

WOODCHUCK CHATTER

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Last Meeting: August 27th, 2023

Annual Woodchuck Picnic and Show and Tell

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2023

Embellishing with Color

After that: October 18th, 2023

TBD

Next Meeting—Wednesday September 20th, Dave Buchholz will demonstrate embellishing bowls with photosensitive dyes, also known as sun painting. Join us at Skunk Hollow Studios, 26 John Davis Drive, in Jericho. Meeting starts at 7pm, come early to chat.

The Future of Chatter

Turning bowls all day, selling bowls all weekend, teaching turning during the evening, and editing a magazine about woodturning has proven to be too much woodturning. I do not know what the future holds, but I know this, Chatter will continue on in some form, as will important email announcements. The details have not been decided, however, information will continue to be relayed via email and you will not miss out on any important Woodchuck news. I have enjoyed being your Chatter editor for the past two years, sharing important news, woodchuck sightings, successes, failures, classified, and more. You have been a most excellent readership and I appreciate you all. Elsa Oppenheimer will be taking over announcements—thank you Elsa!

Thank you to Karen Drennen and Elsa Oppenheimer for taking photos at the picnic last month, please click [here](#) to view them—the password is Woodchuck2023.



“IT’S AS EASY AS ONE-TWO-THREE” by Russ Fellows

ONE: Walk out to my “log yard” and select a candidate. In this case, a chunk of the honey locust we recently were given. At this point it was 3:30 on Sunday, and we were expecting our wood donors for dinner at 5:30. AND, I learned, it was also her birthday! While I have already made them some bowls from the first load of the locust, I hadn’t done a “banana” bowl.

TWO: Cut one of the smaller pieces in half, chuck it up, and turn it.

THREE: present the finished bowl to the Birthday Girl.

Total elapsed time, 90 minutes! It was still about 25% moisture, so I will have to let it sit for a week or two before I can put a finish on it. I will probably use just an oil, with a butcher block finish for the inside, which will likely see food use.

I hope those of you who took some of the honey locust are as pleased as I am with the way it has turned and finished. The plan is for the donors to take down another one next year, and I have our names in!

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AUGUST 2023 Treasurer's Report

| Bank | Balance forward |
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| 5395.71 | |
| IN- | COME |
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| EX- | PENSES 0 |
| Bank Balance ending | 5447.71 |
| Cash on Hand | 25.00 |

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Jay Bailey, Ronald Bauer, Wayne Beauchemin, Ted Beebe, Dale Bergdahl, David Bisbee, Chris Bishop, Bradford Blaisdell, Robert Bouvier, Dave Buchholz, James Bushey, George Cacchio, Mike Dever, George Disney, Karen Drennen, Andy Duling, Tom Dunne, Cheryl Ferry, David Ferry, Joe Fortin, Joe Gaines, Barry Genslinger, George Gibson, Jim Goodwin, Rick Hamilton, Damon Hartman, Peter Hebert, Linda Hollingdale, Jim Holzschuh, Brad Jackson, Paul Jagielski, Kevin Jenness, Scott Johnson, Kevin Kelley, Eddie Krasnow, Luc Lefebvre, Kevin Liddiard, Chris, Lumbra, Bob Martin, Russ Michel, Kevin Murdough, Ted Nelson, Elsa Oppenheimer, Mike Papin, Harvey Porter, Randy Ramsden, , Brian Reed, Barent Rogers, David Scrase, Reed Sims, Dave Smith, Edwards Smith, Marilyn Stolberg, Brad Vietje, Wes Volk, Adam Wager, Fred Walters, Gary Walz (55)

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Harvey Porter (1)

Scott Bennett, Russ Fellows, Ted Fink, Michael Mode, Dick Montague, Nick Rosato, Hav Smith, Army Spahn, and Al Stirt are Honorary Lifetime members (9)

If you have paid your dues for the 2023 year but do not see your name listed above, please contact me at BradJackson234@gmail.com to correct that error of omission. Dues for 2023 are \$25. Checks should be made out to "WTNV" and sent to: Brad Jackson, 14 Rustic Drive, Essex, VT 05452

Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members:
Video library use, mentoring program, bulk purchase discounts for CA glue and Anchor Seal. 10% discount on purchases from Klingspor, Penn State Industries, Rare Woods USA, WoodTurnersWonders, and Craft Supplies.

Klingspor requests you login **before** you order.

PSI requests you mention the club.

Rare Woods USA requests you order using coupon code WOODCHUCKSROCK or mention the club.

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Reminder: As previously advertised, unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.

Brad Jackson/Treasurer

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