



South Central PA Woodturners

Newsletter

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July 6, 2010 Meeting

Dean Swaggert will give a presentation on unusual mountings and fixtures

At the Jacobus Meeting House

Social 6:00pm Meeting
6:30pm

August 13 Picnic

Place: John Stewart's
3088 East Prospect, York

Social 5:30

Picnic 6:30

Bring: Side dish, salad,
dessert etc.

SOME THOUGHTS...

From our President Bill Fordney

SYNPOSIUM -- I returned home from the AAW Symposium in Hartford several days ago. In the course of the three days I attended 10 rotations (do they call them rotations instead of seminars or workshops since they all deal with wood turning on a lathe?). Of the ten I attended only one was “so-so”. All the others were very well done and very informative. What an experience to see many of the professional turners demonstrating how they do it. This was only my second Symposium and once again I came home with lots of ideas. Of course, there was also the trade show open the whole weekend. Here you can very quickly part with lots of money.

Members attending from our club were Tom Deneen, along with his wife and granddaughter, Barb Palastak, George Richardson and his wife, Dean Swaggert, and myself. Tom's granddaughter, Elessa, participated in the youth turning room with Bonnie Klein and several other turners. I even heard a rumor that Tom helped out. More importantly, at the end of the Symposium they have a drawing for the 25 Jet lathes used in the youth room and Elessa won one of them, along with a chuck, tools and other accessories. I also saw some work that Elessa did in the youth gallery and there was a gold ribbon with her work. Congratulations, Elessa!

Now for you bowl turners – I attended a rotation with Glenn Lucas, a turner from Ireland. He is a production turner, turning about 2,500 bowls a year. When asked how long it takes him to rough out a bowl, he answered 20-30 seconds! This would be for the outside. He said he has six lathes and hires someone to mount the blanks so he can keep moving from lathe to lathe.

At the local club level

The June meeting was the first meeting using our newly acquired video equipment. I believe everyone present was pleased with how it works. We'll experiment over future meetings to learn the best way to utilize the equipment. Thanks to Don Wilson, who researched, ordered, and set up the components. We will have the capability to record demonstrations and produce them on DVD for members.



Local club news

I want to thank Don Wilson for his demonstration on ways to hold wood on the lathe. He not only showed ways to hold the wood, but also gave some good turning pointers.

Boy Scouts Request

I had a call from someone connected with the Boy Scouts asking whether we could do some turning at the upcoming “Wizard Safari” at the scouts’ Wizard Ranch in October. I downloaded the brochure and will call him to get more information. I hope to have that info at the July meeting.

AAW Shake-up

There has been a major shake-up at the AAW. If you check the AAW site you will find some interesting reading. There is a letter from Tom Wirsing (President) stating that Mary Lacer, the executive director, has stepped down. You will also find postings from Malcolm Tibbets and Bill Haskell explaining why they have resigned from the board. It seems that on the day after the Symposium there was a board meeting. Now it gets interesting – Tom says Mary stepped down. Malcolm and Bill say she was fired and Tom’s statement is a lie. In any case she was escorted to her room and was told to turn over her credit card and all AAW materials in her possession.

Malcolm and Bill say they were blindsided and knew nothing about it. However, there must have been some preplanning since it seems that the six board members (the vote was supposedly 6-2) had a legal document prepared by a lawyer for Mary to sign and have already named an interim director, and in anticipation of Malcolm and Bill resigning, already have two names for their positions.

There are numerous postings in the AAW Forum from folks wanting more information. Some of these are getting out of hand, as they state they will not renew their membership, they think it may be time to start a new woodturning organization, they think this is a cabal by those who want to take over, etc. I just looked and found a posting by Alan Lacer whose name was brought in to the fray. He writes at some length about the “allegations”.

If you can’t sleep and want some fun reading, go to the AAW web site and click on Forums, then click on Main Forums. You’ll find all sorts of postings about Mary Lacer, termination, controversy, etc.

To coin a phrase...To be continued...

Meetings –

Next meeting is July 6. Dean Swaggert will give a presentation on unusual mountings and fixtures
The picnic will be August 3

That’s all for now. See you July 6
Bill

Treasurer’s Report. Prepared by John Stewart 6/1/10

Balance \$1773.63

This is after major expenditures of \$2,160.34 for the video equipment.

Includes petty cash taken in on meeting night for donations to the club for wood donated by Jonathan Amos

Wanted ^C

committee members, Volunteers, Presidential Nominations,
News Letter Editor, Program Director, etc.
Club is growing and we need more help and support.

April 6, 2010 Minutes

By Carol Woodbury

President Bill Fordney called the meeting to order and introduced 2 new members Ted Tarormina and Bob Raucci.

Old Business:

He again urged us to sign up for committees: Librarian, Nominating, Program, etc. There was no Treasurer's Report but the account will stand at around \$4000 once the AAW grant check of \$700 comes for our video equipment. 2 members have done projects that enabled them to contribute \$200. Bill asked for other donations to the video equipment fund. Reminder: we now have family memberships, the first member's dues being \$30 and \$10 for each additional member(s).

Kay Pomeroy made a great looking lasered sign with the club name and logo for the club to hang at shows. Thank you, Kay.

Bill reminded us of the Jet 14 42 we have purchased. He has a temp home for 1 of our 2 lathes but still needs someone to take in the 2nd club lathe and keep it ready for future use. The Lancaster seminar on April 24th costs \$20 and includes lunch; get in touch with Ron Sheehan, the Harrisburg liaison. He said the main hotel offered for the 6/18-20 Hartford, CT. Symposium is full but he has names of other hotels. AAW would like volunteers to help at the auction if anyone is going in June.

AAW's magazine is soon to be available online-all 25 years of it-to AAW members to download and/or print.

The Club received thank you's from the York County Heritage Trust and the York Benevolent Assoc. for our donations following the Cabin Fever Show.

Club Raffle:

Jim Morrow brought a candleholder to raffle. Tom Deneen won it. Charlie Stuhre won a second drawing and he will receive a subscription to WOOD magazine.

New Business:

After discussion on a new set of By-Laws for the Club, it was moved by Charlie Stuhre and seconded by Lloyd Shelleman that the club adopt the By-Laws as presented. Larry Delp was thanked for typing it and Bill will send a copy to the AAW for their approval.

Due to snow the programs for the spring have been rearranged. Tom Deneen will present a demonstration of his shawl pins in May; Don Wilson will do June (Bill will give him a suggested topic) and Dean Swaggert will show "Unusual Mountings and Fixtures" in July.



Club Demo

Pen Making

Advanced Tricks and Ideas
Presented by Charlie Stuhre

Tonight's program was a demonstration along with PowerPoint presentation printout by Charlie Stuhre on his pen-making techniques. He included many good tips and showed his handmade jigs and fixtures as he demonstrated each step in making a "Slimline" pen of cocobolo. Charlie's Tips: He suggests making "witness marks" in order to keep the grain aligned. Use a band saw to get a very thin cut, thereby keeping the grain perfectly matched (beware- band saws drift and you must adjust for that). Squirt glue from both ends into the interior tube and let it soak outward to help strengthen the wood for turning. Be sure to check that the insert goes in smoothly. 5/8" mill is the best size for milling. He uses a Precision mandrel, which is truer than other makes, a skewchigouge and a spindle master gouge. To check for eccentricity, he rotates the blanks _ turn and turns again to a .331 measure at the nib end for a smooth joint perfect for holding when writing with the pen. He used Abranet sandpaper, which allows the dust to go right through it. The secret to the finish is using a paper towel (never cloth) for a quick seal with Hot Stuff CA (lathe turning), then Crystal Coat (lathe still), and polish with clean paper towel (lathe turning). Charlie constructed a perfect stand to hold pieces while turning multiple pens before working or assembly. He stressed using titanium gold kits rather than lesser gold fill that wears off. He also says to discard the insert that comes with kits and buy good Schmidt refills. Most important of all is good Marketing – sell pen in accompanying box and with information about the wood and pen. He sells his for about \$30 to \$35 each set. Everybody was impressed with his good ideas and one guest was even moved to join the club after seeing the demonstration. Many thanks to Charlie !!

April Show & Tell



Tom Deneen
Ash nested bowls made using a
bowl saver tool



Barbara Palastak
Spiral finial and small bowl
spalted cherry



Jon Amos
Cherry burl

April Show & Tell- continued



Donald Titus
goblet maple



Donald Titus
set of pens in case - various



Cherry box



Barry Stump
Maple bowl



Leo Deller
Cedar weed pot
First turning
John C. Campbell
School class



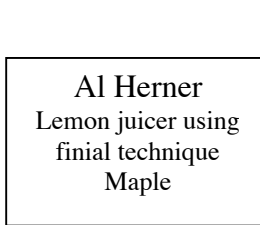
Pot dyed with
Red Devil drain lye
Weeping cherry



Phil Reed
Vase showing graft
Weeping cherry



Hollow form
finial & burned decoration
maple & cherry



Al Herner
Lemon juicer using
finial technique
Maple



Bill Fordney
Open spiral showing
mistake of drilling
too far.



May Meeting 2010

Minutes of Meeting, May 4, 2010

President Bill Fordney called the meeting to order and introduced guest Bill Burke.

Old Business:

He again urged us to sign up for committees and reminded us that he has programs scheduled through the summer but is stepping down from the presidency and someone else has to take up the mantle of *program planner*.

Treasury: \$1,978 plus tonight's dues and raffle money. The rest of the money has gone toward the purchase of our video equipment, researched and ordered by Don Wilson. Some had to be fronted because the AAW grant provides only 80% of the grant before purchase and 20% after receiving proof

Minutes of Meeting, May 4, 2010 continued

Announcements/Easel information: Several AAW emails listing mini-symposiums and the benefits of membership – including an electronic membership which provides the magazine via internet instead of hard copy. 24th annual Symposium June 18th – 20th in Hartford, CT. AAW members can now access the complete set of magazine issues online. An example of Turners Anonymous newsletter from western PA.

The mention that Wood Turning Design magazine is free to any interested person brought up the fact that Elmer Absher will have an article in the next issue. Tangentially, Elmer announced that he is beginning to sell off some of his equipment if any members are interested.

Tips & Tricks: Tom Deneen showed a parting tool he made from a SawsAll blade for the purpose of making paper thin cuts.

Raffle: Guest Bill Burke won the raffle and now has to bring next month's raffle item. Sorry Bill: Guess you never guessed you'd be put to work if you came to check us out! (Bill was a very good sport about it and joined the club.)



Martin Stolpe brought a truckload of wood. Some from the Stauffer Mansion is historic and he is willing to provide a certificate authenticating it if anyone wants one.

May Demo

Shawl Ring & Pins

Presented by

Tom Deneen

Once again Tom Deneen revealed another of his secret techniques of making easy money. Tom makes shawl rings and pins for local fabric shops. He makes 3 or so an hour and has a constant demand. His specially designed tool he made for making paper-thin cuts serves him well for this task. The tool did break during the demo but Tom said he did that on purpose to demonstrate that one must always wear a facemask. He does say the ladies are fussy on the size and pattern. He uses Mylands friction polish and says you must spin the wood until it is hot to touch and keep polishing for 10 second or more once it is hot or your fingers have blisters, whatever comes first.

Unfortunately most of the pictures of Tom's demo were blurred and not usable. Also the notes were lost so this is just a small hint of the techniques and procedures Tom demonstrated.



Tom always gives a good demo with humor and time saving hints. Thanks Tom!!

May Show & Tell



Due to a senior moment the pictures of May's Show & Tell were erased before being transferred to computer. No names will be given of who had the senior moment. So what we have are some candid shots of the offerings that night.



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June Meeting 2010

Minutes of Meeting, June 1, 2010

President Bill Fordney called the meeting to order and introduced 2 guests who have now become members: Bob Namovicz and Dottie Conrad. He urged members to recruit new people to join this club and to consider joining AAW. He also reminded the group of committee sign-up sheets.

Old Business:

Best wishes are extended to Joan Stewart as she recuperates from a recent heart attack.

The new large Jet lathe and the new video equipment were all in use. The 2 cameras were set up by Don Wilson and projected onto the wall. Windows were blacked out for better visibility. The video equipment was purchased partly with a \$700 grant from AAW.

Our two smaller lathes are lodged at the Fordney and Delp houses, available for demonstrations whenever they are needed.

Bill Burke won last month's raffle but was not present and thus there was no raffle.

On the easel: Lancaster newspaper article with photo of Martin Stolpe taking down a black walnut tree. An email from AAW notifying us that our bylaws have been approved.

Jon Amos brought some pieces of exotic wood for members to take for a small contribution to the club.

Next meetings: Dean Swagert will demonstrate unusual mountings and fixtures July 6.

August 3 is the picnic at the Stewart's. BRING A COVERED DISH.

June Demo

Different Ways to Hold Things on a Lathe

Presented by

Don Wilson

Don demonstrated faceplate turning and completed a bowl in 30 minutes. He worked with bowl gouge and roughing gouge. Don shared these tips: when gluing together, use a piece of brown paper bag between woods. There should be no noise when turning with a faceplate; if there is, stop and correct the problem. Use a light touch with uneven pieces of wood when using a roughing gouge.

Don holds his tools firmly with his right hand, often resting the hand against his hip for better control. The left hand is then used to guide the tool lightly along the tool rest. He showed a coarse threaded auger "wood worm" – groove that fits in the center of a chuck. He also demonstrated the use of a Longwood chuck.

Don demonstrated how to align, hold and turn a winged bowl.

He set a record for turning bowl both inside and outside under thirty minutes at a club demo. Plus he set the record for the greatest amount of wood chips produced at one of our club demos.

Thanks to our new video equipment and efficient operator Joyce McCormack, it is possible to get the CD of Don's presentation, if anyone wishes a detailed, up-close view of this great presentation.

Thank you to Don for a special program



Faceplate mount



Hollow Form Steady Jig on Tail Stock



Emergency chuck removal tool



Record setting pace



Winged bowl



Video Monitor



Joyce McCormick
Finials maple



Tom Deneed
Vase Walnut



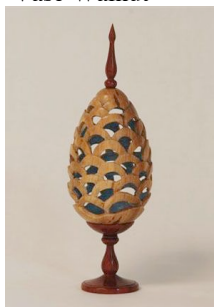
Jon Amos
Scroll Holder Olive



Donald Titus
Nut bowl walnut



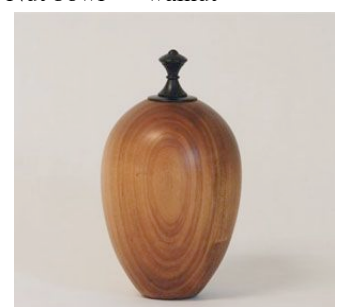
Lloyd Shelleman
small bowl walnut



Don Wilson
egg cherry



Barry Stump
hollow form maple



Phil Reed
Hollow form cherry



Jon Amos
Scroll holder Olive



Bryan Sword
Vase Olive



Bryan Sword
Goblet Bradford Pear

For Sale



The following is being sold as unit. One price for all.

- **Ellsworth Sharpening Jig looks like new! \$45 value**
Plus slide for jig. Already made! Easily worth \$20
- **Craftsman 1/4 hp 8" grinder 3400 RPM no load.**
36 grit and 60 grit wheels. You will probably want a better wheel for sharpening your turning tools. **Value \$50**
- **Heavy duty Cast Iron Stand Value \$45**
- **Total Value \$160**

You will need to remount the grinder to line up the wheels with the slide, as this is not the grinder that was with the original set up of this system.

Was \$100

NOW \$75 - What A deal!!!!

Or will trade for food!

Contact Bryan Sword (717) 225 6807