



KNEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL



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Our international membership is happily involved with "Anything that goes 'cut'!"

May 2025

Secretary Report Susan Goddard

Hello OKCA Club Members.

We had a great show last month. We had over 3,000 attendees (over 1,500 tickets sold to the public, children who were not charged for admission, and of course all table holders/club members) The weather was bright and sunny and we still had high attendance. The club is in good health! With over **910 active Members!** We are growing!

The Custom Knife Competition had over 55 knives entered for judging.

Thank you to everyone who came with your dog's service vest and paperwork, we know it was a transition to accommodate the Lane Events Center and their rules. However, we had ZERO complaints to the Lane Events Center regarding animals at the show. Our relationship with the Events Center is healthy.

We are already taking renewals for 2026 club membership dues and registering table holders for the 2025 December Mini Show and 2026 April Show.

We would like to announce we have one member with the new level of

membership, the Individual Lifetime Membership.

We will be taking summer vacation for the months of June, July, & August. The next Knewsletter you'll receive will be in September. We will still gather at the Sizzler on the third Wednesday of the summer months however, we won't be holding an official meeting.



Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with the Club and Show this year, we gave 70 1oz silver coins to members who helped us with the show as a thank you for their efforts... wow... it really does take a village.

Have a great summer!!

P.S. Grace would love to have a head start on the fall Knewsletter. If you have written any articles for the

Knewsletter, please send them our way during the summer, no need to wait. (PG-rated please, we've got youngsters in the club). If you aren't sure about the subject matter, give Grace a call.

May Meeting at Sizzler 5/21/2025

(dinner at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6:00pm)
1010 Postal Way
Springfield, OR 97477

Side Knote from Susan Goddard

We know there has been some angst in the knifemaker community on whether they would still have access to some types of steel with the announcement that Crucible Industries has filed for bankruptcy. We received an email from Dr. Larrin Thomas with an interview that he did with Bob Shabala of Niagara Specialty Metals. Bob says that they are now working with a couple of steel mills to replace what they were getting from Crucible. Most of the high-tech steels (Powdered Metallurgy Alloy) that makers are used to working with, will still be available in the future. There may be some short-term outages, but nothing long term. This is very good news. And, what's good for the makers is good for the collectors.

Here is a [link](#) to the original article or you can find it online at the KnifeSteelNerds.com website.

Winners of the OKCA 2025 Custom Knife Competition



BEST NEW MAKER
Grant Cunningham



BEST HUNTER/UTILITY KNIFE
Grant Cunningham



BEST FIGHTING KNIFE
Tyler Aldrich



BEST DAMASCUS KNIFE
J.D. Smith



BEST FOLDING KNIFE
Rhidian Gatrill



BEST ART KNIFE
Sterling Radda



BEST BOWIE KNIFE
Jeff Murison



BEST MINIATURE KNIFE
Rhidian Gatrill



BEST KITCHEN KNIFE
Tyler Aldrich



BEST DISPLAY AWARD KNIFE
Grant Cunningham



BEST HAND FORGED KNIFE
J.D. Smith



BEST IN SHOW
J.D. Smith

The Display Award Knives 2025 - Chef Knives

The blades are hand forged San mai and donated by Murray Carter. Then embellished by select custom knife makers in our club.



OKCA 2025 Display Knife

Tyler Aldrich



OKCA 2025 Display Knife

Levi Walusiak



OKCA 2025 Display Knife

Grant Cunningham



OKCA 2025 Display Knife

Lynn Moore

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Jim Jordan

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Leon Adams

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Gary Griffin

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Gene Martin

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Cameron House

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Jeff Mureson

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Brion Baker

OKCA 2025 Display Knife



Gary DeKorte



The 2025 OKCA Club Knife numbers 1 thru 5 (of 100) were sold in the Silent Auction at the 2025 April Show (#3 pictured left).

Joshua Hill presented Mike Clark with the award for winning 1st place in the Rope Cutting Competition. (pictured right)







Gene Martin congratulates Jim Pitblado for winning first place for his display “Remington Boy Scout Knives”. Jim selected the display award knife embellished by Cameron House.



My Favorite Knife By Ron Stuntzner

The knife was made by David McIntosh of Hanies, Alaska. The Damascus blade was made by George Werth. The handles are Monmouth ivory and the bolsters appear to be some type of cooper alloy. It's my favorite knife because of the memories it brings back.

I purchased the knife in Skagway, Alaska while on an inside passage cruise in SE Alaska in 1998. Of course, Skagway is a big tourist destination for cruise ships which means I paid too much for the knife. But the purchase was the beginning of my knife collecting and when I pick it up, the

memories of the trip and my first meeting with Wayne Goddard come back to me. SE Alaska is



very special to experience. I really liked Skagway with its rich history of the Klondike gold rush, White Pass where the miners passed into Canada, Dead Horse Trail where thousands of horses died transporting miners to the Klondike and of course, the 1880's crooked sheriff and his deputies that robbed and killed miners. But after a couple of years the knife

started falling apart: loose blade, handles and bolsters. The knife was literally falling apart. So, I started looking to see if someone could fix the knife of which I had no clue. My research led me to OKCA and Wayne Goddard. I called him and he said bring the knife by. He was a person I immediately liked. Later, after looking the knife over he emailed me a full-page letter explaining what was wrong and how to fix the numerous problems, and saying about the knife maker “That's not a good

way to assemble a folding knife”. Well Wayne fixed the knife perfectly and I love what he did. As a side bar, I had the opportunity to work on numerous forestry projects in SE Alaska in the 1990's to early 2000's. There are a lot of fine knife makers up there. I made some purchases from the I.R.B.I Knife Shop (I'd Rather Be Independent) in Seward and Richard Kacsur in Fairbanks.

Ron Stuntzner

Coos Bay, Oregon



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Knives outreach – Jeff Dowell here, son of Ted and Betty Dowell / www.tmdknives.com in Bend. With mom's recent passing in July, I'm in the process of trying to 'close down' dad's shop, and there are hundreds of items I'd like get into the hands of knifemakers at very reasonable prices. Heat Treating Oven, Air Compressor, Multiple Ted-built Grinders, Handle Materials, Raw Steels, Ground Blades, Shop Tools, Books & Magazines and collectable TMD Memorabilia. If you're interested, please go to the website and select the TMD MARKETPLACE to see what is available. It is not yet fully populated with everything we have that's available, but there will be new stuff being added every week or two between now and the end of the year. Thank you!

jeff@tmdknives.com 😊

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For Sale: Collection of Bronze Knives. Eight (8) pieces that include five (5) bronze daggers, a bronze Roman spear point, a Roman bronze friction folder and a bronze war axe head. These were featured in the April 2022 issue of the Newsletter. I will throw in a bronze bracelet and some bronze Roman coins. \$2,500.00 for all. I also have a meteorite blade from Indonesia and a very early steel sword blade from England. Contact Dan @ Westlind@wwestsky.net

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WANTED to buy: American made Bowie and dirk knives from the Civil War and earlier, plus fancy California knives and push daggers. Mark Zalesky (865)310-0576 (leave msg) or email knifepub@gmail.com

For Sale - Vintage and other knives and axes for sale on eBay under MAYERI BOUTIQUE. Carbon steel, German and Japanese knives and more. Becky Pierce.

For Sale - Jungle "Baby Hattori" Fighter Classic knife of the 1980s out of Seki City. AUS-8 Stainless. Pt serrated swedge. Rubberized grip. 11 1/4-in. o.l. Complete with all original box, sheath, etc. \$500 Contact Steve at (818) 300-8675

Knife Books for sale as a lot: 28 books, Much less than recent retail! Please send me email for the complete list to patgeehan@gmail.com

Randall Made Knives: Buy, sell or trade. Also many custom knives for sale or trade. Visit www.nifeboy.com or email jim@nifeboy.com or (209)295-5568.

Wanted: Remington scout/utility knife with pioneer boys or highlander boy's shield or heroism shield. Email jpitt306@earthlink.net or phone Jim (562)716-9857.

Buying OKCA Club Knives for my personal collection. I am also interested in Wayne Goddard, Ron Lake, Lonewolf (Pre Benchmade), and Spyderco Kopa knives. Call or email Jordan (310)386-4928 - jgl321@aol.com

Filipino Sword Repair: Someone who can repair Filipino Swords. I have a couple that need some tender loving care. Please contact me at cheta45@sbcglobal.net or 916-435-4931. Thank you, Chester Moore

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Mosaic pins and lanyard tubes by Sally. See at www.customknife.com sally@customknife.com. (541)846-6755.

Blades and knifemaker supplies. All blades are ground by Gene Martin. I also do custom grinding. See at www.customknife.com, contact Gene at bladesmith@customknife.com (541)846-6755.

After Covid, Sally has come up with some new and unique mosaic pin designs. That includes 1/4", 3/16" and 1/8" stars. sally@customknife.com

WANTED: T. M. Dowell integral hunting knife. new or used. Call Ed at 503-842-4470 or eforam@centurylink.net.

Useful reference books on blades. Collectible knives, custom knives and knifemaking, military knives, swords, tools, and anything else that has an edge. Email for a list. Quality Blade Books C/O Rick Wagner P O Box 41854 Eugene OR 97404 (541)688-6899 wagner1938@yahoo.com.

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