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## Message From the President

Fellow woodchip makers,

I hope that you have been able to work in the shop making chips! I've made a pile or two. In doing so, I've managed to keep a few things together, while also blowing up several more!

There is something extra fun about feeling a chunk of wood go whipping by as it leaves the warm embrace of mother chuck. The creative language is fun too!

The February meeting was fun. Jim Kelly showed how he uses dyes to achieve some cool effects on wood. Jim has been doing this for a while and has made some pretty nice objects. Thank you for a great job Jim! Tom Schlenker says "hi!".

Mike Kuterbach, another longtime member of Keystone, will be demonstrating box making. Mike was going to do this demonstration in January but Mother Nature intervened. As always, Mike does a great job with demos.

Zoom is up and running. If you're interested in attending via Zoom look for the link in this month's newsletter.

We are going to hold a raffle this month. Please, donate any nice,

good condition, turning related items to the club for the raffle. This could be a tool that you are no longer using or never got the hang of. Perhaps a pack of sandpaper that you haven't needed. A nice chunk of prepared wood that you can't decide what to make from it. Maybe you have a full container of wax or finish that you just don't use. That can of mother-in-law repellent, while probably handy, should stay home. The goal is to do the raffle quarterly. Please bring things that will be useful, popular and not something that you should probably just toss.

We are working on several things behind the scenes. The club website is being updated by a small group. Their work should hopefully be completed in the next couple of months.

We have made some updates to the clubhouse regarding the lathe and video monitor. The lathe is now on wheels so we can better place it for demonstrating. We have built a new rig for the lights, cameras and safety screen in front of the lathe. This is also mobile which gives more flexibility during meetings.

I'd like all of you to share with me ideas you may have about the club. You can chat with me at the meetings, you can Email me at [karlbrachwitz@Gmail.com](mailto:karlbrachwitz@Gmail.com). My cell is 610-585-7098. I'd like to know what you think or if you have an issue that you want to work out. If, by chance, you'd like to help out with something at the club, please let me know. I'm sure we can make room!

A gentle reminder-don't forget to work on your challenge project from last meeting. It's due at the April meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing what gets made!

Karl

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## **Next Meeting Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00.**

The next Keystone Woodturners meeting will be live at Joe's.

Come on out to Joe's and socialize with your Keystone friends!

## **Zoom is Back!**

We'd love to see you in person, but if you can't be there,  
press [HERE](#) for Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 846 2361 5412

Password 350731

## **Show and Tell**

This will be a Show and Tell meeting. If you haven't shown your work recently, now is the time! Show us what you've turned recently!

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## **March Demo - Mike Kuterbach - End Grain Box**



## ***Mike Kuterbach***

### ***Turning an End Grain Box***

Keystone member Mike Kuterbach will demonstrate turning an end grain box. A box is a great project for those who have mastered "bumps on a stick". It requires a minimal number of tools - roughing gouge, spindle gouge, parting tool and a round nose scraper.

Mike will cover wood selection, design considerations, shaping the outside, hollowing the inside and fitting the lid. He will also show a quick and easy finish for small projects. Mike is a fabulous demonstrator. Even experienced turners will pick up some tricks from Mike's demo.

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**April Demo:**

**Barry Gross - Not Your Basic Pen**



**With over 30 years of varied experience working in several diverse media, Barry Gross is an artisan who enjoys creating his fine writing instruments! He is an artisan who is inspired by nature and the rich textures of all the distinctive exotic materials he utilizes to create his one-of-a-kind fine writing instruments. His ongoing curiosity to discover more and diverse materials to create his unique pens is a driving force behind what inspires his creativity.**

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## 2023 Dues are Due!



Please remember that Keystone membership has its rewards, costs and value.

- Rewards - See Karl's post!
- Cost - \$30 per Year
- Value - Priceless

Our treasurer Gary Johnson reminds us we can pay in a virtual (actual?) plethora of ways:

- via PayPal on the [keystonewoodturners.com](http://keystonewoodturners.com) website. Click the "Pay Dues" button on the homepage
  - Via cash, check or credit card at the meeting.
  - Or you can mail a check to Gary Johnson. Contact him for details ([gjohnson331@gmail.com](mailto:gjohnson331@gmail.com))
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# Museum for Art in Wood

APRIL 19, 2024

## BANDSAW BASH



Bandsaw Bash | Fri. April 19, 2024 | 6:30 – 9:30 pm | Fleisher Art Memorial, [719 Catherine St, Philadelphia 19147](#) | In-person

This event celebrates the Museum for Art in Wood with a festive evening party and silent auction. It is an opportunity to gather in support of the Museum's unique mission while connecting with friends and supporters in the Museum's vibrant community.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

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## 57th Annual Art of the State Juried Exhibition

**ART** OF THE **STATE**<sup>®</sup> 2024

**CALL** *for* **ENTRIES**

[statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate/](http://statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate/)

**DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 11:59 PM**

The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation remind artists and craftspeople to submit applications to exhibit their work in the annual Art of the State. Now in its 57th year, this acclaimed juried exhibition boasts a tradition of presenting highly creative art by Pennsylvanians, chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors.

More Information can be found [HERE](#).

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## Virginia Woodturners Symposium



**Shape Your Vision**  
*at the*

**Virginia Woodturners Symposium**

**November 2-3, 2024**

Spend time and talk techniques with nationally recognized demonstrators:

- ☐ Nick Agar
- ☐ Donna Zils Banfield

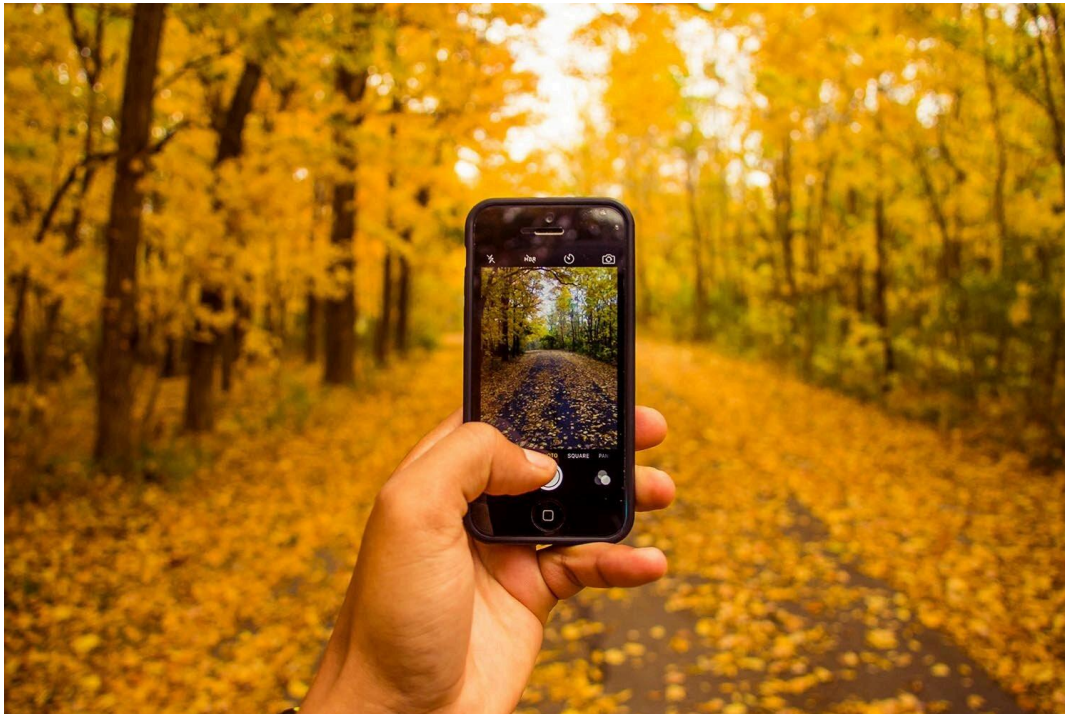


- ☐ Trent Bosch
- ☐ Barbara Dill
- ☐ Linda Ferber
- ☐ Joe Fleming
- ☐ KrisΘn LeVier
- ☐ Barry Gross
- ☐ Jeff Hornung
- ☐ JoHannes Michelsen
- ☐ Bob Rotche
- ☐ Steve Schwartz
- ☐ Willie Simmons
- ☐ Andi Wolf

Additional Details can be found [HERE](#)

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## Help Needed – Show and Tell Photography



We need help with taking photos of members' work at our meetings. Without a volunteer doing this, we may no longer be taking photographs of our Show & Tell. There will be no pictures on the website or Facebook of members' work.

**This is a great opportunity for members to get an up close look at all of the great pieces we have for show and tell, before hearing the creators talk about their work.**

**We need 2 members to be a photo team for show and tell. It is a fun job with two persons, and also there would be backup if one is out. You would need would need to arrive by 6:15 - 6:30 to set up, and take pics.**

**Basically, the tasks required are to take the photo, and rename the photo with the name of the person who made the piece (Sophisticated software often takes the file name and puts it on the photo so viewers can read who made the lovely item).**

**This entire job can be done with a phone. Bonus, but not required - if you have the skill, crop and set white balance and level.**

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We welcome suggestions and items for the newsletter.

If you are scheduled for a show or displaying your work somewhere, let us know so we can add it to the newsletter.

[Jim Kelly](#), Secretary

[Paula Garton](#), Membership Director