

# The South Central Penn Turner

Newsletter of the South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners, February-March 2007



## February 6, 2007

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Carol Frye shop, 535 Conewago Creek Road, Manchester, PA.

**Directions:** From York, take exit 28 (old exit 12) off I-83. Go east on Susquehanna Trail (about ¼ mile) to a right onto Conewago Creek Rd. Go approximately 0.8 mile to 535 Conewago Creek Rd. on your right (Look for red barn next to the road).

**Program:** Business meeting, Show and Tell. The program will be a demonstration by Tom Deneen. The topic will be "Turning a Lidded Box." We would like to have a display of different turned boxes, so if you have turned a box in the past, please bring it along. Also don't forget to bring your other items for Show and Tell.

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**Program:** Business meeting, Show and Tell. The program will be on sharpening. Good sharp tools can make or break your turning experience. Everyone has their own method, jigs and wheels that they feel works well for them. Bring your systems to the meeting for others to check out. Also bring along some tools that you can sharpen on different systems.

## DUES

There are still several people who have not paid their dues for 2007. We will be updating the club records after the March meeting. If your dues are not paid by the March meeting your membership will be dropped. If you have not paid or are not sure if you did pay please contact Jerry at:

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# **-WANTED- NEW MEETING PLACE**

Carol has informed us that she will be moving to the big city (Carlisle PA) so that means that it is time for us to start looking for a new meeting place. If you have room in your shop to host the meetings or know of some place like a fire hall, church social hall or other building where we can meet once a month please contact Bill Fordney. We would like to thank Carol for allowing us to use Valen's shop for the past few years and we wish her all the best on her big move.


**NOTE:** If we need to change the meeting place for the March meeting we will let you know.

## **WOODTURNING CLASS**

At the Woodworking show last year we signed up 12 new members. To help answer some of their questions and to get them turning it was decided that we would hold a beginner's class. On January 20<sup>th</sup> Bill Fordney, Phil Reed, Tom Deneen and Don Naylor spent the morning with 9 of the new members. Here are a few pictures taken at the class.



**SOUTH CENTRAL PA 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](http://www.woodturner.org).

## PEN TURNING ON THE NET

I attended the Woodworking show in Timonium a few weeks ago. I had two gift certificates from Craft Supplies USA burning a hole in my pocket. Well after checking everything over in their booth I decided to use them towards a pen starting kit. The kit includes everything I needed to get started. That night I went on the Internet to see if I could find out how to go about turning a pen. I typed in pen turning in Goggle and got 99,300 hits. After trying several of the links I came to the International Association of Penturners web site at:

[www.penturners.org](http://www.penturners.org). This site is packed full of anything you ever wanted to know about pen turning. The first thing I checked out was the photo gallery. There are over 11,000 photos of pens on this site. After about an hour of looking at some of the pens I started to get a headache so I moved onto the forum section. I found everything from how to get started, how to make pens out of resin, epoxy, snake skins, corn cobs, rice crispes and just about anything else. They also discuss things like how to photograph your pens, how to market and sell pens, shop jigs, finishing and much more. After reading for a while I went to the Library section and checked out some of the videos that are there and read some of the many articles that people have submitted. There are plenty of links to places that sell pens and pen supplies along with a store that sells IAP items. Well I still have 99,295 links to check out, but if you are looking for any information on pens I suggest that you start with the International Association of Penturner's site.

## TURNING TIP

Here is a tip from the IAP forum on making quick and cheap buffing wheels for the lathe.



Here is a photo of the paint-roller buffer. You can't beat the price - about \$9 for a long nap lambs wool roller at Home Depot. It works, and it neither as aggressive nor as hard as the commercial buffers and it is really difficult to get it overloaded with buffing compounds or wax.

I put down 4 bands - Tripoli, White Diamond, wax, and leave the tailstock end bare for just polishing.

I turned the end pieces, and made the drive end so it would work in either a chuck or between centers. I prefer wood because I can glue them into the roller with a silicone adhesive so I can't lose them.

## 2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lots of food, lots of people and lots of turning made for another great club Christmas party hosted by John and Joan Stewart. If the club keeps growing John will soon need to add on another room. I was so busy stuffing my face with all the great deserts that I missed taking down the names of the people who brought in turnings for Show and Tell. Please check out all the turnings below and on the next page.





Elmer made 25 of these to hand out to the ladies. He made all of these and still found time to get married!  
**CONGRADULATIONS**