



South Central PA Woodturners

Newsletter

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November 3 Meeting

Mike Galloway

"Carving on Turnings"

Jacobus meeting building

Social 6 pm

Meeting 6:30

Club Holiday Social

December 1, 2009

John Stewart's residence

Social 5:30 6:30 ish

Dinner 6:45-7:00 ish

Bring side dish and deserts,

Main Course provided.

A great way to kick off the holidays

Bring Show & Tell

SOME THOUGHTS...

from our President Bill Fordney

The past two meetings have continued our pattern of good attendance. In September Larry Miller from the Cumberland Valley Woodturners joined us to demonstrate turning square footed bowls. In October our own Elmer Absher demonstrated the device he has made for the systematic gluing up of the segments for his "open-segmented" hollow forms.

As of this writing I have not heard back from the fellow who runs the Cabin Fever Expo. I have been trying to touch base to be sure if we can have a booth again this January. The expo is January 16 and 17, 2010 with their consignment auction on January 15. In my message to him I asked if Jack Shelly and his daughter would be there again and told him we would like the same booth setup that we have had the last two years. Hopefully I'll have the information before our next meeting.

RAFFLES

I had announced at the October meeting that we currently have two raffles going. The first is for a drawing for each of the two remaining tools that David Reed Smith made during his demonstration. We will draw two tickets at the Christmas party and two folks will each take home a new tool.

The second is for a square-footed bowl made from Ambrosia Maple that Larry Miller donated to us for a raffle. The drawing for this bowl will also be at the December party.

Chances for both drawings are \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00. They will be on sale at the November meeting and immediately before the drawing at the Christmas party.

I am working on a raffle idea that I will "steal" from the Cumberland Valley Woodturners. More on this later as we head into 2010.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on November 3 at the church building in Jacobus. Our own Mike Galloway will present a demonstration which we will call "Carving on Turnings". This promises to be an interesting meeting as Mike is quite a craftsman in both carving and turning. Any of you who have seen either type of Mike's work know why he has won blue ribbons at shows.

That's all for now. See you on November 3.

Bill

Minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2009

President Bill Fordney welcomed members and introduced guests. He informed us that the November show at the Expo Center has been cancelled.

Bill is looking for a volunteer to build a Plexiglas shield for our demo lathes. As we all know when giving demo wood chips, tools and other spinning things can go flying off toward the viewing public. A see-through shield would protect the viewers and the club from potential danger.

Video Grant

Bill says we need to wait till 2010 to submit a grant request for video equipment from AAW. With such equipment the demonstration can be projected onto a large screen or wall. This would really improve the viewing for all observers.

Kay Pomeroy held an open house on September 19 at her shop.

Treasurer's Report

We now have 53 members and a treasury amounting to \$2679. There were no expenditures. Only 3 gift certificates were given us from Craft Supply and these will be given for raffle to those members bringing items for show and tell.

Tips & Tricks



Tom Deneen showed his handmade wooden chuck for holding spoons; He has sold many coffee scoops made using this chuck. He is counting his money all the way to the bank.

Sanding disks info wanted. Joyce McCormick requested an idea for making sanding disks.

September Show & Tell – Photos by Phil Reed



Walnut Bowl
Elmer Absher



Knotwork (Maple & Walnut) Pen
Joyce McCormick



4 Scoops – ash, walnut, osage
Tom Deneen



Maple Bowls - red maple. Norway maple. silver maple - Mike Brecht



8"d. Walnut Bowl
Barry Stump



September Demo:

Larry Miller-Square Footed Bowls

Square-footed bowl Demonstration: Larry Miller from the Chambersburg Club gave the evening's demonstration for our Sept. meeting. Larry proclaimed that Bill is his hero and also his friend thru thick and thin. Well we all can agree with that. Bill got him interested in turning but did not teach him how to turn. So any mistakes that he may make cannot be blamed on Bill.

Larry produced a convex 4-footed square "bowl" which is best used for holding a large candle or other decorative use.

His method: The blank must be perfectly square. He uses a table saw with a thin kerf Forrest Blade. Find the absolute true center as best you can. If its not true center then later the legs will have to be customized to have the bowl sit flat. Use a screw chuck (or face plate) to mount the blank. A VicMarc or One Way chuck are good for this. Once spinning, the blank will become like a propeller. He says that turning the bowl is like cutting a shadow; you cannot really see the corners. So keep your hands behind the rest. Putting masking tape on corners will help you see where the corners are. Finish the top before turning bowl around. Hold the piece with an expanding chuck in the candle hole using one, not two, sheet of paper towel for protection of the finished surface. Larry grinds the gouge way back to use as scraper for forming the feet of the bowl. He uses 600-800 grit for finish sanding. He suggests tightening the chuck every hole to be sure of a firm grip. Larry gave a great show, full of humor and tips. Thank you Larry!



October 2009 Meeting

President Bill Fordney welcomed members and guests, including 12 year old Tom Frey. He pointed out the new semi-circular seating arrangement and the corkboard on easel with AAW newsletters and bank statement on it. The treasury has \$2,686.93 at M & T Bank. He is contacting Gary Shanley about taking a space for our club at the Cabin Fever Show on Jan. 16 and 17, 2010.

Stolen: A trailer load of 6 Jet 1220 lathes and tools has been stolen in Ohio. Members should keep an eye out.

Raffles: Two raffles are presently going on- \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Winning numbers will be drawn at the Christmas party for the last 2 tools made here by David Reed Smith and the square-footed bowl made by Larry Miller last month.

Bill can now submit our request online to AAW for a grant for video equipment, for better viewing of demonstrations.

Tips and Tricks:

*Bill discussed using a toothpick as a mini-dowel to repair a broken ornament.



*Phil Reed went to a Demonstration at the Harrisburg Club and came back with the idea of “Fun Foam” to create a vacuum seal; 12 sheets of it can be bought for \$5 at Michaels. Mike Brecht suggested that Walmart’s scrap booking supplies has something similar.

Show and Tell:

Elmer, Mike, and Mike Galloway showed bowls.



Phil brought a “skewgie” - metal by John Stewart/handle by Phil.



Mike G. uses General Finishes Arm-R-Seal first. Put it on heavy and while it is still wet sand it with Arbanet or Mirka sandpaper. This will create a paste and will fill in the soft areas. Let it dry overnight then you can turn or sand on it again.



Alvin Herner related his repairs to an antique spinning wheel.



David Neuberger brought a stool he and his wife made of turned wood and deer hide.

Martin Stolpe told of a woman he met who may be interested in selling turned items in her souvenir shop in Massachusetts. Melissa Talbot, she and Sherri Leo are partners:

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A short discussion followed on the excellent service provided by Penn State Industries, Huntingdon Valley, PA and Craft Supplies, Provo, UT



Tom Frey- Our youngest member gives it a try.

October Demo

Elmer Absher - Segmented Bowls

Elmer's Vertical Segmented Bowl Jig

or as Carol W. named it "His Thingamajiggy"

Elmer made himself a gluing jig for the purpose of setting the segments perfectly for his open segmented vases. He demonstrated how he has 2 rows of holes to set the base solidly while measuring and gluing each segment. He shared his diagramming and his formula for preparing the segments. Thank you, Elmer, very clever.

The following is Elmer's explanation of his jig.

I have made a fixture for a band saw that I can set to cut 12 or 20 section to the layer by changing the angle. And it can be set for as many sections as I would like.

I saw the strips out on the table saw and leave extra on so I can plane them to 3/8".

There are 12 1/4 inch holes equally spaced on the plastic disk and the second set of holes are stepped down 1/2 inch and half way between the first set so the section set center over the previous layer

The first row is covered with glue on the complete bottom for a complete bond. For the next rows the glue is just on the edges of the segments because that's all that will be touching

If the temperature is right I can set four rows before clamping down to keep the segments parallel and then start all over again.

Discussion of Glue followed: Tight Bond 3 dried dark and shows seams; Tight Bond 2 is safe for all uses and is waterproof; Molding and Trim glue dries clear and is what Elmer used.

October Show & Tell – Photos by Phil Reed



Walnut Platter
Mike Brecht



Walnut Bowl
Mike Brecht



Juniper Bowl
Mike Brecht



Spalted Maple Hollow Form
Phil Reed



Skewgie Tool
John Stewart & Phil Reed



2 Walnut Bowls
Elmer Absher



2 Dyed Maple vessels
Mike Galloway



Holly Bowl
Tom Deneen



Walnut/Deer Hide stool
Dave Neuberger



2 Small Bowls
Unknown wood scraps
Alvin Herner

Special Thanks to

Carol Woodbury

I would like to thank Carol for volunteering to take notes at the meetings and making sense out of what was said and demonstrated. It has certainly helped in putting a newsletter together.

Any other volunteers to write up their stories, or write an article on woodturning, tricks, tips or anything related to woodturning would be greatly appreciated.