



South Central PA Woodturners

Newsletter

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JULY DEMO TOPIC

Segmented Bowls
Presented by
John Bertollette

Summer Picnic

Hosted by
John & Joan Stewart
August 4, 2009

Arrive as early as 5:30 for social time; we will eat about 6:30. Arrive early, stay late. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Main dish, tableware, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. It is a great time to socialize and compare notes.

SOME THOUGHTS...

From the President Bill Fordney

If you missed the May meeting, you missed a presentation by Martin Stolpe, our "resident" forester and source of much lumber for our members. Martin has a wealth of knowledge about wood and is always ready to discuss various woods and their properties. If you are working with a particular wood, and are having problems, you may just want to consult with Martin.

I still have the pursuit of video equipment for our meetings and demonstrations on my "to do" list. After consulting with some of our members and doing some more research I will report back at a future meeting.

I'm still looking for some volunteers to write articles for the newsletter. For starters - let me ask everyone to write a short article/narrative/whatever you want to call it, telling us how you got interested or started in woodturning, woodworking or any related part of the "wood" world.

Don't forget that we have started a classified "Wanted" or "For Sale" section in the newsletter. All we need are items for sale or items you are looking for.

Thanks to those of you who were kind enough to donate some projects for the silent auction at the church in Harrisburg. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get a list of how much things realized but, having attended the auction myself, my observation was that everything sold below what we would consider a fair price. So...some folks got a bargain and the church made some money toward their mission trip.

When David Reed Smith was here for his demo on toolmaking, he left the tools with me. We will start a raffle for two of them this month and have the drawing at our picnic (August 4). We will start a raffle for the remaining two in the fall and hold the drawing at our Holiday party.

You won't want to miss the July 7 meeting. John Bertollette, a young man from Middletown who works with Kay Pomroy will present a demonstration on Segmented Bowls. John is a high school student who has his own woodworking business. He teaches at the Woodcraft store in Harrisburg. If you would like some information on John, including a really nice photo gallery, look up his website at Bertollette Custom Woodworking.

I am attaching a description of 17th Century Woodturning, which was written by Joseph Moxon (1672-1691) and is included in an article on Medieval and Renaissance Lathes written by Thomas Rettie. (See page 3)
See you on July 7. That's all for now...Bill



May Demo

Don Wilson gave a demo on the “Using the Skew”.

Unfortunately I was not at the meeting and therefore could not record any of the tips and tricks that Don demonstrated. Don gives a great demo, and I am sorry I missed it. Don is always willing to give lessons at his home shop. So for advanced lessons contact Don. 717-741-1226



June Demo

Although it may look like Martin Stolpe is describing how big the fish was that he caught on a trip, he was giving another great talk on “Wood 101”. Martin is our resident forester and always comes up with some great pieces of unusual wood free to club members. Martin had a passion for wood even as a 17 year old. He admitted to stealing a wood book from a library in his youth and confessing it to the librarian 45 years later. She told him she always knew it was he who took the book, as no one else would have wanted it. Martin gave the names of several reference books on wood.

Reverence for Wood was mentioned as one that gives the uses of particular woods. For example, sycamore has an interlocking grain that makes it good for mallets, spoons, forks, butcher blocks, etc.

Other books recommended were:

Understanding Wood by Bruce Hoadley

Identifying Wood by Eric Sloane

A Natural History of Trees of Eastern and Central North America by Peattie

Now these would be informative reading I am sure, but if you want a quick answer call Martin, but not early in the morning. Martin says he is a night owl. 717-393-2184



Membership & Treasury report

Presented by John Stewart

John reports that we are up to 47 paid members. New members include Joyce McCormick, Carl Tipping, Clark Snyder and David Neuburger.

The Bank balance as of 6/2/09 is \$2744.43.

Newsletter Articles

Woodturning articles are needed for the newsletter. Downloaded or original articles provided in a Microsoft Word format or other similar program that can be cut & pasted into the newsletter are most welcomed. Tips, tricks and pictures of jigs that you use in your shop would be a great addition.

May 2009 Show and Tell



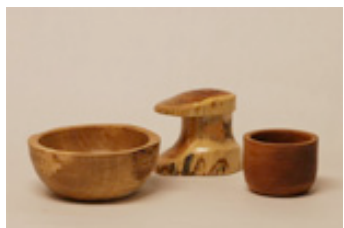
SW Sycamore Hollow Form
Don Wilson



Ash Hollow Form
Phil Reed



Worm Dog Wood, 1 red oak,
Elmer Absher



Wormy pieces
Elmer Absher



cherry drop spindle
Tom Deneen



Walnut candlestick
Don Wilson



Walnut sapwood
Bennett



Cherry plate
Bennett



Sumac Bowl
Barry Stump



Walnut Inkwell
Joyce McCormick



Cherry burl bowl
Kay Pomroy

17th Century Woodturning

Any substance, be it Wood, Ivory, Brass, etc., pitcht steddly upon two points (as on an Axis), and moved about on that Axis, also describes a Circle Concentrick to the Axis; and an Edge-Tool, set steddly to that part of that aforesaid Substance that is nearest the Axis, will in a Circumvolution of that Substance, cut off all the parts of Substance that lies further off the Axis and make the outside of that Substance also Concentrick to the Axis. This is a brief Collection, and indeed the whole Summ of Turning.

Medieval and Renaissance Lathes

(Editors note. This is typed exactly (spelling, punctuation, etc.) as it appears in the book,)

Humor & Deep Thoughts

From Tom Deneen

Dear Lord

So far today, God I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper.

I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed,

And from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen



June Show & Tell



Birch Box
Don Walkemever



Walnut Bowl
Elmer Absher



Walnut Bowl
Elmer Absher



Cherry Bowl
Elmer Absher



Walnut bowl lidded
Don Nalor



Cherry Mahogany Bowl
Al Herner



Flower
Al Herner



Rock/Cork bark elm
Tom Deneen



Cedar Bell Box
Bryan Sword

Classified

This is where you can sell shop related stuff. Ads must be in a format that can be pasted into the newsletter, not typed by newsletter editor.



Walker-Turner Scroll Saw
22" throat on stand - \$75
or reasonable offer



Bench Dog Router Table Top
1" acrylic w/2 template holes
1 universal template \$75



Router table w/ fence
\$30



Picture Framing Molding
selling for widowed sister-in-law
Reasonable offer

See or call Bryan Sword 717 225 6807