



June 2017 American Woodturner Article:

On Wednesday, August 24 members of the Quad Cities Woodturners delivered 84 Memory Boxes to Ginger Manzella, Child Life Specialist at Central Du Page Hospital, Winfield, IL. This was an extremely fulfilling summer project for our club. It will provide parents of children with chronic, terminal illnesses or sudden traumas a place to keep hand molds, locks of hair, poems, pictures, special momento's and etc. of their children. Last year the club delivered over forty Beads of Courage boxes to the hospital. The memory boxes were specifically asked for by Ms. Manzella this year to help provide some closure for the parents and/or children.

All of the "memory boxes" were designed to hold a minimum of an 8 and ½ by 11 sheet of paper and 3 inches in height. These boxes were meticulously handmade using premium hardwoods by our members.

I would like to personally thank Dave Johnson and Steve Johnson, for heading up this committee and providing their leadership to follow through from beginning to end. As well as, all those members who participated in making this happen. Also, a special thank you goes out to Johnson Creek Hardwoods of Mount Carrol, IL for providing some of the hardwoods for this project. Pictured left to right in back: Dave Johnson, Dan Gascoigne, Warren Hadley, Steve Shippey, Steve Johnson, and in the front Allie Jones, Ginger Manzella and myself.

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