

Forest Heritage



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2024 Master Woodworking Artist of the Year Awarded to Jim Anderson



No. 6 Jupiter, aka
Lathe Breaker

This year's winner is the 3rd of four armillary spheres in a series entitled "*The Great Conjunction*" (2022) inspired from when the artist viewed the planetary conjunctions of Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars during the Spring of 2022. They are the artist's renditions of *Ptolemaic* geocentric model Armillary Spheres, whereby the core represents these planets as if they were at the center of the universe. This armillary sphere is intended to be viewed under both normal and UV light. The base is a turned segmented vessel consisting of more than 400 individually glued wood segments. The underside is adorned in pearl inlay.

SGM (RET) Jim Anderson was born and raised in Martinez, CA. He served 24-years within the U.S. Army's elite 75th Ranger Regiment deploying to OPERATION Enduring Freedom eight times and Operation Iraqi Freedom four times. He was medically retired in 2017 due to injuries sustained during his career. The therapeutic value of creating something through woodworking, and other artistic mediums has helped him to overcome some of the mental and physical challenges he faces daily as a disabled Veteran.



Artist of the Year Continued...

Ernie Poindexter of Sallisaw, OK won 2nd place for a piece titled, *Persevere* in honor of the Cherokee people who were removed from their land in the east and moved to the Oklahoma territory. It has images of twenty-five people carved around the bowl portion with vine details on the lid. It was made of cherry and Poindexter used pyrography for color and texture with a lacquer finish.



Delbert Dowdy of Wake Village, TX was awarded 3rd place for his intricate segmented vase titled *Diamonds in the Sky*. Dowdy believes that every tree is a gift that hold secrets. He has said, “our joy as wood artists is to uncover and reveal those hidden treasures.” He finds true happiness every time he enters his studio and begins an exciting new adventure in creation.



Exemplary Local Artist Winners



Danny Turnage of Idabel, OK won 1st and 2nd place for his beautiful lidded boxes. Turnage took up wood turning in 2003 and has been hooked ever since. He prefers to turn items with a utilitarian use. He focuses on larger salad/fruit bowls and lidded boxes. When not tending to one of the ten grandchildren or his two daughters, he and his lovely wife Sue are active members of the Southeast Oklahoma Woodturners.



Chris Wood of Broken Bow, OK took home 3rd place for a finial adorned lidded bowl. Wood started his journey into wood art after his son had a duck call that would no longer function. He decided that it would not be that difficult to make one of his own, so he set about building a lathe and turning homemade calls. He also enjoys turning pens, bowls, and some furniture.

Beginning Woodturning

Beginning Woodturning for students is offered every spring by the Southeast Oklahoma Woodworkers. An average of 50 shop students spend three weeks learning the basic techniques of woodturning and gain skill sets that are not computer based, but rather a valuable, hands-on trade that will help teach them that they are capable of creating products that will benefit others and make profits for themselves.



Wright City



Broken Bow

Beginning Woodturning night classes to be offered at FHC board member Rod Miller's shop. These classes are held every spring thanks to a grant by the Oklahoma Arts Council.

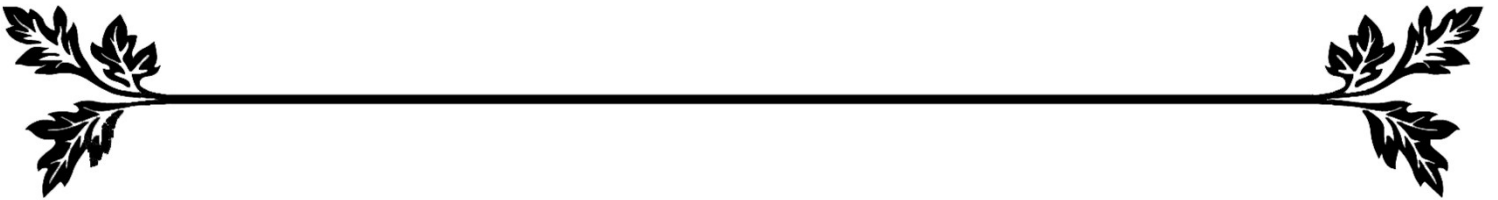


1st Saturday



Dr. Jason Harris, Executive director of the Chisolm Trail Museum, and Lyn Shackelford, of the American Chuck Wagon Association, visited the FHC on March 2nd for a day of Dutch oven cooking. They allowed visitors to sample their delicious dishes free of charge and were eager to answer questions related to the art of chuck wagon cuisine.

Simmering Rice Pudding



Community Outreach

Educator Brianna took part in community outreach in Choctaw County by attending the annual Fort Towson Encampment. She and a local 4-H leader greeted schools as they arrived at the fort and handed out materials associated with their organizations. Brianna also allowed each teacher and volunteer to take a free pine seedlings.



Camp!



Summer is right around the corner!

The FHC's annual Camp Discover will be held June 5-7 from 9 am to 4 pm and include games, crafts, nature walks, and presentations related to environmental science, forestry, art, and history.

The annual OFS Forestry Youth Camp will be held June 10- 15 and will involve a week of unique forestry related activities set against the backdrop of beautiful Beavers Bend State Park.

Museum Happenings

Easter Egg
Scavenger Hunt
March 29th



Earth Day Activities
April 22nd



Arbor Day Activities
April 26th





Tree Bear Word Search

O G N A V A M S F N G C C Y M D I O R N
G V R C U S L E X Y O K C R I W Y L E W
Q Y G E B C R S D H N U A B T J Y B W G
I L K S E H O S C C L F B C H U E Y V Z
R N O Z H N F A B W E L D P X L D K Y V
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A L T V I X J L L L B N G K E Y P T N T
M B S G N I H T D O O G B H Q B V E M D

Dibble Bar

Green

Tree Bear

Glasses

Pine

Good Things

Seedling

Tree Farm

Forest Heritage Center Membership and Giving Form

The success of the Forest Heritage Center is due in large part to the memberships and contributions of those who support our mission of *“sustaining our forest heritage through history, education and wood art.”*

We know you are familiar with memberships and donations, but are you aware of our third option of giving? An endowment with the McCurtain Community Fund, an affiliate of the Tulsa Community Foundation, has been established for the FHC. The FHC endowment fund is designed to generate and ensure a stable financial future for the Museum.

Three ways to help secure the future of the Forest Heritage Center

Annual Project

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Membership

- Forest Friend \$25 & up
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- Forest Benefactor \$500 & up

Endowment

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Total Gift Enclosed: \$ _____

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Did you know?

- Forestry contributes a total of \$5.1 billion to Oklahoma's annual economy!
- \$3.3 billion in direct industry contribution!

