Knotty Professor Newsletter

Fall 2025

Upcoming Shows

November 8,9

Space Coast Art Festival, Melbourne

November 15,16

Downtown Festival and Art Show, Gainesville

December 5,6

Holiday of the Arts Festival, Lakewood Ranch

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Website upgrades coming soon!

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Aches and Pains



It's been a challenging year for my old bones so far. It started out with my back (needed steroid pack to get rid of the pain), then my osteo-arthritic big toe (steroid shot), then my arthritic knee (cortisone shot). For the time being, I'm painless. I hope it lasts.

I am looking forward to the fall shows and hope to see you soon.

'Studly' Bowl



I was inspired by a YouTube video to try to make a bowl out of a 2 x 4 construction stud. To add some interest, I included a green epoxy rim. The result is shown in the photo to the right. It is approximately 12 inches in diameter, and 3.5 inches high. I have made one other 2 x 4 bowl, as well as one from part of a 4 x 4. I'm planning to make a series of bowls from 4 x 4 lumber, including one with a diameter of about 21 inches. That will test both me and my lathe.



Cremation Urn

My mother passed away in April this year, one day after her 94th birthday. She had spent the last 50-plus years of her life in Montreal, but had expressed the wish to be buried near her brother on the island of Grenada, where she was born. Her body was cremated, and the ashes will be transported to Grenada in an urn that I made. It is made from mahogany and teak, both from the island of Trinidad (where I was born: I had no lumber from Grenada). It's about 7 inches in diameter, and about 13 inches tall with the lid on.

'Pen'manship



Over the past year, I have done very little `flat work': one commissioned diploma frame and one set of rectangular candlestick holders, nothing else. I have made a number of items on the lathe: dragons eggs, bowls, platters and lots of pens. Apart from the dragon pens, I'm still focusing on stylus pens of different kinds, for those among us with fat fingers.

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,

Four Horse Pens of the ... forget it!



Blow up shows horse details.

