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Masters at Work: Empty Bowls Woodturning Workshop & Exhibit at the Forest Heritage Center

Woodturning Demonstrations Will Introduce Visitors to the Art of the Forest

BROKEN BOW, OK, Aug. 1, 2020 - Visitors to the Forest Heritage Center are in for a treat during the Masters at Work: Empty Bowls Woodturning Workshop September 11-12 as Master Woodturners use their lathes to create unique works of wood art from start to finish. The demonstrations will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Museum guests are invited to view the gallery until Oct. 18. Following the exhibit, pieces will be donated to the Empty Bowls program to help in the fight to end hunger. The Masters at Work Woodturning Workshop & Exhibit is free to the public.

The Forest Heritage Center's outdoor deck will provide the perfect backdrop to showcase the art of the forest. The sights and sounds of woodturning will fill the outdoor space as woodturners work with lathes and hand tools to uncover the art that is hidden within the raw pieces of wood. Guests will enjoy discovering some of the technical and artistic reasoning behind the pieces while making connections with artists as well as fellow wood art enthusiasts.

Pieces will be on display in the gallery of the Forest Heritage Center until Oct. 18, 2020 and pieces will then be donated to the Empty Bowls program. The program began 30 years ago as a fundraising luncheon at a high school in suburban Detroit. The school's faculty and staff shared a meal while learning about hunger and food insecurity and were then invited to "keep your bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world." The project has now spread across the United States and is in use in at least 20 other countries, raising tens of millions of dollars in the fight to end hunger.

This exhibit promises to be an enjoyable event that will showcase the unique form of wood art. The woodturning workshop will be held Sept. 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Forest Heritage Center Museum. The exhibit gallery will be open free to the public until Oct. 18. Gallery hours will be Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact the Forest Heritage Center at 580-494-6497, email fhc@beaversbend.com or visit us at www.forestry.ok.gov/fhc.

This exhibit is made possible by the Forest Heritage Center Advisory Board, Oklahoma Arts Council, Oklahoma Forestry Services, Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department and members of the Forest Heritage Center Association.

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The Forest Heritage Center has been a community anchor in Southeast Oklahoma for over 40 years. It was built by a group of foresters with a vision of sharing the history of the forest. Today we are continuing the mission of the founders by educating the public through programs, special events, gallery exhibits, and telling of the positive impact of the forest and its products on our daily lives. Situated in a part of the state where opportunities to experience art and culture are few and far between, we are the Wood Art Capital of Oklahoma and the ever-important first impression to Beavers Bend State Park.