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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

48th 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@oregonknifecollectors.com

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 _____



KNEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL



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

January 2025

"The Knife I Carry" By Grace Mikolyski

There's a knife I've carried, or more accurately, a knife I *once* carried—the Colonial Smoke Jumper Model 724 Parachute Knife (production years 2010-2015). It was a gift to me during my training for a private pilot's license in Creswell, Oregon. Before I continue, let me clarify something: I have absolutely no intention of jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. I've never done it, and I have no interest in paying for the privilege of throwing myself out of an aircraft and hurtling toward the earth at 9.8 meters per second until a thin piece of expanded fabric hopefully slows my descent enough that I do not look like a bug splatter on a windshield at the end of my journey (after all, that money could be better spent on adding to my knife collection). But despite my disinterest in parachuting, this

knife has a special place in my heart.

The Colonial Smoke Jumper Knife is technically a switchblade. It has a safety button that must be flipped before pressing the second button, enabling one-handed operation. On the other end, there's a hook designed to cut through safety belts or parachute cords in an emergency.

Fortunately, I never had to rely on it in a life-threatening situation. Aside from some occasional



turbulence over the Cascades, my flights were safe and ended with smooth landings. However, the knife did come in handy during more routine moments at the airport. It was a reliable tool when dealing with ropes, tie-downs, and other small tasks around the

airfield. But beyond its practicality, I carried it out of respect for the military personnel who were the inspiration behind the knife's design.

Originally created in the 1960s for smokejumpers—those elite firefighters who parachute into wildfires—this knife was built for tough, life-or-death scenarios. I've included a brief history of the knife from the manufacturer's website below for anyone interested in its legacy.

At the same time I received the Smoke Jumper Knife, I was also given a small 1/10 oz gold coin, the

"Lucky Lindy," which features a likeness of Charles Lindbergh. When it was given to me, it was worth about \$100 — enough for a meal and a bus ride home in case I ever found myself stranded somewhere. By current gold prices, it's worth \$250, which, by today's standards of inflation, will

get me a six-block Uber ride down to Starbucks and a cup of coffee.

The two items — the knife and the coin — felt like the perfect pair for any pilot. The knife could help you out of a tricky situation, and the coin would provide you with the means to get home. Together, they symbolized readiness and resilience. Even now, I still carry the coin with me. The knife, however, sits in a box in my closet, only taken out every few months to remind me of the days when I was flying over the Pacific Northwest. Life changes, and with it, priorities shift, but these objects hold sentimental value, representing a chapter of my life I'll never forget.



“SMOKE JUMPER MODEL 735 PARACHUTE KNIFE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR U.S. PARATROOPERS AND USED BY EVERY BRANCH OF SERVICE FOR THOSE WANTING TO JUMP

OUT OF A PERFECTLY GOOD AIRCRAFT. U.S. MILITARY PILOTS CARRY THE SMOKE JUMPER KNIFE WITH THE BAIL ATTACHED TO THE CORD ON THE FLIGHT SUIT INSIDE LEG POCKET, PILOTS TAPE THE BLADE SHUT AND LEAVE THE HOOK (AVAILABLE ON THE MILITARY ISSUE PARATROOPER

KNIFE) IN THE DEPLOYED POSITION SHOULD THE NEED TO DITCH IN THE WATER AND HAVE TO CUT THE LINE CONTACTING THEIR LIFE RAFT TO THE SINKING AIRCRAFT, PLUS THE NON PUNCTURE CUTTING EDGE WILL NOT PUNCTURE THE LIFE-RAFT. SINCE THE 1960'S WHEN THE THE M-724 MILITARY ISSUE PARATROOPER WAS FIRST ISSUED, MILLIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND TODAY IS ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED KNIFE DESIGNS IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY WITH THE MILITARY AND FORMER MILITARY MEMBERS.”

<https://www.colonialknifecorp.com/products/switchblade-m-735-wi-th-secondary-manual-blade>

The Theme of the 2025 April show is KITCHEN CUTLERY The Display Award - Chef Knives

The awards given to the winners of the Display tables at the show this year will be custom made Chef knives. The blades are hand forged San mai by Murray Carter and will be embellished by select custom knife makers in our club. A BIG THANK YOU TO MURRAY CARTER, THE MAKERS and GENE MARTIN for making all of this happen.

For our new members who might not be aware, the tables around the edges of the showroom are displays put together by our club members from their personal collections and the awards given out on the judging of those Displays are these handmade knives.

If you would like a chance to win one of these knives, all you have to do is put together a display table. If you are already a table holder, you can get a display table for free! If you are not a table holder, the display tables cost \$100. To purchase a display table, you can book it on our website or you can contact Susan Goddard at the club contact info found at the end of this newsletter.

- OKCA Board

COMPETITION KNIFE JUDGING

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2025 OREGON KNIFE SHOW HANDMADE KNIFE COMPETITION.

The categories for the custom knife competition are :

**ART KNIFE – BOWIE KNIFE – DAMASCUS – FIGHTING KNIFE – FOLDING KNIFE – HAND FORGED
HUNTER/UTILITY – KITCHEN KNIFE – MINIATURE – NEW MAKER**

1) Knives can be submitted and accepted only from table-holders at the 2025 OKCA Show. The exceptions are the New Maker category. A “New Maker” is one who has been making knives for less than 2 years and cannot have entered a knife in an OKCA competition previously. If these two requirements are not met, they will be entered into the general categories.

2) The maker must personally submit the knife and identify himself as the maker of the submitted knife.

3) The Oregon Knife Collectors shall not be held liable in any way for the submitted knife after it has been turned over to the Oregon Knife Collectors Association.

4) If there is a question by the judges as to the class/division/category into which the knife is submitted for judging, that knife may be ineligible for that class/division/category. The judges, at their discretion, may change that knife to a more suitable category.

5) The submitted knife must have been made after April 14, 2024 and never previously received an award to be eligible for competition.

6) Knives submitted will have their marks covered and will be numbered. Cover material will be provided if you do not have any. **You will be asked to cover your mark on your own knife. This must be done before you submit it for judging.**

7) Awards will be announced Friday afternoon about 5:00PM. Winners knives will be kept for display until 6:00PM. All other knives will be returned after judging is completed. The winners will also be announced at the Saturday Night Awards Presentation.

8) The submitted knives must be 88% made by the knife-maker who submits the knife for judging. Disclosure of the other 12% must be noted.

9) Damascus knives can be placed in any category, except hand forged. A knife can only be entered into one category.

10) There must be at least three knives, or submittals, in a category before that category will be eligible for an award.

11) Knives for the **Custom Knife Competition** will be accepted in **Meeting Room #3** during the hours of **1:00PM to 2:00PM Friday – April 11, 2025**. The cut off time will be 2:00 sharp, if you get the point.

Any violation of these rules will make the knife and the maker ineligible for awards.

Any infraction identified after the awarding will result in forfeiture of the award. It will be the responsibility of the knifemaker to abide by these rules. Show Chair Lisa Wages shall be the absolute decision maker on any conflicts or questions should it become necessary.



Greetings OKCA Members,

I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year!

Here is a quick update as of January 1st:

Membership Renewals for 2025

Renewals for 2025 are steadily coming in, and we are currently at 405 members. In December, we had a total of 938 members. Please encourage your friends to renew their memberships as early as possible. Early renewals help with cash flow for the April show (such as deposits at the Lane Events Center and advertising), as well as ensuring that bulk membership badges are printed and mailed in January. This makes running the club much smoother, and we appreciate your help!

If you're having any trouble navigating the renewal process in the club's software system, feel free to reach out to me directly via email or phone. I can email you an invoice directly, which will make processing a credit card payment easy.

2025 April Show Tables

We've already sold 130 tables for the 2025 April show. If you had a table last year but haven't signed up for 2025 yet, you may hear from Vice President Steve Goddard, who will be checking in to confirm your participation.

Have questions about being an exhibitor at the April show?

Feel free to reach out to our Show Chair, Lisa Wages, at okcashowchair@gmail.com

2025 Membership Badges

Membership badges for 2025 will be printed and mailed by the end of January—weather permitting! (Last year, a record-breaking snowstorm delayed the process for weeks.)



Hotel Reservations for April

If you need a hotel for the April show, we've secured room blocks from April 10 to April 13 at the following hotels. Click the links to reserve your room:

Courtyard Eugene Springfield – [Book your group rate for Oregon Knife Collators Association 2025](#)

Hilton – [Book your group rate for the OKCA 2025](#)

Valley River Inn – [Oregon Knife Collectors Association April](#)

2025 Club Knife

This year's club knife is a cable damascus friction folder, collaboratively designed by Mike Johnston and Ray Ellingsen, and made by Mike Johnston.

Numbers 1–5 will be available for bidding in the silent auction at the April show. Numbers 6–105 will be available for purchase later this month and will be ready for pick up at the April show. \$195 per club knife.

2025 Club Coin

The 2025 club coin is being designed by Bob Hergert. The coin will feature an image of an Oregon cable bridge alongside the 2025 club knife, with the other side displaying the club's beaver logo, as we did last year. These will be up for sale in the coming weeks once the design has been completed. We won't know the cost until we get the coins minted as it is directly correlated to the cost of silver and gold at the time our order is submitted.

Final Thoughts

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any board member if you have any questions.

And a special thank you to everyone who contributed articles for this newsletter—Grace truly appreciates it! Keep them coming! And just a reminder: please ensure content is rated PG for our members with children present.

Best regards,
Susan Goddard
Secretary/Treasurer, OKCA

January Meeting at Sizzler 1/15/2025

(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 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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<http://www.KellyLaneKnives.com>"

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

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

Knives For Sale: Antique, custom & factory, pocketknives, folders, fixed blades, dirks, daggers, bowies, military, Indian, frontier, primitive & ethnic. Other collectibles also. Current colored catalog - FREE. Northwest Knives & Collectibles (503)362-9045 Anytime.

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.

J.A. Henckels Vintage Knife Collection available for viewing at jahenckelscollection.com. Bruce Owens buker@charter.net.

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