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# Knothole News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we're gathering at the woodturners club building —my first visit, and I'm genuinely excited to experience it alongside all of you! NEOWTA (Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association) is a vibrant and active group with its own dedicated space and equipment. We'll have the pleasure of a guided tour from Art Barber, along with an engaging introduction to the art and craft of woodturning. We also recently celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, April 24th —a perfect reminder of how essential trees are to everything we do. As woodworkers, we have a special appreciation for these incredible resources (and yes, we truly wouldn't be woodworkers without them!).

I also caught a fascinating National Geographic special, Secret of the Bees, which offered stunning footage and eye-opening insights into the lives of bees. These remarkable creatures play a crucial role as pollinators for flowering plants, including many tree species such as pecan, walnut, hickory, black cherry, and red maple. Their importance really can't be overstated—and it was amazing to learn just how complex and even emotional their world can be. If you get the chance, it's well worth watching.

Finally, if you've been thinking about getting more involved in the club, this is a great time to jump in. We have several opportunities available, and your participation helps keep the club strong and thriving—while also offering a rewarding way to connect and contribute. I encourage you to consider being a part of it!

**Vinton Knarr**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ **6:30 PM**

At the NEOWTA club house  
10117 E. 50th St., Tulsa, OK

Woodturning presentation



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## MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The CCWW club met on 4/9/26 at the Hardesty Regional library. In attendance were Vinton Knarr, Gregg Zumwalt, Bill Nay, Arthur Barber, Earle Smith, Robert Karl Rothenbucher, Gary Smith, Rick Davis, and Bill Morgan.

Vinton called the meeting to order and introduced the group to Elizabeth Bland-Corbishley who was the presenter for the evening. Elizabeth is a certified Arborist and the coordinator for the Oklahoma Forestry Services.

Show and Tell:

Vinton attended the recent Band Saw tuneup session offered by Woodcraft. The session inspired him to hone his skills by creating a band sawed box with a pull-out drawer.

Robert Karl showed a Japanese toolbox that he made from resawed fireplace wood. The box is made with no fasteners and has a clever lid that locks in place with a wedged spline. Inside the box was a smaller box of the same design.

Gary showed a cutting board that he built that incorporated some left over segments from the segmented bowl he showed at last month's meeting.

Elizabeth gave the group an overview of the Oklahoma Forestry Services and the role they play in maintaining the forested area in the state. She discussed the different climate zones that exist in Oklahoma and the forest types and the forest types that grow there.

She talked about the different species of trees that grow in the various forest areas and described some of the characteristics that commercial uses for the different woods.

She brought along several items made from Oklahoma wood as well as a set of wood samples used to identify an unknown species. Her slide presentation included several historically significant trees that are still living in the state.

After the presentation, Vinton presented Elizabeth with a turned vase that he made in his shop.

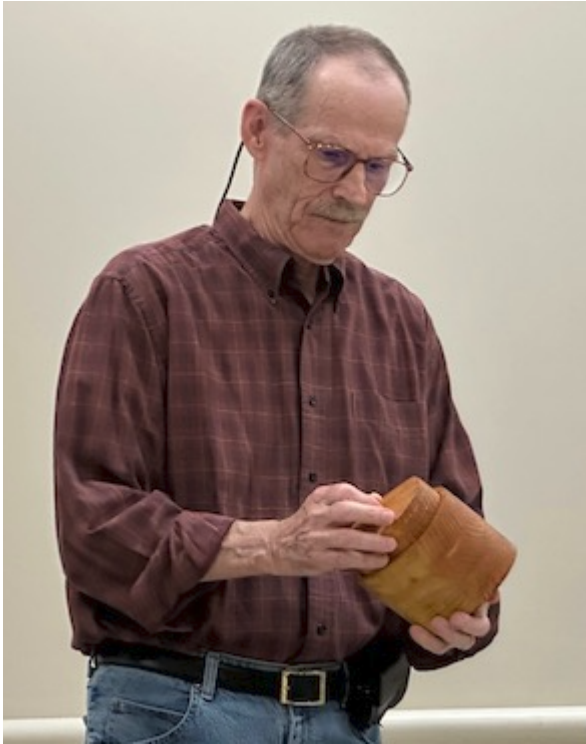
## 2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULED

May	Wood turning	Art	at NEOWTA club house
June	Reclaim wood & uses	Josh, Bill, and Marc	Hardestry
July	Hand saws	???	at Woodcraft
August	AI/ChatGPT	Gary and ?	Hardestry
August	Hand Plane restore	Robert or/and Jim	Hardestry
September	Finishes	Greg	a shop????
Oct	CNC uses	Marc Morgan	Hardestry
Oct	Epoxy work	Marc?	Hardestry

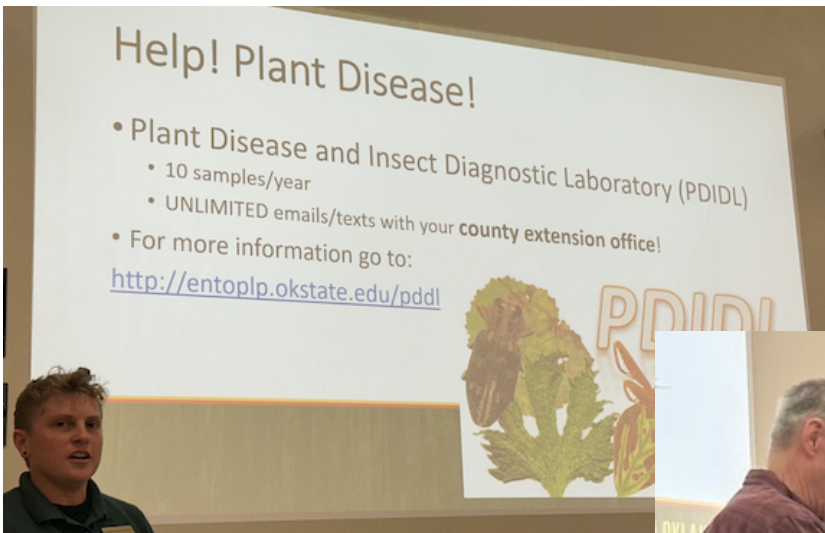
### Annual Dues Payment

Club dues are \$20 per club member per year. Please make your checks payable to **Green Country Woodworkers Club** and mail them to Mike Ruttgen, 16394 E 77<sup>th</sup> Pl N, Owasso, OK 74055; note that we will not accept cash. You may also hand your check to Vinton Knarr or Mike Ruttgen or pay it through your bank's Bill Pay system. Once received, your payment will be credited to your account. Thank you for helping us keep the process simple and accurate for everyone.

## Photos from Last Month's Meeting



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Content Submitted by Club Members



I decided to use  
up some scraps  
to build these coasters.  
**Ray Hucek**



**Common Name(s):**

Eastern Cottonwood

Scientific Name: *Populus deltoides*

**Distribution:** Central and eastern United States

**Tree Size:** 100-165 ft (30-50 m) tall, 4-6 ft (1.2-2.0 m) trunk diameter

**Average Dried Weight:** 28 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> (450 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

**Specific Gravity** (Basic, 12% MC): .37, .45

**Janka Hardness:** 430 lbf (1,910 N)

Modulus of Rupture: 8,500 lbf/in<sup>2</sup> (58.6 MPa)

**Elastic Modulus:** 1,370,000 lbf/in<sup>2</sup> (9.45 GPa)

**Crushing Strength:** 4,910 lbf/in<sup>2</sup> (33.9 MPa)

**Shrinkage: Radial:** 3.9 %, **Tangential:** 9.2%, **Volumetric:** 13.9%, **T/R Ratio:** 2.4

**Color/Appearance:** Heartwood tends to be a light brown. Sapwood is a pale yellow to nearly white, and isn't clearly demarcated, tending to gradually blend into the heartwood.

**Grain/Texture:** Grain is generally straight to slightly irregular or interlocked. Uniform medium texture with low natural luster.

**Endgrain:** Diffuse-porous; solitary and radial multiples; medium pores in no specific arrangement, moderately numerous to numerous; parenchyma marginal; narrow rays, normal to close spacing.

**Workability:** Easy to work with hand and machine tools, though sharp cutters are necessary when planing to avoid fuzzy surfaces, (subsequent fine-sanding may be necessary to obtain a smooth surface). Responds poorly to steam bending. Does not split easily, and has poor nail-holding capability. Wood has a tendency to warp and distort during drying. Glues and finishes well.

**Odor:** Has a sour odor when green, which disappears once the wood is dry.

**Allergies/Toxicity:** Besides the standard health risks associated with any type of wood dust, no further health reactions have been associated with Eastern Cottonwood. See the articles Wood Allergies and Toxicity and Wood Dust Safety for more information.

**Pricing/Availability:** Cottonwood is generally regarded as low-value wood, and isn't commonly harvested or available as lumber—though it can usually be found throughout its natural range for utility purposes. Carving blocks or burl blanks are sometimes available for hobbyist purposes. Prices are low for a domestic hardwood.

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

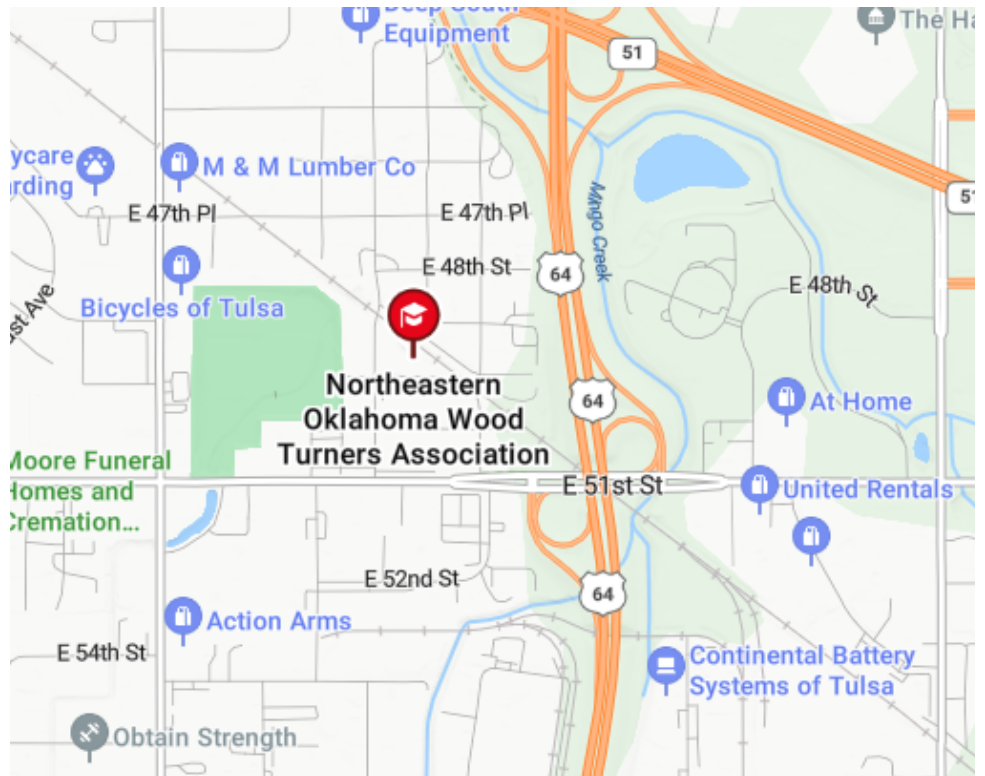
**Common Uses:** Boxes/crates, veneer, plywood, and various utility purposes.

## MEETING LOCATION

Northeastern  
Oklahoma  
Wood Turners

Off of  
Hwy 169 and  
E. 51st street

10117 E 50th  
St, Tulsa, OK  
74146



**I tried to come up with  
a carpentry pun that  
woodwork. I think I  
nailed it but nobody  
saw it.**

## GREEN COUNTRY WOODWORKERS

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

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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.

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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.

