



# South Central PA WoodTurners

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### Dates to Note

#### Club Meeting

#### Oct. Date Change!

**October 9**

**6-6:30 Social Time**

**6:30 Meeting**

Turning Thin  
and Piercing

#### Upcoming Demonstrations

**November 6:**

Don - Rectangular Bowl

**December 4:**

Christmas party



*Thoughts*  
from  
*President*  
Don Wilson

President's thoughts for October 2012

It is October and the leaves haven't started changing yet. We are moving quickly towards a new year and will start collecting dues for the next year. The dues will remain the same at \$30 dollars per individual and \$40 for a family. I sure hope that you feel you are getting your moneys worth out of the club.

The value of the club is being able to learn about turning without spending the money or time to attend a regional meeting. For example, a local demonstration coming up is by Mark Sfirri in the Chambersburg area. At \$30 for the day-long meeting, this is a bargain. Mark is a gifted turner with years of experience. He is known for off center turnings that make you stop and look, and then think, how was that done. I recommend this day of demonstrations. Plus attendance helps support the Cumberland Valley Wood Turners club.

Talking about learning at the club demonstrations, we are very interested in what you want to see and learn about. Please help by filling out the survey at the club meeting, if you haven't done so already. The club is really all about helping the members learn more about wood turning and all of the related aspects of completing a project.

Please remember to make some ornaments for the tree we will be decorating for the Festival of Trees again this year. We need them by the Oct 9th meeting.

On occasion you have seen a few pierced woodturnings in the past. This month's program will show you how the piercing is done. It does require special attention to turning "thin" and then using a special high speed hand piece to do the piercing. I will talk about and demonstrate the special equipment and demonstrate the way to turn "thin" so your project will come out right.

Safe and happy turning,

*Don*

### Minutes from September 4, 2012

From our dedicated secretary Carol Woodbury

**President Don Wilson** presided over the regular meeting.

**Club Survey-** Don handed around a quick survey asking members to list what demonstrations they would enjoy/learn from during the coming year.

#### **AAW Membership Applications**

AAW brochures were handed around to those who aren't members of the national group.

**Club Informational Pamphlet** - Don would like us to think about creating a brochure on our own club for distribution when we do York ArtFest and the Oyster Festival. **Bill Fordney** is working on club history and suggested some of that might be used for the brochure.

#### **Raffle Winner**

The raffle item, Don's bird cherry bowl, went to John Stewart.

#### **Cumberland Valley Woodturners Demo**

Mark Sfirri will give a demo on Oct. 13th for the Cumberland Valley Woodturners. Mark's skills in multi-axis turning have earned him an international reputation. Cost \$30. The woodturners' Swap Meet was canceled due to lack of vendor interest.

#### **York Town Craft Guild Turning Classes**

Don is meeting with the York Town Craft Guild on Sept. 18th to discuss liability, etc. of our holding meetings or classes and sessions there. He expects to have 3 lathes. Already there is a full set of tools and he's looking for a 4-jaw chuck. Classes are expected to begin with the March session.

#### **Festival of Trees**

We will be decorating 1 tree for the Festival of Trees and ornaments are being solicited by next meeting 10/9/12.

#### **Cabin Fever Date Change**

Cabin Fever will be held April 12-14 this year as the organizer sights the possible bad weather of January affecting attendance.

# Introduction to Carving



In his leather apron, versatile Don Wilson presented the demonstration this evening, bringing with him his reciprocating carver and rotary tool. As with turning, carving tools **MUST** be kept sharpened. He began by reminding the group of the indexing demo from

last month. He showed his carver and the many pieces that come with it and said he recommends a foot pedal for variable speeds. He likes both Foreman and Dremel for their speed control.



Using the Foreman flexible shaft he showed the reciprocating carving technique as he deepened petals on a poplar bowl. Then with a rotary tool, a carbide tipped cutter that looked like an old-fashioned pencil

sharpener, he refined the cuts. He continued with rasps and files.

Sanding sticks were passed around. These come in 80, 120, and 240 grit and can be bought from Supergrit. With a rotating belt and small size, they are handy for sanding small incisions and curves.



Next Don demonstrated on a plate with 24 pre-indexed lines. He used a rotary file to make it look like overlapping organic shapes. At this point, we understood why a dust pick-up is important.

A finial was carved with a spiral. Here Don rolled up a piece of sandpaper to fit onto a mandrel for smoothing the spiral.



Next came a bowl pre-marked with an engraving pen. Don had asked Martin to choose between several designs and then had Tom Frey's visiting sister, Kate, cut out the chosen paper template design. Don showed that you can use a design like this to eliminate a chip on a bowl edge and create a lovely decorative edge.

**Thanks Don!**

## Show and Tell:



**Tom Deneen**  
Large platter  
Elmer's walnut



**Leo Deller**  
First natural edge bowl



Larger flared bowl  
Small walnut bowls



**Don Wilson**  
Bird Cherry Bowl  
3 coats Minwax antique oil,  
dried and buffed



**Bill Fordney**  
Mahogany  
Bottle Stoppers  
Cigar Pens  
Mahogany  
and concalo halves,  
both with buckeye  
burl ends



## Tips, Tricks, Toys

Tom Deneen shows off his newest toy, a new "super" 7/8" gouge from P&N tools of Australia.



## Newsletter Articles Wanted!!!!

Were looking for some help to make the newsletter more useful. Any article relating to wood turning, carving or pyrography of turnings are wanted. Your own experiences, legal downloaded articles, web pages, etc. Any relevant article that can be pasted into the newsletter to make it more informative would be greatly appreciated.



## The Wood Man - Martin Stolpe

Martin is always supplying wood for the club. Much of it is "hysterical" wood, as Martin likes to say, from President James Buchanan's Wheatland and other historical sites within PA. Mike Carnes is considering his choices as he might think about turning something for show & tell.

**Show and Tell:**

Ton Deneen new "super" 7/8" gouge P&N tools from Australia are his favorites  
Large platter Elmer's walnut

Leo Deller His first natural edge bowl  
Larger flared bowl and small walnut bowls

Don Wilson bowl bird cherry 3 coats Minwax, antique oil, dried and buffed

Bill Fordney bottle stoppers mahogany  
2 cigar pens mahogany and concalo alves, both with buckeye burl ends