

The South Central PennTurner

Newsletter of the South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners, January-February 2003



(Left) Elm burl vessel with leather lace (4½”w x 4½”h); (Right) elm burl hollow form (7”w x 5”h), both by Phil Reed

Future Meeting:

There will be no January meeting—see you in February.

February:

February 4, 2003

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Elmer Absher’s shop
2530 Pin Oak Drive, York PA
(717) 843-1627

Directions. Going east on US. 30, Turn left onto Toronita Street at the first traffic light east of the I-83 overpass (AT ROUND THE CLOCK DINER). Travel about ¾ mile to North Point Drive on left (AT SIGN TO WHITE OAK MANOR CONDO’S). Turn left onto North Point Drive and go up the hill to the first condo units and park on condo side of street. That condo number is 2531. Walk across lawn to the right of number 2531 to Pin Oak Drive. Number 2530 is across the street. Elmer’s shop is at the rear of 2530, basement level. For those who

know the way off North George Street, that’s an OK route also.

Program: Jerry Kopenhaver and David Smith will demonstrate turning wooden pens. Topics will include cutting, drilling (including drill bit selection), squaring and gluing blanks, types of pen-making mandrels and their use, alternatives to the mandrel, measuring, cutting and finishing the pen barrel, and assembly and disassembly of turned pens.

Is pen making a mystery to you? Pen turners tell us it’s easy. Dave and Jerry promise to dispel any mysteries and to share some of their pen-turning secrets. Wooden pens make attractive and unique gifts. The person receiving a turned pen feels that it’s special, partly because of its attractiveness, but mostly because you handmade it personally for them. Come to the February meeting and learn pen turning. It may solve some of your gift-giving problems.

Cover-page Turnings

Phil Reed has shown a number of striking pieces for Show & Tell in recent months. He successfully captures the beauty in burl wood with these two cover-page turnings, and the use of leather lace adds extra interest. Besides elm burl, Phil has shown turnings of dogwood, African olive, and New Zealand swamp kauri.

About Our Members

Dave Barkby received the “Best in Wood” award with a large turned and carved wall hanging (see Show & Tell) at the Pennsylvania Craftsman Guild Holiday Show, Franklin and Marshall College, on November 30 and December 1, 2002.

Dave also has pieces on display at the York Arts Show. The show, located at the York Arts Building, Beaver Street, York, runs from December 5, 2002 to February 5, 2003.

Tell others about your activities in the newsletter by sending the information to Glenn Zepp, 1160 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717-337-9571) or email him at zeppga@blazenet.net

New Member

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November Notes

David Smith demonstrated the making and use of wooden faceplates and specialized drives. Wooden faceplates and specialized drives are handy for turning many small and medium sized objects.

SCPA Woodturners Information

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The South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Membership dues are \$20/year. For membership, send a check, payable to “SCPA Woodturners”, to the treasurer, Jerry Kopenhaver at 50 Warrington Ways, Wellsville, PA. 17365. AAW membership information can be found at www.woodturner.org.

Treasurers Report (Dec. 20, 2002)

Jerry Kopenhaver

Balance \$1647.82

With a drill bit 1/8” smaller than the spindle diameter of his lathe and a tap that matched the spindle thread, Dave created a faceplate from a scrap of maple in a matter of minutes. In addition to making a basic faceplate he demonstrated several specialized drives made from wood scraps. They included a wooden drive mandrel, useful for mounting stock with a predrilled hole (such as an ornamental bird house); a square drive faceplate, which provides a quick way to mount spindle stock of a fixed size; a bowl drive faceplate, used for holding bowls while turning the bottoms; a bowl drive pad, also used for holding a bowl when truing-up a recessed bottom or for finishing bottoms; and a vase or vessel bottom-drive, useful for holding thin walled vessels while finishing the bottoms. He also showed how to quickly make sanding disks using a wooden faceplate and knife. Dave handed out copies of a paper he wrote covering the making and uses of wooden faceplates. Thank you David for an interesting program.

December Notes

Twenty-seven members and guests attended the Club's Holiday Party, December 3, 2002 at the Emigsville Recreation Building. Though the weather outside felt cold and wintery, the atmosphere inside was warm and friendly. Everyone enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship. An instant gallery of turned projects provided a showcase of members work.

John and Joan Stewart hosted the party while lots of volunteers helped with the setup and cleanup. Thank you John and Joan and volunteers for an enjoyable evening.



John Stewart and Jerry and Cindi Kopenhaver—Sharing a light moment

Upcoming Events of Interest

Baltimore Woodworking Show--The Baltimore woodworking show comes to the Maryland State Fair, January 3, 4, & 5, 2003. Among the attractions is a wood turning shop with free demonstrations on pen turning, finishing techniques & tips, bowl turning, sharpening for turners, and mounting & turning for figure..

The show is held in the Cow Palace at the Maryland State Fair Ground, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093. The hours are: Friday, 1 pm-9 pm; Saturday 10 am-6 pm; and Sunday 10 am- 4 pm.

For more information call (800) 826-8257 or check out www.thewoodworkingshows.com.



Gene and Bette Swensen, Elmer Absher and his guest, Susan, and Joan Stewart—Ready to eat



Carol Frye and Sam Riemold

The newsletter: Published bi-monthly, material is actively solicited for the newsletter and every effort will be made to use appropriate material from the membership. Unsolicited material from non-members also will be considered. The editor reserves the right to edit for length and appropriateness. No placement of material is guaranteed. Ads will be accepted free from members and may run for two consecutive issues. Contact the editor for deadlines for ads and material to be placed in the newsletter.

2003 AAW Symposium--Thinking about vacation plans for this summer?. Consider the 17th Annual National AAW Symposium in Pasadena, California, June 27-29, 2003.

Highlights of this year's symposium include three days of terrific demonstrations, an Instant Gallery of attendees best work, the annual AAW banquet and auction for its educational fund, a complete woodturner's trade show, and planned spouse/family activities.

Featured demonstrators include Vic Wood (Australia), Eli Abuhatzira (Israel), Ciaran Forbes (Ireland), Johannes Rieber (Norway), Stephen Hogbin (Canada), Luke Mann (Vermont), Craig Nutt (Tennessee), and David Ellsworth (Pennsylvania).

Featured demonstrators will do six rotations each. Additional demonstrators will be announced in the Spring 2003 AAW Journal.

The trade show includes leading manufacturers and suppliers displaying tools, equipment, and supplies of particular interest to woodturners.

The Instant Gallery, a wonderful tradition of past symposiums, is open to all attendees. You may bring up to three of your own turned creations to share with others. The gallery is open to the public as well as to symposium participants.

Spouse/family activities for "non-turners", include daily chartered tours to points of interest in the Los Angeles area.

More details will be available in the AAW Journal's spring issue.

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Mini-Symposium--Want a vacation closer home than Pasadena? Consider the The Ohio Valley Woodturner's Guild Mini-Symposium October 17-19, 2003. The Symposium will be in Southeastern Indiana on the Ohio border just minutes from the Cincinnati airport and four interstate highways.

Five well-known turners will demonstrate for ten hours each during the three days. They are Richard Raffan, Michael Lee, Bonnie Klein, Al Stirt, and Michael Mahoney.

The cost for the three days, \$235, includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, Friday evening dinner, and the Saturday Banquet. Rooms at the facility are available for \$55 a night. There are motels off campus available for a higher fee. For additional information contact Joe Keeler at jgklr2732@aol.com.

There are twenty-five 75-minute time slots open for demonstrations by participants at the symposium. These "participant turners" get their meals free (a \$70 value). Contact David Morrical, Vice President, Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild at 513-771-5205 or dmorrical@aol.com if you are interested in being a guest turner. Guest turners must be members of AAW because of insurance requirements.

2003 Activity Schedule

Jerry Kopenhaver

The executive committee has come up with the following tentative schedule of activities for the 2003 calendar year (see page 5).

2003 Activity Schedule South Central Pennsylvania Turners

Date	Place	Activity	Presenter
Jan 7,	None	No Meeting	Open Month
Feb 4,	Elmer Absher's Shop	Pen Turning	Dave Smith, Jerry Kopenhaver
Mar 4,	Emigsville Community Bldg	Wood Identification Turned Objects	Dick Diehl and Turners
Apr 1,	Valen's Shop	Guest Turner	?
May 6,	Barkby's house	Hollow Form Turning	Dave Barkby
June 3,	Valen's Shop	Round Robin Turning Stations Basic Cutting/Tools/Chucking	Club Members
July 1,	Kopenhaver's Shop	Sharpening/Inside Out/Chucking	Dave Smith/Jerry Kopenhaver/Dick Diehl
Jul/Aug	John Stewart's Home	Summer Picnic	John Stewart & Turners Bring a Covered Dish
Aug 5,	Barkby's House	Carving/Painting	Jan Barkby
Sept 2,	Valen's Shop	Tool Making	Todd White/Elmer Absher/Dave Smith
Sept/Oct	Philadelphia Turning Museums	Field Trip	Todd White
Oct 7, 2003	Valen's Shop	Tool Making	Todd White/Elmer Absher/Dave Smith
Nov 4,	?	Guest Turner	Guest Turner
Dec 16,	Community Bldg Emigsville or Turner Home	Christmas Party Show and Tell Turned Gift Exchange	Note not first Tuesday due to Deer Season Participants Everyone
Extra Event	Robert Rosand's Shop Bloomsburg, PA	Basics turning	Chuck Landis and John Marsh – Winners Drawing \$125 each
Extra Event	?	Marketing/Sales – How to sell your turnings	?