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WOODWORKERS OF CENTRAL OHIO Plane News



A Message from the President

We're excited to kick off a new WOCO club year! We're lining up a great slate of experienced and interesting speakers for our upcoming meetings.

One very popular part of our meetings is the Member Showcase. Consider bringing in a project to share with the club!

Our September meeting will feature Hans Schmidt, who specializes in building Windsor chairs and teaches classes on their construction.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new WOCO members. We have several hands-on classes planned especially for new woodworkers, so watch for more information in the coming weeks.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your ideas or suggestions for programs, classes, or anything else related to WOCO!



Russ Frye

Russ Frye

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Highlighting Our Members, Education, & Community Service

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WOCO Woodworkers of Central Ohio

www.wocoweb.org

Be part of 91 woodworkers -

Beginners, Enthusiastic Hobbyists, & Professionals

Interests range from hand tools to power tools, from learning techniques to building toys, furniture, cabinetmaking, and woodturning.

Membership is only \$25/**year (July 1st—June 30th)**

Meeting Format

Cookies & Coffee. Browse the WOCO Library Resources

Sometimes there are free magazines and wood.

100+ member capacity at each meeting.

Microphone, Camera, & Large Screen Presentations.

Membership & Service Group Status Reports.

Library Resources Report on New Videos, Books, Etc.

Presentation of Tool Tips.

Some Members Share & Explain Their Wood Projects

1—2 hr. Special Educational Speaker & Audience Question/Answer Period

Morning Meetings

2nd Saturday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., & May

Begin 8:30 a.m.—Noon

Back Parking Lot Building Entrance

Spring Road Church of Christ

74 S. Spring Rd.

Westerville, OH 43081

Other Member Benefits:

Access to Member Only website items: All Newsletters, Library Reserves, Club History, Member Profiles & In Memoriam, Membership Contact info., photos, and interests, Club Discounts, Apparel w/WOCO logo, Patterns & Plans, Resource Directory, Tech Tips & Jigs, Videos & Demos, Forums, and More. Member Email Communications regarding Free or Special Sale of Wood & Used Tools.

Visiting & using member shops. All these things to aid you with wood knowledge & encourage you to practice the use of tools, wood, and finishing skills for yourself & to serve the community.

Welcome New Members!

(Those who became part of the club roster after publication of the May newsletter.)

We would love to get to know you!

New members have been requested by the newsletter editor, JackLStrawn@yahoo.com to provide a selfie/**photo** of their head and shoulders. Also, they have been asked to add a **description** of what they have done or hope to do in woodworking. This will help the other members connect their name with their face and provide a photo to use with any project or tool tip they submit to the club news. **If you have not been able to do so in the past**, please do so for the next newsletter.

Frank Brassard



Rodney
Hacker

I have been a woodworker for many years. I have made two swinging baby cradles, two grandfather clocks, some smaller clocks, recipe boxes , and a rocking “pig” — large and sturdy enough for an adult to ride as well as several other small projects.

I recently purchased a used Lightburn CNC machine and software, but need to learn how to use it.

Michael Kendall

John Kroeger

Ben McNeill

Continued . . .

... continued **Welcome New Members!**

Paige Meek

Whitney Purdum I'm interested in wood relief carving. I started out doing woodcut printmaking, but discovered that I enjoy the carving process the most. I hope to get better at relief carving, and become more skilled in tool sharpening. My goal is to carve a headboard for my bedroom, which will require better skill and finding a really nice piece of wood.

Membership Services

Welcome everyone and all the new WOCO members that have joined this year. Whether you go on vacation or stay at home, I hope you are enjoying your summer. Hopefully that includes making a puzzle or impossible object for the puzzle challenge or making toys for the Holiday Toy Drive (please refer to Russ Frye's email sent on July 25th).

If you know someone that may be interested in joining WOCO, have them take a look at the website - wocoweb.org - to find out more about the organization. And please invite them to the next meeting on Saturday, September 12th at 8:30 am. I would like to meet them and answer their questions.

WOCO also has business cards and brochures at the Woodcraft location at 1077 Bethel Road, Columbus, OH 43220.

Athena Walton



For Those New to Woodworking

We welcome members who are new to woodworking. It's an exciting and rewarding hobby, and we hope that through your membership in WOCO, you'll find the help and resources to aid you in your woodworking journey.

We have a number of members who have volunteered to assist others in various areas of woodworking. Click [here](#) to see that list.

Here are videos designed for new woodworkers (each may start with a short ad, one you can skip past after a few seconds):

- o [Guide to tools and supplies to begin woodworking.](#)
- o [15 woodworking basics you should know.](#)
- o [What kind of finish should you use?](#)
- o [Making a basic box.](#)



Russ Frye

Club Discounts

One of the many benefits of being a member of WOCO is the discounts available from woodworking stores.

We have discounts from:

- o The Knotty Lumber Company
- o Tallahassee Tung Oil
- o Woodcraft
- o Almendinger Sawmill
- o Keim Lumber



To learn more about the stores and to take advantage of the discounts, click [here](#).

Dues are Due!



If you've paid your dues for the 2026-27 club year, thank you. We do appreciate your support of woodworking in central Ohio and taking advantage of all the benefits the club has to offer.

To see if you're paid up for the 2026-27 club year, please click [here](#). Remember, dues are just \$25 (\$26 when paid online) and can be paid at a meeting, online, or by mail. Click [here](#) for options.

Thanks!

Russ Frye

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Mike Ware, recipient of the 2026 Service Award

Congratulations to Mike Ware, our 2026 Service Award recipient. Mike has served as WOCO treasurer for the past 19 years, sending membership cards to everyone who joins or renews their dues each year, filing the club's tax returns, compiling and sending the treasurer's report each month, among other duties.

We'd be lost without Mike as our treasurer!

Russ Frye



Club Picnic – We Hope To See You There!



Our club picnic is coming up on Saturday, September 19, starting at 11:30, and will be held at the Disc Golf Pavilion, Simsbury Park - 625 East Columbus Street, Pickerington, OH 43147. We'll be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, and we're asking members (guests invited!) to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. To plan for the amount of food, please email Leo Stiger if you'd like to attend leosteger@icloud.com.

Over 50 members attended last year's picnic. We hope to see you there!

Russ Frye

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2nd Box Making Class Success!

Had a great box making class. Six club members came over and spent the day making their own boxes to take home. Present were Bryce Standard, Brandon Jackson, Eric Coss, Bob Chapman, Athena Walton, Tony Micciulla and me.



Dan Martin



Remembering Wayne Cuthbert

It is with sadness that we share the passing of longtime WOCO member Wayne Cuthbert on August 8, 2026.

Wayne was a valued member of WOCO for 23 years and made an extraordinary contribution to our club and community. Together with fellow woodworker Debbie Cox, Wayne made more than 10,000 toys for our annual Toy Drive—a remarkable legacy of craftsmanship and generosity.

In recognition of his many years of dedication and service to WOCO, Wayne was honored last year with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Wayne will be greatly missed, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

You may read Wayne's obituary [here](#)



Optional September Club Challenge

Puzzle or impossible object

Remember to bring a puzzle or impossible object you've made for our club challenge to our September meeting. This can be a new project you've made or one you've made in the past.

Please don't let this interfere with toys you may be making, although a puzzle could be included in our toy drive.

Click [here](#) for ideas on puzzles with video instructions.



Craftsperson of the Year (COTY) Award

This year will be the first for our Craftsperson of the Year competition. A submission application, available on the website, will need to be submitted to Lenny Bram (lennybram@gmail.com) before the May meeting. Projects can be submitted/presented for consideration during the club year (Sep – May) in one of three ways, as listed below.:

1. Share/present them during a Member Showcase throughout the year
2. Share/present them at the special COTY showcase during the May meeting
3. Request an onsite review by the judges. This option should only be used for projects that may be too large, “installed” or are otherwise unable to be brought to a meeting. Details on this process are on the website and included on the submission form.

This competition is intended to both showcase our collective talent and bring out the best in what each of us do individually. Sharpen your chisels, put a fresh coat of wax on your table saws and get to work! The judges (Lenny Bram, Karl Hans and Chris Wilson) look forward to struggling with naming a winner!



Lenny Bram, VP

Librarian's Corner

With the recent renovation in our meeting space, the library cabinets were emptied, repaired and reinstalled following the replacement of the flooring. The resources will all have to be re-organized (again), but that should be completed shortly. In the meantime, if you have any outstanding library resources, please return them as soon as you are finished with them.

Lenny Bram, Librarian

WOCO Meetings are held on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March, and May

Location:

Spring Road Church of Christ, back parking lot entrance,
74 S. Spring Road, Westerville, OH 43081

September's Guest Speaker

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.



Our guest speaker for our September 12 meeting will be Hans Schmidt. Hans specializes in making Windsor chairs and teaching others how to construct them.

The Windsor chair originated in early 18th-century England, initially used as a portable garden or "forest" chair. Named after the English town where they were shipped down the Thames, the design traveled to America by the 1730s, where colonial woodworkers made them lighter, more refined, and immensely popular. Hans uses many of the same techniques and tools that were used in the 18th century.

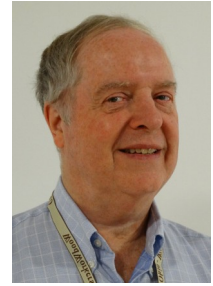
Reminder: Watch for missing padded feet on chairs that can scratch the floor. When dragging chairs across the floor, the feet pop off and are not easily replaced. A red dolly has been purchased to help move chairs during set-up and tear down in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your assistance.



**Bob Chapman,
Program Coordinator**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Larry Hughes,
Chairman



Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

For years now WOCO has helped the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio build dressers, drawers and bed frames to help support the people in need all across Central Ohio.

Inside their wood shop is a crew of 12-15 regulars that help out the Furniture Bank on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and both groups volunteer from 9 to noon. A very large percent of them are WOCO members. Thursday has a smaller repair crew that fixes donated furniture to sell or give away.

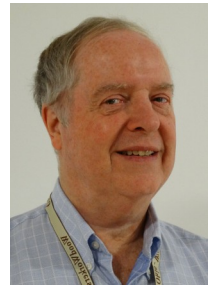
Another way to help is at the Furniture Bank retail outlet on Morse Road. There they put together donated furniture kits or repair damaged items. There is a Tuesday and Thursday crew, and they also work 9 to noon.

Galen Roth at the Furniture Bank at Yale Avenue coordinates all the volunteers. He can be reached at: groth@furniturebankcoh.org



COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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Children's Hospital Cutouts



The Nationwide Children's Hospital Cutout drive resumed nearly a year ago, after a 3 year COVID quarantine. I've dropped off an average of 200 cutouts per month since last December.

We took the summer off, but your next chance to drop them off will be at the WOCO meeting on September 12. Please bring any finished cutouts you have now and put them in the boxes at the meeting.

Members are being asked to make wooden cutouts of animals, flowers, holiday symbols, etc. and then donate them to Nationwide. The hospital volunteers will pass them out, along with coloring pencils or crayons, and let the kids have some fun time while they are stuck in the hospital.

We ask you to use $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood -- no treated wood -- and a maximum size of 6" by 6".

To help with this, there are lots of great templates on our website. They are under Members Only- Resources- Cutouts, or by clicking [here](#).

P. S. The hospital's only restriction- they can't have any religious symbols being turned in, to avoid any issues.

WOCO I-70 Toy Group

We are sad to report that the I-70 group is not meeting now since MaryKay has three broken ribs. If you can offer a shop for the group to meet from 9:00 AM until noon on Saturdays, please contact, **Leo Steger** leosteger@icloud.com Hopefully, those ribs heal soon. Also, you can contact Leo about information about joining the activities of this group remotely or in your own shop.



Leo Steger



WOCO Termite Toy Group

The Termite Toy Group, which serves northern Franklin and southern Delaware counties, is wrapping up our toy production for the 2026 WOCO Toy Drive. About 1/2 of us are finished and the rest are getting close.

The next step will be to apply lacquer spray to those toys that need it. Then we box up the toys and get ready to deliver them in December for sorting and distribution to many social service agencies and charities throughout Central Ohio.

If you want to join our group for next year, contact me by email and I'll fill you in on all the details and dates.

Thanks.



Larry Hughes, Termite Coordinator
Larry-marti@att.net



Craftsmen for Kids

Everyone at CFK is in “fairly good” health. I say fairly because we are all getting older and, with time, our health standards change.

There are currently fifteen people in CFK. Our shop is located at my home. We have 4 to 7 people in the shop on dedicated days - Monday and Wednesday. Many of us work other days and hours at their personal shops. We have been very busy; however, there is no exciting news to write about.

This past week we made two small deliveries to Head Start programs, delivery numbers 196 and 197. They were the first we have made in over two months!

We have been busy all summer trying to catch up on a couple of larger orders for two programs. Three of the many ordered items are unit block sets, hollow block sets, and balance beams. All of them are comprised of many pieces and are labor intensive to make. They are the main culprits slowing our production down.

When the two orders are completed, my best estimate is that it will take three or four trips with my pickup truck to deliver everything. Hopefully by next week we will have enough to make their first delivery.

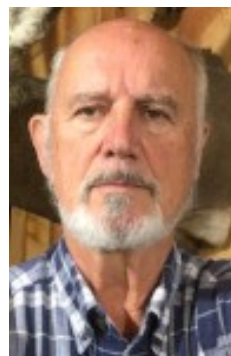
To summarize some facts for all of you:

In 2025 we donated \$16.93 to Head Start for every dollar that was given to us. Of course we have no overhead of a shop, shop maintenance costs, tools, or wages.

In 2025 we donated \$217,292 to Ohio Head Start programs.

We will try very hard to donate in 2026 what we did **in 2024 - \$266,108**. That should be a difficult goal for us to reach, but you will never be happy if you aim low at anything in life.

All of you be safe and make something nice.



Bob Cole

Personal Profiles & Projects

Encouraging Personal Profiles & Projects

Just as illustrated by club members in the following pages, if you admire and wish to share information about another club member or have a personal story about your own woodworking history or a woodworking project, I encourage you, whether a beginner, an intermediate, an advanced, or a professional to share your story with the club in a future newsletter.

Jack Strawn, WOCO Newsletter Editor
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Don't You Wish He Had You On His Gift List?!

Since May, I have made four chessboards, three for my grandsons and one for a friend. The photos are of #4 chessboard



Ken Taylor

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Personal Profiles & Projects

...continued Don't You Wish He Had You On His Gift List?!

Ken Taylor

I start with live edge timber, Jarrah and Tasmanian Rose Myrtle, each sourced from Western Australia because the color of the timber looks so wonderful with the cut, polished and sealed inlaid copper bar.

I first cut the copper, whose lengths have to be exact, and then the four longer copper border pieces – whose notches also have to be exact. Then I polish and seal each piece of copper so it will not tarnish over time.

I mill the live edge timber to a finished S4S 0.5" thickness before cutting each piece into a 2.125" square; then I round over the top of each piece to give a pillow effect. On the bottom of each piece, I drill locating holes that match the raised pegs on the 3/4" MDF substrate to ensure perfect alignment across the board. I leave a 1mm shadow line around each piece between the copper inlays. The eye catches everything so it all has to be exact.

I made three of these boards for my grandsons, and a fourth for a dear friend. We are in the process of putting up a website for me to accept commissions to build additional chessboards, live edge tables, or most anything. If this takes off, I may no longer be wintering in Naples, FL. I am currently building a Whisky cabinet – a real challenge. I use SketchUp for all my designing before I get into the shop so I am certain parts will fit together perfectly.



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Personal Profiles & Projects

Whisky Cabinet

My current project, a Whisky cabinet, I will not finish before we leave for Naples, FL for the winter. Target completion is next Spring. **Ken Taylor**



Personal Profiles & Projects

Watch Out! Shooting Board

No need to take cover for this shooting board as Eric explains.

I made this shooting board for long mitres. It allows me to use my No. 5 1/2 plane to shoot mitres for boxes. It's pretty simple using a few pieces of scrap for the components, and works nicely. The base is 3/4" MDF with a piece of 1/2" birch plywood laminated to it. The fence is 1/2" plywood and the block the plane rides on is a piece of 8/4 ash I had left over from my workbench project.

I also made a traditional woodworkers bench from solid ash. I may have made it slightly too big, but it has a face vice and a tail vice for work holding. It weighs a ton!! The top is laminated 8/4 ash 3" thick. I don't have a photo of it completed yet.



Eric Coss



Personal Profiles & Projects

Rock'n & Rollen!

Here are 2 projects I built. 1 for my great-grandson 1st birthday. The motorcycle.



2nd- The horse rocker is for my great-granddaughter's 1st birthday. They are 4 days apart. Actually, I made both pieces from beech. I think they'll get a lot of use out of them.



Dan Glenn



Personal Profiles & Projects

Mobiles & Mantle Pieces

Greg Smith (No personal photo available)



Personal Profiles & Projects

Is It Round Or Not?

I took a class this past Spring to learn a different way of turning a bowl from wood. If you look closely at the photo taken toward the inside bottom of the bowl I made, you can see that the wood sides that meet the round base have flat corners. That is because the wood in this project was made from flat pieces of wood carefully cut to size and angle to glue into the shape I desired, and I did not want to hide those flat ends. I wanted viewers to realize that this wasn't wood that was dug out to shape a bowl. This method emphasizes the grain pattern that we see in a flat board. This is called a staved, segmented bowl. Each flat piece glued together is a stave. This kind of construction has been used in making wooden buckets for centuries. Although, I doubt the creator of buckets were concerned about the beauty of the grain and an eye appealing finish.

The outside diameter at the top of the vase is 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and the vase is 6" tall. The vase is made of $\frac{3}{4}$ " poplar and the base is made with walnut. The lathe turning was slow, delicate, and careful work. Especially careful, because the tools used had to cut end grain as I shaped both the inside and outside of the bowl. Cutting too aggressively would either result in a ruining gouge (only $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood) or sending the bowl flying off the lathe. I'm happy with the results, and I hope to try this method again.



Jack Strawn

Personal Profiles & Projects

Bee & Hive Stuck Between My Front Doors!

I haven't had anybody pound on my side door to warn me about a large bee on my front door, but it was time to make something besides a snowman for a decoration. So, I finally took time to do something about it. This is a segmented project I made with my scroll saw and hand held, narrow belt sander. No, not intarsia which creates colors by using different species of wood. I can get brilliant colors from acrylic, water based paints, and that's exactly what I wanted so it would be easily seen by people in cars passing in the street.



Jack Strawn

Personal Tips & Outside Info. Sources

Dread Those Knots!



Dan Martin

Looking for a real good way to fill those knots in your project? I have found that these fillers and glue work great. The glue cures clear unlike Titebond II.



Personal Tips & Outside Info. Sources



13 Things You Can Do With Sawdust

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vidofnsgTc>

“I Don’t Get Why People Still Use These Joints (beginner’s guide to making strong joints)”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-yshl-Im68>



A Woodworking Scroll Saw Patterns and Instructions Plan to Build Your Own...

[A Woodworking Scroll Saw Patterns and Instructions Plan to Build Your Own Collection of First Toys - 28 Patterns Included! - Toy Woodworking Project Plans - Amazon.com](#)

Woodcraft – Our Central Ohio Woodworker's Store

Have you Noticed - Big Changes Inside their store!

New layout and much more inventory, including wood.

1077 Bethel Road
Columbus, OH 43220

Directions

Columbus Store Website

Hours of Operations

Sunday	10AM - 3PM
Monday	9AM - 7PM
Tuesday	9AM - 7PM
Wednesday	9AM - 7PM
Thursday	9AM - 7PM
Friday	9AM - 7PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM

Retail store pricing may vary from internet or catalog pricing.

WOCO Leadership

Who does what? **Who** needs your help? To **whom** do you make suggestions (not angry complaints; we are all volunteers)? We all want to expand our woodworking skills, pass those skills on to others, and share those skills in service to our community.

Elected Volunteer Officers (7/2025—6/2027)

President, Russ Frye

Vice President, Lenny Bram

Treasurer, Mike Ware

Volunteer Steering Committee Members Appointed by the WOCO President

Program Coordinator: Bob Chapman

Communications, Newsletter Editor, & Historian:
Jack Strawn

Community Service: Larry Hughes

Web Coordinator: Russ Frye

Librarian: Lenny Bram

Activities Committee Chairperson - vacancy

Member Services: - Athena Walton

Photographer/Videographer: Ed Robold

At Large: Dan Martin

At Large: Craig Blight

At Large: Jerry Rampelt

At Large: Karl Hans

* Personal contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the club's website WOCOweb.org

Uploading Pictures to the Website

If you'd like to have a project featured in the Member Showcase on the club website, please email a picture of the project to Russ Frye at rfrye1@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) to see examples of what's been posted to the Member Showcase .

Remember that members would benefit from seeing basic projects, as well as, more sophisticated ones.



Russ Frye, Website Coordinator

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Annual dues are \$25 per year, which includes access to all present and past digital copies of the newsletter. To become a member and make payment click on this Internet [page link](#).

The deadline for newsletter articles is three weeks before the next meeting. Meetings happen during the morning of the second Saturday in the months of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., & May, unless otherwise posted on our website.

Send newsletter articles and your feedback and ideas about what you would like to see in the WOCO newsletter to:

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