

Knothole News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



No one is an island.

Why do we do woodworking? Sometimes it's to save money by building rather than buying. Sometimes it's to earn a little extra by selling what we create. It might be to craft a meaningful gift for someone special, or to make something truly unique—something you simply can't find in a store. And often, we do it for the sheer enjoyment and creative outlet that wood-

working provides. I'm sure there are many more reasons.

Whatever your reason, one thing is certain: woodworking is better when shared within a community of like-minded individuals. Being part of a group allows us to learn from one another, celebrate our achievements, and share both our successes and our lessons learned.

Remember—*no one is an island*. We are connected, and those connections matter for our creativity, our growth, and our well-being.

New for 2026: I'll be sunsetting the "Cool Tool" segment at our monthly meetings. Instead, I'll be sharing some just-for-fun projects during our **Show & Tell** time.

January's project is one you won't believe—you'll be convinced what you're seeing isn't possible!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Vinton Knarr

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Hardesty Regional Library, **Pecan Room**

8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa, OK

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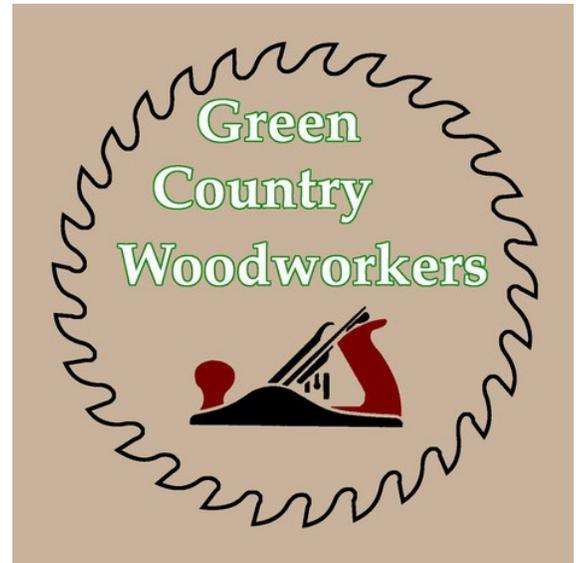
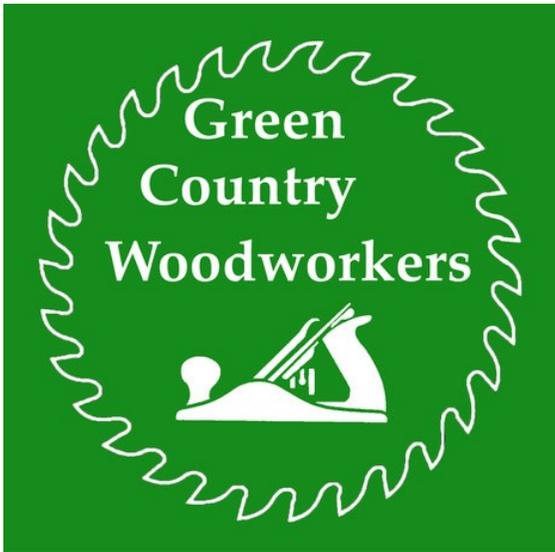
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Club T-Shirts and Hats for sale



We had a order sheet at the last meeting to see who is interested in ordering T-Shirts and Hats.

We have to purchase a minimum of 24 shirts and a minimum of 12 hats to get the pricing we have been given.

GCWW T-Shirt: Size Small to 2XL are **\$15 each**. 3XL and 4XL are \$18 Each.

Shirt will be a Beefy-T brand. Green in color with white ink.

GCWW Hats: **\$25 each**

Hat will be a 5 Panel hat with adjustable size band. Tan in color with multi-color stitching for the logo.

We need members to order ASAP so we can go forward with the purchase.

We have the following quality orders so far. T-Shirts: 11, Hats: 6

Thanks,

Arthur Barber

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Toy's For Tot's dinner at the Silver Skillet restaurant

We presented 492 toys to the Claremore Toys 4
Tots. This effort serves 3 counties that
includes over 1000 children.

Photos from Last Month's Meeting



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Content Submitted by Club Members

Here is a picture of two pen/pencil holders that I made for Christmas gifts. One is made from cherry and the other is American Chestnut. **Vinton**



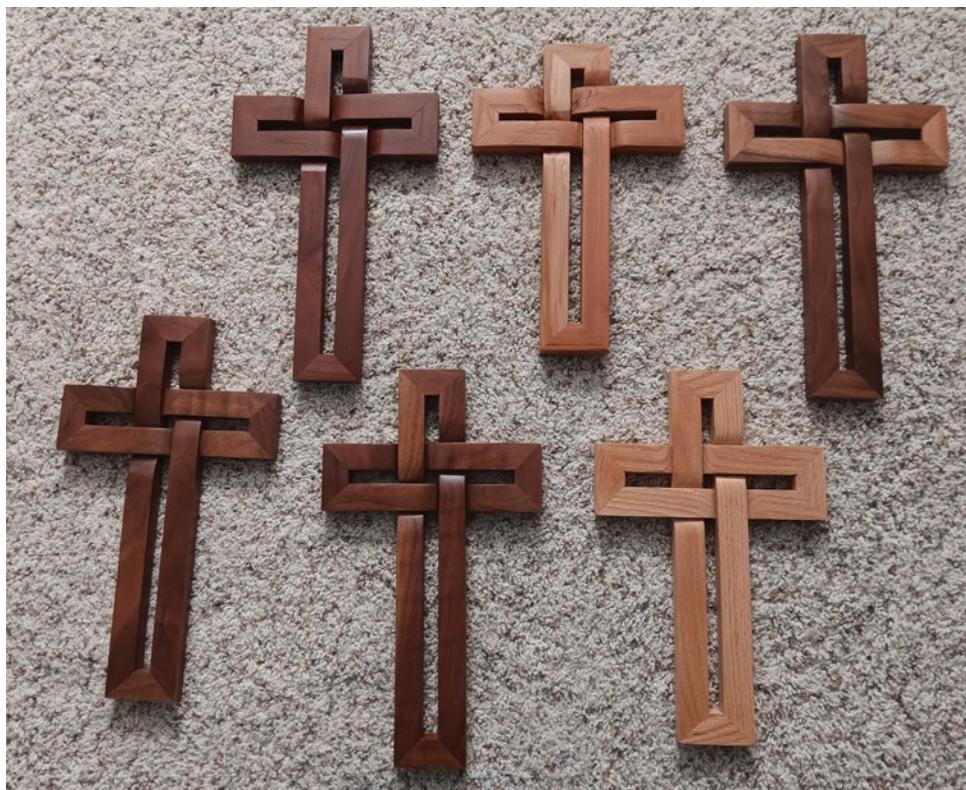
The NEOWTA club has an item for sale that might interest some of our members.

Like new Dewalt DW7880 scroll saw - \$425 OBO

Contact Joe Kissinger @ 918-812-0758



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I made a few of these for Christmas gifts. **Ray**



“BALSA” from www.wood-database.com



Common Name(s): Balsa

Scientific Name: *Ochroma pyramidale*

Distribution: Tropical regions of the Americas; also grown on plantations

Tree Size: 60-90 ft (18-28 m) tall, 3-4 ft (1-1.2 m) trunk diameter

Average Dried Weight: 9 lbs/ft³ (150 kg/m³)

Specific Gravity (Basic, 12% MC): .12, .15

Janka Hardness: 67 lbf (300 N)

Modulus of Rupture: 2,840 lbf/in² (19.6 MPa)

Elastic Modulus: 538,000 lbf/in² (3.71 GPa)

Crushing Strength: 1,690 lbf/in² (11.6 MPa)

Shrinkage: Radial: 2.3%, **Tangential:** 6.0%, **Volumetric:** 8.5%, **T/R Ratio:** 2.6

Color/Appearance: Heartwood tends to be a pale reddish brown color, though it is not commonly seen in commercial lumber. Most boards/blocks of Balsa are from the sapwood, which is a white to off-white or tan color, sometimes with a pink or yellow hue.

Grain/Texture: Balsa has a straight grain with a medium to coarse texture and low natural luster.

Endgrain: Diffuse-porous; large pores in no specific arrangement; solitary and radial multiples of 2-3; growth rings indistinct; rays visible without lens; parenchyma typically not visible with lens.

Rot Resistance: Sapwood is rated as perishable, and is also susceptible to insect attack.

Workability: Generally very easy to work with virtually no dulling effect on cutters; yet because of its extremely low density, fuzzy surfaces can be a problem when using dull cutters. Balsa generally should not be used to hold nails, with glue being the preferred method of joining. Balsa stains and finishes well, though it has a tendency to soak up large quantities of material on the initial coats.

Odor: No characteristic odor.

Allergies/Toxicity: Although severe reactions are quite uncommon, Balsa has been reported to cause skin irritation. See the articles Wood Allergies and Toxicity and Wood Dust Safety for more information.

Pricing/Availability: High quality Balsa (that is, Balsa with a very low density) can be rather expensive when purchased at hobby stores or other specialty outlets. Larger boards and lumber sold through typical hardwood dealers is hard to find, but generally has a better cost per board-foot than other sources.

Sustainability: This wood species is not listed in the CITES Appendices or on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

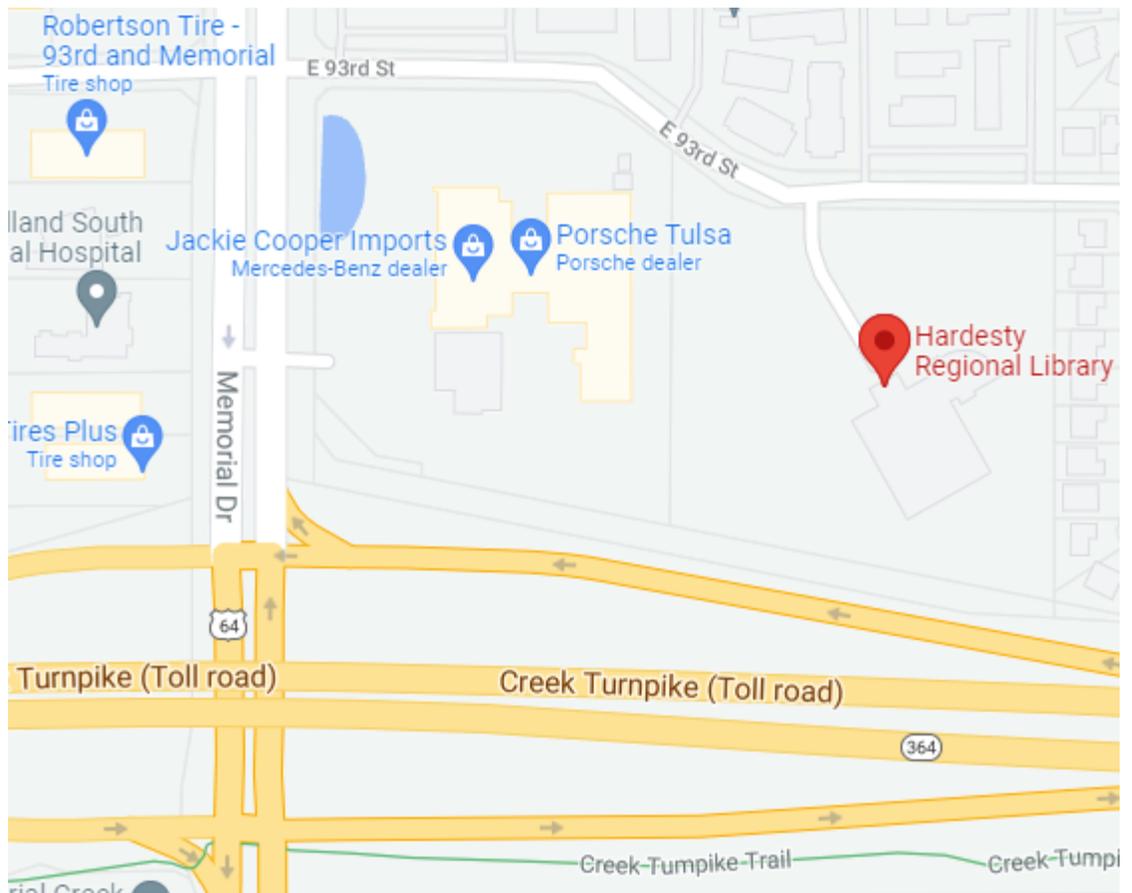
MEETING LOCATION



Hardesty
Library

Off of
S Memorial Dr
and
E 93rd St

8316 E 93rd St
Tulsa, OK 74133



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.

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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.

