



# South Central PA WoodTurners

## Oct 2014 Newsletter

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*Thoughts  
from  
President  
Don Wilson*

Invitation to  
South Central PA Woodturners  
Christmas Party  
Tuesday, December 2, 2015  
Time: 5:00 PM @ the Stewart's

This year we have some special items to auction/raffle off to the members.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> **Jimmy Clewes** did an all day demonstration at the meeting house



in Jacobus. During the demonstrations Jimmy completed a number of items. He specifically said that the club should raffle or auction the items within the club to help defray the costs of having him come to demonstrate.

The day of turning demonstrations was a hit with all who attended. In all we had members from six different turning clubs represented.

Jimmy turned a small cowboy hat out of freshly cut cherry from Tom Deneen's woodlot. The hat does not have a finish at this time. It did survive without a check or any damage and is signed by Jimmy Clewes.



An ash platter was also turned and Jimmy finished it with black lacquer and a gold gilding paste. This is quite a handsome piece made from local ash lumber. Jimmy has signed this item also.



Another demonstration of the day was a spindle with a "twist". This has a three sided twist to it. A tenon was turned on one end so it could easily be made into a lamp. It is turned out of walnut and needs to be hand sanded and finished.



The fourth item was a small box in the form of an African Drum. The top has an inlay of quilted maple with a brass ring inlay delineating the maple and walnut. The top fits rather snugly.

Jimmy has signed this on the inside of the top. It has an oil and wax finish.



### Pot luck Auction

*Please come prepared to bid on or purchase raffle tickets for these items. It is a rare opportunity to get a Jimmy Clewes signed woodturning.*

I want to thank all of the members who helped in setting up and cleaning up for this day of demonstrations. I also appreciate the turnout of club members to attend. All profits from the sale of the items will go to the club treasury.

Thank you

Don Wilson

### Dates to Note

**Tuesday Dec 2, 2014**  
**Club Holiday**  
**Potluck**  
**Social 5:30**  
**Potluck 6:30**  
@ the Stewart's  
3088 East Prospect Road  
York

Planing Meeting  
January 6, 2015  
@ the Stewart's

**All are welcome with  
any new or renewed  
ideas  
for demos**

## November 2014 SCPWT Minutes

Submitted by Barbara Fordney  
(Thank you very much, Barbara!)

1. **President Don Wilson** opened the meeting. He announced that 46 people have signed up for the Jimmy Clewes workshop next Tuesday, including members from five other clubs.
  2. **Treasurer John Stewart** reported the treasury amount is \$4130.00. (Bryan Sword suggested we buy a new lathe for the club, but John said we had some bill to pay.)
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- ### New President Needed
3. A new president is needed for 2015.  
*If we do not have a president we will lose our AAW affiliation.*
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4. **Holiday Pot Luck.** The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party at the Stewarts' home.
  5. **Planning meeting** will be January 6, 2015. This is when we lay out the tentative demos for the coming year. We need input from all, especially from newer members. The meeting is open to all members.
  6. Three **guests** were present at the meeting, including former member **Kay Pomroy** who has moved back to the area.
  7. **Artist Consortium**  
Don has joined with other local artists to set up a nonprofit consortium across from the old courthouse in downtown York. They are applying to AAW for an education grant.
  8. **Leo Deller** will be attending a workshop on segmented turning.
  9. **Raffle Prize: Mike Carnes** was the lucky winner of the win one, turn one prize.
  10. **Show & tell:** Participates were Tom Deneen, Phil Reed, Dave Hunter, Leo Deller, John Stewart, Barry Stump.

11. **Dave Hunter** won the **Craft Supply** gift certificate.

11. **Wood available: Mike Brecht**, a former member of the club, will give away wood for a donation to the

## Show & Tell

Professional Looking Photos by Phil Reed

### John Stewart

Race Cars  
Sycamore



### Leo Deller

Finial  
Walnut & maple



### Phil Reed

Box  
Maple Burl



**Dave Hunter**  
Hickory Bowl



### Barry Stump

Urn  
Cherry Burl



## HOW TO MAKE A SNAP TOP BOX

Nov. Demo by **TOM DENEEN**



Tom's technique is as follows:

1. Start with a 3 x 3 inch square blank about 4 inches long. Mark centers of both ends and place the blank between centers. Turn the blank to round, Tom used a bowl gouge to turn this at high speed. (Ed. Note - Tom is famous for the high speeds at which he turns. It is rumored that Jimmy Clewes learned his speed turning basics from Tom at a secret workshop known only to a few elite. Repeat, this is only a rumor.)



2. Make a tenon on each end to fit the chuck.

3. Place the blank in the chuck.

4. Part off 1 1/2 inch piece to form the lid.

5. Shape the outside of the lid. Use a round nose scraper a little above center to take out wood from inside lid. Shape, sand and finish the inside of the lid.



8. Place the 2 1/2 inch piece into the chuck and shape the outside. Tom uses a bowl gouge.

9. Using a straight scraper or bedan cut a square sided opening to fit the lid. This is trial and error until you achieve a tight fit.

10. Once the fit is right, blend the bottom and top to form a continuous curve. Sand and finish the outside of the lid and any finial.



11. Remove the lid and hollow the inside of the box to match the outside curve. Tom uses a round nose scraper. Once the inside is hollowed, sand and finish the inside. Tom only sands to 150 grit as time is money if you are selling \$20-\$30 items.

12. Remove the box bottom and turn a jam chuck to accept the bottom. Using a softer wood for the jam chuck avoids damaging the box. Alternately, you can use a long nosed expanded chuck if you have one. Using light cuts shape the bottom of the box, sand and finish. Tom uses mineral oil as a finish, but any finish you prefer is fine.



The boxes make very good ring boxes. If the knob or if the finial is tall enough, they can be used to hold rings also.

**Thanks Tom for a fast and entertaining demo!**

## Tom's Secret Tools



Bowl gouge sharpened to a point with very long taper. Removes wood very fast.

Home made thin parting tool. Made from Saws All blade.



Hook nose scraper used for shaping inside corners of box

Other tools used in turning the box.



## The Amazing Jimmy Clewes

FAST, FURIOUS, ENTERTAINING AND FUNNY

Jimmy Clewes puts on a wood turning show that is hard to beat. He is a totally upbeat turner with many side stories, tips and hints. His introductory talk included a thanks to us amateur, hobbyist turners who have provided him with a living he truly enjoys. Some pictures and notes follow:



Jimmy uses metal powder (available on-line) for the accent ring on the box.

