



# OREGON KNIFE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT 2025

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If you would like a hard copy of the Newsletter mailed to your residential address, there will be a \$30 per year charge which can be added to your membership fees.

OKCA membership includes newsletter, dinner/swap meetings, free admission to OKCA shows.

\_\_\_\_ Start/ \_\_\_\_ Renew my/our OKCA membership (\$30 individual/\$45 family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter mailed (\$30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SHOW TABLE/Exhibitor APPLICATION 2025

Friday, April 11, 2025 8am-9am set-up. 9am-5pm open ONLY to table-holders and members of OKCA.

Saturday, April 12, 2025. 7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to the public.

Sunday, April 13, 2025. 8am-9am set-up. 9am-3pm open to the public.

**PLEASE ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM. Full refund granted if reservation canceled by February 15, 2025.**

**MAIL THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TODAY. A signature is required at the bottom of page 2.**

Type of knives on your tables \_\_\_\_\_

Name for second badge \_\_\_\_\_ (two badges per table-holder)

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Club Dues (Total from above) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Sale/Trade table \$120 (members only) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Note: if you would like to purchase a second table, you may do so for an additional \$80. This does not mean that all additional tables are \$80, for each table that you purchase you may purchase a second table for \$80.\*\***

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Collector Display table(s) free with sale table: .....# \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Collector Display table(s) w/o trade table @ \$100 each .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to O.K.C.A.) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2025

47th ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 11-13, 2025

360 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane Events Center and Fairgrounds, 796 West 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

For Information Contact the Club: (541) 972-3393 or info@oregonknifeclub.org

**AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS:** If you had a table at the 2024 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2025, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2024. You may still apply for a table after this date, but we cannot guarantee a table after December 15. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT! Note to NEW exhibitors: your table(s) will be assigned after 12/15/2024. If you are adding an additional table that you did not previously hold, your location may be moved depending on the availability of the table next to you.

**ALL TABLE-HOLDERS AND VISITORS** agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, loss, damage, theft, or injury.

ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE arising during the Show shall be resolved by the Show Chair, whose decision shall be final.

**THIS IS A KNIFE SHOW.** All tables must be 90% knives or knife related items (e.g. swords, axes, edged tools, edged weapons, knife books, knifemaking supplies). If in doubt, check with the Show Chair ahead of time. The OKCA reserves the right to bar any item from display or sale. No firearms may be sold or shown at this Show.

**ALL EXHIBITORS are required to keep their tables set up throughout the public hours of the Show: 8 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 3 PM SUNDAY FORFEITS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS. EXHIBITOR TABLES ARE TO BE PACKED UP AND OUT OF THE BUILDING BY 5PM SUNDAY.**

**DISPLAY TABLES** will be around the perimeter of the room. Displays are eligible for display awards, which are hand-made knives donated by members and supporters of OKCA. Display judging will be by rules established by OKCA. Special category awards may also be offered. NOTHING MAY BE SOLD FROM DISPLAY TABLES.

**SALE/TRADE TABLES** Sharing of tables will not be allowed. Exhibitors must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Oregon has NO SALES TAX.

**BADGES:** Each table-holder is entitled to one additional Show badge. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**LICENSED SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY:** Unlicensed service animals or pets are not permitted in the buildings of the Lane County fairgrounds and will be asked by the fairgrounds administration to leave the premises.

**KNIFEMAKERS** who are present and are table-holders at this Show may enter knives in the knifemaking award competition.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on categories and judging criteria in the display and hand-made knife competitions, contact the Club.

**SHOW FACILITATORS** will be provided by OKCA from 9AM Friday until 4 PM Sunday. However, exhibitors are responsible for watching their own tables. Neither the OKCA nor the Lane Events Center will be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or injury of any kind.

**CITY AND COUNTY REGULATIONS** require that there be: • No Smoking within the Exhibit Hall at any time; •No alcoholic beverages consumed within the Exhibit Hall during the public hours of the Show; •No loaded firearms worn or displayed at the Show; •No swords or knives brandished or displayed in a provocative manner. •All blades must have their tips/points facing away from the aisle.

**NOTE ON SWITCHBLADES AND DAGGERS:** In Oregon it is legal to make, sell, buy, or own switchblade knives. However, it is ILLEGAL to carry a switchblade knife, a gravity knife, a dagger, or a dirk concealed on one's person, or for a convicted felon to possess a switchblade or gravity knife. Most other states have banned switchblade knives. Under federal law, it is ILLEGAL to mail, carry, or ship a switchblade or gravity knife across state lines.

The Oregon Knife Collectors Association is not responsible for force majeure.

I have read and agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules as set forth herein, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, damage, loss, theft, or injury. Signature and date required.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## NEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL



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

December 2024

### "What IS IT?" - More appropriately, "What WAS IT?" By Martin Drivdahl

Only the riveted together coined metal handles remain of what must have once been an exquisitely made and very well loved easy opening commemorative pen knife. A small drill hole through the



salvaged remnants suggests that a thong or small chain may have once been attached so the piece could serve as a fob. Research unearthed some interesting historical facts in regard to the highly detailed impressions and words stamped on the two old knife scales. These pieces are 3 1/2" long and on one is depicted a man's bust within a raised oval. On the other is a village scene within another raised oval. All words are legible and are in German. The bust is that of Thomas Koschat (lived 1845 to 1914) who was a famous Austrian

opera singer and composer. From 1877 to 1906 Thomas Koschat founded and sang with the Koschat Quintet, touring Europe and America extensively. The words "Kärntner Leiderfurst" above

the coined bust translates to "Austria's men's choir".

The words "Verlassen bin i" between the bust and harp is the song title of a notable composition by Koschat that translates to "I am leaving". This tune was found on an early Victor record as well as on an old music box. The word "Koschat's Geburtsort" appearing to the left of the village scene

translates to "Koschat's place of birth". The village name "Viktring" is on the right and below it the word "Karnten" is the old German word for the area that is Austria. The maker of the knife as well as who were it's previous owners remains a mystery.

**Stag English Self Defence  
Folding Knife  
By B K Brooks**

My interest in Sheffield and English knives was started by those two Zalensky Boys who have led me down an expensive side road of knife collecting. This particular knife I am writing about I solely blame on Garry Zalensky who got me interested in a style of English made folding knives which are variously described as English Jacks, folding dirks, Self Defence knives or just damn big folders. Per our own Bernard Levine's Guide to Knives and their Values on page 212 English Jacks are an Americanised name applied to these large sized, slim, regular and sleeveboard jack knives commonly with locking master blades. Bernard notes the "English Jack is less bulky and more pocketable than clasp or folding hunters, but its master blade is almost as long as theirs are". My particular knife I am discussing stretches the size of one's pocket though.

These knives were produced possibly during the 1700's but mainly in the 1800's appealing to the well heeled travelers who were on the open roads of England whether by foot, horse or on stage, Crimes committed by Highwaymen on these roads was well documented with such names as Tom, Dick and Harry Dunsdon, Claude Du Vall (the Gallant Highwayman), Richard Turpin, Louis Jeremiah Abershawe (Last executed highwayman to have his body put on public display in England), even one Lady Katherine Ferrers, who was an English gentlewoman/heiress and a Miss named Mary Byrant.

While most of the above listed highwaymen (and women) were armed with pistols at the time, they were single shot, unreliable, and the garden variety of highwaymen worked in groups



with clubs, small swords, axes and of course knives. Hence if a skirmish started and pistol shots expended, knives came out on both sides. The English travelers preferred a long dangerous knife and these slim folding knives made them not so obvious in public.

This particular knife came up on eBay, was a giant among self

defense knives and I was a bit worried about it. It was marked JAMES MARSH but the MARSH on the tang was offset. Everything else seemed correct, but I am always leerie of fakes. After asking questions, assured it was not loose as a goose, and that the fabulous stag had no damage or repair I finally put in a low ball bid. It was immediately accepted which worried me even more. I expected a counter-offer!

Arriving from the United Kingdom I was much relieved it was not some India or Pakistan copy. I sent pictures to Garry who admitted not only the real thing but an inch bigger than his biggest, a Hobson, mine being 19 inches open.

The stag handle was of course its high light, fitted like a glove and in perfect condition. Garry waxed poetic

noting it was amazing that these English knives were produced with no electricity, no artificial lighting

but sunlight, no electric power tools but just water powered devices and hand tools. But Garry could not explain the offset MARSH on the tang under JAMES. So Garry referred me to his son Mark.

Mark quickly made the call. Next to the MARSH was a good blob of tarnish and wear. Mark said it was a JAMES TIDMARSH knife. He

also asked if the word BEST was on it and there it was just a faint marking above the name. Mark admitted not much is known about the maker (I had found nothing in the books I have). After more than a few hours on the Web I came up with some scraps of info.

Some refer to James Tidmarsh as a Sheffield maker (without proof), yet other information points to London. It appears Tidmark may have been involved in a multiple production of cutlery, pens and steel combs. There is a warehouse in London with James Tidmark listed as resident.

Web pictures show a Gun/knife marked James Tidmark, as well as a few Hobo or slot knives with spoon or fork. No city or country names on tang marks of the few knives pictured. Some suggest Tidmark has been around in the early 1800's but other information suggests activity more around mid 1800's. The name seems to have a connection with Excelsior branding and apparently a company called Thomas Ellin & Co used the name James Tidmark on some of their knives (buyout??)

Well it is one whale of a self defense knife and the stag handle size is indeed a rarity. Please note the pictures. The stag makes it really show well, and the craftsmanship is tight as a clock. If anyone else has a James Tidmark

product or any information on him I would love to be clued in.

As always  
Happy  
Collecting.

B K Brooks



# The 2025 OKCA Club Knife

*By Mike Johnston*



**This prototype was made by Mike Johnston for example purposes.**

Photos by Mike Johnston



## Announcements from the OKCA Board

Good Mooooorning OKCA club members!!

**We had a great Mini show** this past weekend.

Thank you to all the facilitators who worked the show, our table holders really appreciated the extra help you provided.

It was pouring rain (as usual in Eugene Oregon) and our advertising paid off with higher foot traffic "This is the busiest this show has been in 10 years" said Jack Birky to Grace M. on Saturday afternoon.

The new table layout was comfortable and quite enjoyable.

Thank you to everyone who donated to TOYS FOR TOTS. Thank you Bryan Christensen for running the donation table.

Always a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

**The 2025 OKCA Club Knife** is going to be made by Mike Johnston. A Cable Damascus Friction Folder. See the above for pictures of the

prototype. The club knife will be going on sale next month.

### **2025 April Show:**

Next month we'll be announcing the theme for the April Show.

If you need a hotel for the April show be sure to check the OKCA website for a list of discounted hotels.

Sign up for your exhibitor table before December 15th to reserve the same table that you had in 2024.

**Don't forget to renew your membership for 2025**, boy has this year flown by. We'll be mailing out the membership badges in mid January.

**Have a Safe and Happy New Year!!**



**December Meeting at Sizzler  
12/18/2024**

(dinner at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6:00pm)

1010 Postal Way  
Springfield, OR 97477

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Free classified ads will run up to three issues and then be dropped. Available only to paid members. Write your ad on anything you have handy and email or snail mail to the OKCA PO Box 2091 Eugene OR 97402. The number and size of ads submitted by a single member will be accepted, or excepted, depending on available space.



Knives outreach – Jeff Dowell here, son of Ted and Betty Dowell / [www.tmdknives.com](http://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](mailto: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@westsky.net](mailto:Westlind@westsky.net)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:patgeehan@gmail.com)

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**Wanted:** Remington scout/utility knife with pioneer boys or highlander boy's shield or heroism shield. Email [jpitt306@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:jgl321@aol.com)

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**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](mailto:sally@customknife.com)

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**J.A. Henckels Vintage Knife Collection available for viewing** at [jahenckelscollection.com](http://jahenckelscollection.com). Bruce Owens [buker@charter.net](mailto:buker@charter.net).

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