Knotty Professor Newsletter

Spring 2024

Upcoming Shows

March 2

Art in the Park

Naples, FL

March 9 & 10

Central Park Art Festival

Winter Haven, FL

April 13 & 14

Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival

Gainesville, FL

April 20 & 21

Mainsail Art Festival

St. Petersburg, FL

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Website upgrades coming soon!

Knotty Professor

Knotty Professor Retires!



The Knotty Professor has retired from being an FSU professor (of Physics, for those who did not know), and will now concentrate on being "Knotty" full time!

This means that there will be more shows in my future, including four this spring, and I am aiming for a fuller schedule in the fall. So far I have stuck to Florida, but may soon branch out to neighboring states.

A New Direction



I have started turning a lot more than I have in the past, venturing well beyond the small objects that I have made: stylus pens, wine stoppers and Christmas ornaments. I'm now making bowls, platters, vases and dragons' eggs. Most of the items I have made so far have included epoxy resin. I'm very excited about this new direction.

We've been telling customers that we don't know if any of the dragons' eggs will hatch, but if they do, it will be the responsibility of the buyer! That always gets a big laugh. I'm planning to have a sign saying that at future shows.

One of the biggest challenges with the new items is polishing them so that the epoxy shines, and is transparent if I've meant it to be. I'm still figuring this out, but I think I'm close to having the process fully worked out. Some bowls have been sanded and re-sanded several times as I wasn't satisfied with the final result. So far, the response to these new items has been very positive. I hope that continues, but obviously, I should not count my dragons before they hatch!





New Booth Layout

I've decided to try out a new layout for my booth and will not be using tables to display items any longer. Instead, to create a more "gallery like" atmosphere, I'll be using gridwall with shelves attached and making extensive use of mini-lights to highlight items, as well as displaying some items on turntables. All of these will be powered by USB powerbanks, and so will not be dependent on the availability of electrical power at shows.