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

October 2025

Update OKCA Board

Dear Members,

We hope this message finds you well! We wanted to take a moment to update you on what we've been up to lately.

We recently held an online flash sale for the silver coins in our inventory (you may have seen the email blast we sent). We sold out in just two hours! Talk about a "flash" – wow!

We're excited to announce the club knives for 2026 will feature Ted Dowell blades, with handles and finish by Mike Johnston and Jeff Dowell (Ted's son). Knives numbered 1–5 will be handled and finished by Jeff, while knives numbered 6–50 will be handled and finished by Mike. Each knife will have slight variations in size and style. We'll have more details and photos for sale soon! As we've done for the past two years, club knives numbered 1–5 will be offered in the silent auction at the April show, and knives numbered 6–50 will be available for pre-order and pick-up at the show. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming newsletters!



Our annual Toys for Tots drive will take place at the Mini December show.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



ATTENTION TABLEHOLDERS: Please take a moment to review the Exhibitor Rules in this newsletter to ensure you're in compliance for the upcoming show in December.

We've secured room blocks for April 9–12, 2026, at the following hotels:

- **Valley River Inn** – [Click here to reserve your room at the Valley River Inn](#)
- **Courtyard by Marriott** – [Book your group rate for the Oregon Knife Collectors Association](#)
- **Holiday Inn Express Downtown** – [Click here to reserve your room](#)

- **Graduate by Hilton Eugene** – [Click here to reserve your room](#)

If you're reading a hard copy of this newsletter, you can also visit the **lodging & FAQ** page on the club's website for these links.

Lastly, just a quick reminder: As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our annual board elections, traditionally held in October, will instead take place this year in November.

Warmest regards,

The OKCA Board of Directors

October Meeting at Sizzler 10/15/2025

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

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Springfield, OR 97477



Remembering the Excitement of EBAY for Knife Collectors - BK Brooks

When EBAY hit the scene as a place to buy knives in the beginning of Hi Tech Online Sales, it was a game changer. It may seem to sound a bit crazy now, with a large percentage of new and old knives being sold online on various websites, but when EBAY hit the internet and knife sellers/buyers had a new marketplace, it was a sensation. It literally shook the world of knife collecting.

The internet email (remember email?) went crazy. Knife collectors were contacting each other, saying, "Did you see this one?", "Wow, is that a rare piece," and, "Look at the price that one got." It really shook the market up.

People who discovered it early were finding super deals at reasonable prices. As the word got out, you were still able to buy items you were looking for for years in magazines and shows. Sellers who had no knowledge of the knife they were selling were, at times, getting much more than they ever dreamed from Grandpa's old knife. The reverse was also true. Some military knives that were commanding higher prices were suddenly flooded with more and more of the same, depressing the price of the knife. They were going for prices under what Price Guides suggested.

Even the Oregon Knife Newsletter took note. At that time, EBAY allowed you to see what questions were asked. A person was selling an old knife at a low price that they knew nothing about. It was a Scagel. The number of people advising her, making lowball offers, confirming the knife's identity and background were astronomical. It was so interesting at the time, the Oregon Knife Newsletter actually printed the posts verbatim! The knife sold for many thousands.

Companies actually (at a fee) sold information as to what particular knives were selling for on the web, especially EBAY. Values soared and plummeted from this information. Nowadays, you can hit EBAY completed items to see what the going price is in real time for a particular knife. These were very exciting days. It bonded me with many knife collectors I was emailing back and forth with. We remained friends for years because of this back and forth—at times, especially in the beginning, almost a revival of interest in collecting. You could actually have a chance of completing your collection desires. People would tip me off, "Hey, look at this one. I know you collect that. Go ahead and bid, as I collect something else." At the start, there was a tsunami of knives appearing—many rare (or in some cases, thought to be rare).

Definitely more choices than the average collector could afford.

The buying frenzy in the beginning was interesting. A Schrade Dice Pullball in fair shape had a bidding war that almost went to \$250.

Later, others in better shape followed, and prices went closer to \$100. At the time, I had seen—or I should say had brought to my attention—a Western WW2 Bowie at the OKCA show, commanding a considerable cash outlay. I was able to obtain two on EBAY for a third of the asking price. Then, within a couple of years, these knives bounced up to the

asking price at the OKCA show. I was able to obtain several Krag Bowie bayonets and a knife called a Draftsman Mechanical Knife and Scribe that was actually a WW2 Luftwaffe knife, well below its value. Most of you are aware of Mark Zalensky's find on EBAY of a very rare smaller Bowie knife that he was excited enough to make a YouTube video about. Those were the days, and very heady days they were.

The EBAY craze has calmed down with more restrictive EBAY rules and people creating other, more specific, knife sales-oriented websites. There was always the EBAY pitfall of what looked good in pictures—you found to be a loose goose of a buy. Fakes started to proliferate on EBAY that, if sold at a knife show, pressure would be applied to the bad actor. EBAY was the Wild

The screenshot shows the eBay homepage with the logo at the top left. Below the logo is a 'categories' list including Antiques, Books, Movies, Music, Coins & Stamps, Collectibles, Computers, Dolls, Figures, Jewelry, Gemstones, Photo & Electronics, Pottery & Glass, Sports Memorabilia, Toys & Beanies, and Miscellaneous. To the right of the categories is a search bar and a 'Search tips' link. Below the search bar is a 'Sell your item' button and a 'Welcome Wagon' message. To the right of the 'Sell your item' button is a 'Get news and chat' button. Below the 'Welcome Wagon' message is a 'Register it's free and fun' button. To the right of the 'Register' button is a 'stats' box showing 1,309,481 items for sale in 1,096 categories, over 41 million items for sale since inception, over 151 million bids made since inception, and over 600 million page views per month. Below the 'stats' box is a 'fun stuff' box with a link to 'eBay Life' and a link to 'Read about your eBay community. Check out eBay Life, the new monthly newsletter.' At the bottom of the page is a 'Last updated: 01/16/99, 19:15:17 PST' timestamp.

West of knife collecting that could sometimes burn even the experienced collector.

But at the origin, it was truly great fun, brought a better sense of the market and value, made collecting easier for a while, started many a conversation, and even still offered a chance to pick up a real buy from the uneducated seller of Grandpa's old knife. Happy collecting to you and yours.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT 2025

****PLEASE RETURN PAGES 1 AND 2 (or a photocopy) DO NOT CUT IT UP!****

email: info@oregonknifecollectors.com phone: 541-972-3393

Or set up your membership/renewal/show table online at <https://oregonknifecollectors.com>

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email _____

Collector ☐ Knifemaker ☐ Dealer ☐ Mfr./Distrib. ☐ Other _____



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

Saturday, December 6, 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 October 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 \$50 (members only)\$ _____

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

**** PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE application must include the signed SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES PAGE or a photocopy. DO NOT CUT IT UP!**** www.oregonknifecollectors.com

SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2025

Mini December OREGON KNIFE SHOW • December 6th, 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

RESERVATIONS: Tables will be assigned. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT.

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: 9 AM to 3PM Saturday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 3 PM SATURDAY FORFEITS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS.

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.

SHOW FACILITATORS will be provided by OKCA from 9AM - 3PM Saturday. 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.

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 _____

OKCA Free Classified Ads

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.

My wife says I should sell my store (after 21 years) and start doing some stuff around the house. Rats, I say, but need to keep the wife happy. So, you can buy everything in the store, fixtures included, or move to Portland and not have to move a thing. Price is really fair, the new landlords kind of a jerk, but you'll make my wife happy. Call me or email me: 503-234-8898 or swordrep3208@gmail.com Thanks, Dave/Hawthorne Cutlery

For out of print reference books on blades and other items, plus artifacts for sale, visit Rick Wagner's site; Bladeandbookvault.com

Knives For Sale! Also, purchasing or taking on consignment knife collections (none too big or too small). Free monthly colored catalog! Northwest Knives & Collectibles call anytime - (503) 362-9045

Knives (Carbon and stainless) and **axes** and other items that "go cut" available on **eBay** under Mayeriboutique. <https://www.ebay.com/usr/mayeriboutique> Special requests welcome. Bulk sales welcome. Mention that you are a OKCA member for a 10% discount. Thanks Becky Pierce



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!

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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

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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 - ijl321@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

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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DECEMBER 6th 2025

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Sat. April 11th 7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to the public.

Sun. April 12th 8am-9am set-up. 9am-3pm open to the public.

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