



South Central PA Woodturners

Newsletter

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MEETING DATES

MARCH 3, 2009 at the
Jacobus meeting location

APRIL 7, 2009 at the
Jacobus meeting location

MAY 5, 2009 at the Jacobus
meeting location

Jacobus meeting house is located on Water St. just off Main st. From the north turn right from Main onto Water St and left on drive just past the first street (Cherry St.) Driveway leads to cemetery. From the south turn left from Main onto Water St and left on drive just past the first street (Cherry St.) Driveway

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I want to thank John Stewart for his efforts to get visitors to our February meeting. John went through the AAW Resource Directory and contacted AAW members from this area and invited them to attend our meeting. As a result of John's efforts we had 40 folks at the February meeting. I believe that would be a record attendance number for us. Hopefully, some of these folks will return and become members.

For anyone who was not part of the February crowd, Phil Reed gave a demonstration on the making of his high-end birdhouse ornaments. Thanks, too, to Phil for his efforts. Of course, Phil had no idea how big his audience would be.

Unfortunately, we did not get a list of the Show & Tell items to match up with the photographs. Thanks to Larry Delp who jumped in and took pictures of the items using his phone, since we did not have a camera present.

On February 10 we held the previously postponed (due to weather) planning meeting at my house. There were eight of us there and we covered a lot of ideas on a variety of things.

1. We worked on the schedule for 2009. John Stewart has compiled a list of turners within a reasonable drive who may be willing to come and demonstrate for our meetings. We are in the process of contacting some of these folks to find out availability and cost. More on this when we get someone lined up.
2. We discussed the club purchasing some supplies in quantity and then making them available to members who could purchase smaller quantities from the club. Such things as sandpaper, glue and Anchorseal were mentioned and I will follow through to get pricing so we can decide if we want to pursue this.
3. Tim Kirkpatrick will look into the possible acquisition of some video equipment for use with demonstrations. This would be helpful if we have a group the size of last week's.
4. I recently met the president of the newly formed Lancaster club. As soon as they get their feet on the ground, we will pursue a joint meeting with them.

Thoughts continued on next page.

DUES

There are still several people who have not paid their dues for 2009. 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 paid you should have a 2009 membership card. If in doubt contact: John Stewart 3088 East Prospect Rd, York, PA 17402

Birdhouse Turning Demo

by Phil Reed

Phil Reed gave a demo on turning his classy, high-end birdhouses. He, of course made it look easy. Phil does start with a square block of wood and pre-drills the holes for the entrance and the wooden peg. He also drills out the interior of the house to save time of hollowing. It is easier to drill into a flat surface than a round one, he says. Phil has made a wooden jam chuck the same diameter as the interior of the house interior. The jam chuck has been tapered to a #2 taper to fit directly into the head stock of lathe. Birdhouse body fits onto this chuck and the body is turned into the shape you want. The top is then fitted onto the body and turned to shape.

Thanks Phil for a good lesson on turning made easy.



Don Wilson presented Martin Stolpe our resident forester, with a turned hand carved walking stick.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT- Continued

5. I have had further contact from the Harrisburg club, who want to bring Jimmy Clewes in for a demonstration. As specifics become known, I will keep everyone advised.
6. As an offshoot from one of last year's meetings, I am asking anyone to bring in any tips, tricks, jigs, fixtures and things of that ilk to each meeting. In addition to Show & Tell, I will start a Tips & Tricks segment.
7. I have one club shirt left. We discussed ordering more in a color other than gray. We will get a new price (several years ago they were \$21.50 each). These are the shirts that have the club logo embroidered on them.
8. We discussed expanding our newsletter to include articles on turning, upcoming show dates, and anything else that may be of interest. Along these lines I would ask all members to consider writing an article on some facet of woodturning in which you are interested. You do not have to be a professional writer to do this.
9. We will shoot for a newsletter deadline of the 12th of the month. We publish the newsletter every other month, so anything to be included should be sent to Bryan Sword by the 12th of February, April, June, August, October and December.
10. We will also start a classified "Wanted" or "For Sale" section in the newsletter. Listings will be free for members. Listings should include sufficient details and should be submitted to Bryan on the same deadline as articles in #9.
11. We have received some new books and videos. I will update the list that Tom and Betty Deneen prepared some time ago and see that it gets published in the newsletter. Members can "borrow" any of these items for a month for a donation to the club of \$3.00 per item.
12. We discussed having a raffle for wood, tools, etc., instead of the auctions we previously held from time to time. More on this later when details are worked out.

John tells me that we still have some folks who have not paid their 2009 dues. If you are one of these, please send your payment to John.

All in all things are looking up for our club. Hopefully, we will build the membership. There is enough money in the bank to let us bring in one or two outside demonstrators. Our meeting topics for the year should soon fall into place.

Please, please – at any time, if you have suggestions for the good of the club, let me know!

As Bugs always said – "That's all folks".

Turn safely,

Bill

Treasurers Report

From John Stewart
February 10, 2009:

\$2,810.43

Things for Sale

Walker turner cast iron scroll saw 24"
throat \$65
136" Olsen All Pro 5/8" band saw blades
3 TPI for re-sawing \$12 ea. 3 for \$30
136" Olsen All Pro 1" band saw blades
2 TPI for re-sawing 2 for \$30
82" Olsen All Pro 3/16" band saw blades
10 TPI for milld scholl 2 for \$15
Router Table custom made. \$50
See or call Bryan Sword
717 225 6807

FREE ELM WOOD

Free for pick-up.
Tom Deenen and Martin Stolpe
have gathered a truck load of cork
elm wood to be made available to
club members. Slabs, bowls, burl
wood. You must pick up at Tom's
he won't deliver. Contact Tom.
717 927 9004

Cabin Fever Wood Turning Demo

Club members put on a wood turning demo at the January Cabin Fever auction and model show held at the York Fair grounds in January. Members also rented an adjacent booth to sell some of their own turnings and were quite successful. The booth drew a lot of interest and hopefully future woodturners and members.



Show & Tell

Next time we will have a sign up list for item turners and descriptions. But just know your work is appreciated. Thanks to Larry Delp for taking pictures with his iPhone



