



South Central PA Woodturners

Newsletter

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Cabin Fever

Club demo and sales opportunity
York Expo fair Grounds
January 15 Auction
January 16-17 Demo and Selling

February 2, 2010 Meeting Phil Reed

Premier hollow form turner
Will demonstrate:

“Turning of Spiral Finials”

Location:
Jacobus meeting building
Social 6 pm
Meeting 6:30

SOME THOUGHTS...

from our President Bill Fordney

We had a very good turnout at our January “planning” meeting. Thanks to all for attending and providing input for the club. I will try to cover, in no particular order, topics that were discussed.

1. I informed the group that I want this to be my last year as president. The year 2010 will be my fourth year, and it is time to get others involved. Also, with our increased membership it would be a good idea to have some standing committees which can take over some responsibilities, thus spreading the work and ensuring that we have some continuity.

These committees would be:

- Nominating – we are big enough to have a full slate of officers
- Program – we have many folks with ideas and with outside contacts who can schedule programs
- Meeting – with more folks attending our meetings, we need someone to be in charge of the meeting room setup and to put the meeting room back the way we find it
- Video – assuming we get the AAW grant (more on this later), we will need folks to set up and take down the equipment
- Librarian – we have a number of videos and books available for members. I will update the list and include it in a future newsletter. It was pointed out that most of our videos are in VHS format and those who only have a DVD player cannot view them. Once the list is updated, we will have to look into whether conversions are possible. If anyone has DVD's to donate, they would be welcome in the library.

It was decided to ask for volunteers to fill these positions, so I would appreciate if you would step up and volunteer. If you are willing to help, please let me know.

2. With the hope of attracting more student members, it was decided that the club would pay for the first year's membership in the AAW for any students.
3. We are going to look into the purchase of a drum of Anchorseal. A 55 gallon drum is the least expensive way to get this. The club would purchase it and Kay Pomroy would keep it at her shop and make it available to members on a “cost per gallon” basis.
4. We decided to have a Family membership category whereby spouses or children can be members for \$10 after the original member pays dues at the normal rate of \$30.

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More President's Thoughts

5. John Stewart has been working on putting together a "New Member" package. This will include safety information, a list of members, a club patch, an AAW membership application, and things of that ilk. More on this to come.
6. Starting with the February meeting we are going to try a raffle idea that I "borrowed" from the Cumberland Valley club. Here's how it will work: A member will make a turning. It can be anything, but it must be a turning. At the meeting we will raffle off that turning at \$1.00 per ticket. Whoever wins that raffle must then bring a turning to be raffled off at the next meeting. This will be a way for the club to raise some dollars each month. **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER,** that this is to encourage members to share their work with the club and to raise some money for the club along the way. The more folks who participate in this, the better off we all will be. Therefore, it is **not** contemplated that members will refrain from buying raffle tickets, just so they won't have to bring a turning the following month. This can be fun, and a great incentive to be creative and try something new.
7. Kay Pomroy has agreed to make a laser-engraved sign with the club logo and name. We hope to have it at our booth at the Cabin Fever Expo on January 16 and 17.
8. With the help of Don Wilson, I have submitted a grant request to the AAW for funds to purchase some video equipment. If we receive the grant we will use the money toward buying video cameras and a projector to use during demonstrations at meetings. With our increased attendance, it has become difficult for all to see what the demonstrator is doing.
9. Meeting dates for 2010 will be: 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/8, 7/6, 8/3 (picnic), 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, and 12/7 (holiday party). Why not put these on your calendar awhile, so you don't miss a meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on February 2 at the church building in Jacobus. Our own Phil Reed will present a demonstration on the turning of spiral finials. This promises to be an interesting meeting and comes as a result of a request at our planning meeting for a "how-to" on spiral finials.

That's all for now. See you on February 2.



Treasurer's Report

January 2010

From John Stewart

We now have 56 members and the treasury amount as of January 6, 2010 is \$3,587. The only expenditure for the last two months was \$79.92, paid out to Barry Stump, for Lexan purchased from Brown Glass. The Lexan was put on our Jet lathes as a safety glass. Thanks Barry for taking care of that task.

Chuck Wanted!

Carol Woodbury needs a chuck. Does anyone have one they are willing to part with?

Dues are Due!

Some 2010 DUES NEED TO BE PAID.

Individuals \$30

New Family Rate \$40

Make checks payable to SCPWT and send to:
John Stewart, 3088 East Prospect Rd., York, PA 17402



Carol Woodbury
World Famous Minutes taker
Showing her first results
from her own lathe



November 2009 Meeting Notes

Minutes of the Meeting of November 3, 2009

President Bill Fordney introduced visitors Alan Dehoff, Leo Deller and Brandon Hall. He called attention to the items on the easel: Don Pencil's AAW Club discount coupon, the newsletter from AAW, Frank Amigo's letter, and Craft Supplies letter enclosing more gift certificates. He urged us to renew AAW memberships, now \$48/yr., which includes 6 magazines/yr.

Treasury: \$2,726.93. John Stewart announced tonight's dues collection is about \$400.

Raffles: Bill reminded us to purchase raffle tickets for the 2 tools and 1 bowl, donated by our demonstrators. Drawings will be at the Christmas party.

Please let John Stewart know if you're coming to the party. His house can hold 44 people. If more sign up, Bill will see if the Ladies Auxiliary can provide supper in our meeting building instead. Bryan wanted it made VERY clear that people should bring desserts in any event.

At the Cabin Fever Show in January, our club will again have 1 booth to demonstrate turning and 1 booth to sell members' items. Bill asked that we let him know if we plan to attend and for suggestions of a charity that helps children to receive our donation of proceeds.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 2, 2010.

Tips and Tricks

John Brady on Tight Bond Glue:

TB 2 is "Premium" – water resistant

TB 3 is "Ultimate – water proof, good for outside uses, but dries dark and shows seams

TB Trim & Molding Glue – dries clear

Phil Reed reported that his idea of Fun Foam works for only about 3 uses.

Martin Stolpe brought his truck full of ash and other woods (Al Herner showed 1.) His sanding device made with double face tape and double layers of foam; 2.) An easy way to build an arbor using mandrel from face sander (1/4" thread with bolt in hole drilled for stock. Bill Fordney prefers Wood Turners Design magazine to the AAW magazine because it's aimed at all levels of experience not only at highly artistic woodturners.

Demonstration – "Carving on Turnings

Mike Galloway:

After the business meeting, Mike kept us all laughing for the rest of the evening as he demonstrated carving on turned wood items.

His main theme was CONTROL and SAFETY. He urges beginners to work with an experienced carver initially to learn how to safely utilize the tools and sharpen them.

To emphasis his safety point, Mike told a story about one of his own Experiences. During a carving contest he cut his thumb. Not wanting to stop, he did every thing to soaking it in a tank of water and wrapping it in rags while he carved away. Later, a member who was a doctor told him he should have stitches. Mike didn't say if he won the contest or not. So, be careful with the knives. Continued



Demonstration – “Carving on Turnings

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His tools are gouges and knives. He suggests getting a Denny knife that you find comfortable. Gouges are described with 2 numbers; the first is the degree of curve and the 2nd is the width in mms. He likes the little Flex palm gouges which he chokeholds and Denny knives, which he uses with his thumb on the top of the blade. Both are guided by his other thumb, with his elbow clamped to his side, and held with blade towards his body, moving only the top thumb or whole wrist to make the cuts. This guards against being cut accidentally. He also showed several specialty tools he'd made from screwdrivers using a propane torch.

Mike uses a turner's chuck with a clamp that Elmer helped him make to keep the work locked at arm level for easier access while standing to work. He showed his pattern diagram and how to place a strip of paper around the circumference of the wood and fold it the number of times you want to repeat the pattern.

Other hints included leaving bowls thicker so you can carve into them; keeping the bowl on the same chuck which keeps it on center while both carving and later turning to thin it; using polyurethane then gel stain which will remain in the deeper cuts when wiped off to give variation in coloring; cutting Scotchbright pads for “dusting” fuzzies instead of sander; and having good, bright lighting.

Mike's Demo pieces:

1. Plain bowl with zigzag pattern done first with a “Stop Cut” by small knife, then skew gouge, then screwdriver tool, then Dremel with dentist's bit (hurt my teeth just listening to him) for textured look.
2. Mahogany bowl gouged for texture.
3. Maple plate worked with reciprocating tool, demonstrating the use of the boring tool, gouge, and v-tool for different designs.
4. Small plate done with Arbortech chatter tool on a lathe slowed to 500 rpms on reverse, bouncing an angle grinder (45 degree angle) - also good for trimming square to round blanks.

Mike then showed Nick Shortino's lovely Chip Carvings – green painted plate, rolling pin, goblet, candlestick, and box. – All done with only a curved knife cutting down a V then flipping out the center. Mike invented a blank for Nick to use for Santa's and also a cone shape. He brought several Santa variations to show.

Everyone was most impressed with the demonstration and with the beautiful finished products passed around. It was a great and learning experience. Thank you, Mike.



Elmer checks Mike's Technique

November Show & Tell
Photos by Phil Reed



Phil Reed
 Hollow forms, maple burl



Barbara Palastak
 Spindle Ornaments
 maple & mahogany



Elmer Absher
 Square-foot design bases
 cherry & boxwood



Tom Deneen
 Bowl, poplar



Barry Stump
 6" Spalted Maple
 Flat bowl



Lloyd Shelleman
 Pen and pencil set, Red Bud



antique chisels
 Given to him by his father



Don Wilson
 Hollow form, walnut
 Gift for Mary Diehl



Don Strayer
 Inside out ornament
 Maple & Box Elder



Carol Woodbury
 Spindle ornament



Mike Carnes
 Spalted Holly



Tom Frey made a pen from
 Bocote wood but we
 don't have picture of it.

Correction to Oct. attributions:

The 2 small bowls of unknown wood scraps were turned by Don Wilson, not Al Herner.



Carol Woodbury with Silver Maple ornament



Barbara Palastak
1 inside/outside ornament

Holiday Party

December 2, 2009

Great Christmas Party at the home of Joan and John Stewart! Good company and delicious food as usual! Thanks to the Stewarts – and all the cooks.

President Bill Fordney had all members introduce themselves and their guests. He reported \$3,367 in the Treasury with more collected in dues and raffle tickets tonight. He read some information about the AAW insurance plan, which covers a member club, only if all the executive board members belong to the AAW, and then only if there is no selling at a show booth while demonstrating.

In other news: Members will be forwarded a survey they may take if they like. Cindy Smith, a Calif. firefighter, has offered manzanita burls for sale. She is willing to ship pieces before receiving payment on orders. Her email: cindysfire@yahoo.com. Barry Stump is making Lexan shields to protect watchers at shows; they will be ready for the Jan. show.

Shows: Cabin Fever Show, January 16-17 People signed up to help set up on Friday the 15th. The booths are free to us if we make a donation to the Industrial Museum; we only have to pay our individual admission fees-once for the whole weekend.

The Woodworking Show, Timonium, Jan. 8-10, 2010: there are online discount tickets & coupons available. The same show moves to Reading, March 5-7.

Raffle winners: Elmer won the square bowl by Larry Miller. Bryan won the undercut parting tool Bill got the square scraper by David Reed Smith. Tom Deneen was the show and tell winner of a coupon from Craft Supply.



Phil Reed 2 vessels
Pyrographic texture



Tom Deneen
Elm bowl for Martin
Spalted sycamore bowl



Al Herner
Ornaments, silver maple, rock (maple, walnut)



Bryan Sword
Cedar and Oak Ornaments



David Barkby Redwood Wall Hanging
Dave says took about 12 hrs to do.