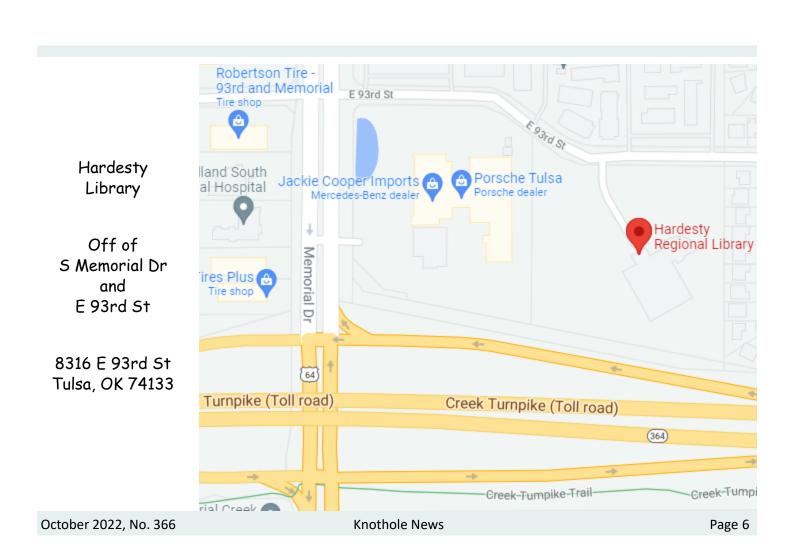




Ray Hucek made this cutting board from scrap Walnut. It was nice not to be too concerned about wood section length, and just focus on coming up with a pleasing pattern.

Ray Hucek made these playing card and domino boxes for his brother-inlaw, out of the spalted maple tress that was harvested from his house.





## "Spalted Maple" from www.wood-database.com



Comments: Spalting is simply a fungal discoloration of wood, and can be found on a wide range of wood species and genera. It is found in wood that has begun initial stages of decay, and is then subsequently dried (preventing further decay). The partial decay, called spalting, can give the wood dark contrasting lines and streaks where fungus has begun to attack the wood. If the wood has been rescued from the spalting at the right time, the lumber should still be sound and usable, with little to no soft spots or rotten wood.

Maple is a common lumber seen with spalting, as the light colored sapwood provides good contrast for the spalting. Some other temperate species where spalting is commonly seen include sycamore, hackberry, beech, birch, and hickory, as well as tropical species such as tamarind and mango.

**Common Name(s)**: Spalted maple, black line maple

**Botanical Designation:** Not a distinct species of maple; spalting is a fungal discoloration caused by partially decayed wood.

**Distribution**: Primarily temperate regions in the Northern Hemisphere

Average Dried Weight: 30.2 to 44.0 lbs/ft3 (485 to 705 kg/m3) depending on species

Janka Hardness: 700 to 1,450 lbf (6,450 N) de-

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## GREEN COUNTRY WOODWORKERS

The Green Country Woodworkers are made up of men and women who are interested in woodworking as a hobby.

The monthly meetings are conducted as educational forums for the benefit of our members and guests. We have idea exchanges, problem solving sessions, safety tips and tool tips plus a main speaker on topics related to woodworking in all its phases.

The club sponsors community service projects such as making Toys for Tots at Christmas and supporting Beads of Courage by turning bowls and making boxes for children undergoing cancer treatment at Children Hospital at Saint Francis. The containers hold the children's beads. The beads represent their treatment progress.

#### **KNOTHOLE NEWS**

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### **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide the Knothole News, a monthly newsletter
- To promote woodworking and participate in woodworking and craft shows to inform the public of club activities
- To make wooden toys which are donated to selected organizations throughout the year
- Monthly Show & Tell; all items entered in the show and tell will be presented to the membership by the builder

Membership applications are available at each meeting from the club secretary or treasurer. At this time, no membership fee is charged.

### **MEETINGS**

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM at Hardesty Regional Library.

We also have a monthly dinner/social on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM; the location is determined during the regular monthly meeting.

## WWW.GREENCOUNTRYWOODWORKERS.ORG

Please be sure to check out our web site for more information about the organization, past Knothole News publications, pictures, resources, etc.

