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Dates to Note

Regular club meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm @ Club House House, off Water St., Jacobus

February 7, 2017

Making a Goblet
Presented by Don Wilson
@ the "Club House"

Feb 10-12, 2017
York Builders Show
@York Expo

March 7, 2017
Using the skew
Presented by Jonathan Amos
@ the "Club House"

Club house is located at 22 Park St, Jacobus, PA 17407. There is no sign for Park St. Off W. Water St. It is adjacent to the cemetery.

President's Column

by *Dave Neuburger*

January 2017



Another year comes and goes, and we are now in 2017 with an easy weather month nearly behind us. We may even have a February meeting as scheduled for the first time in years. Winter is a great time to catch up on turning, reading, sitting by the fire and making plans for the new year. That is what I've been doing with the help of the club members.

We had a great Holiday gathering in December at the Stewart home. Despite gloomy, rainy weather we had a good turnout. The President's Challenge to turn something that was embellished was well received and a subscription to Woodturner's magazine and a gift certificate was won by Bryan Sword. He also won the scholarship to the Anderson Ranch for the summer; another good reason to be a member of the AAW if you aren't all ready. So congrats to the lucky guy.

In January we had our organizational meeting. The officer slate remains the same with Tom Deneen as our Vice president, Carol Woodbury as Secretary and I as your President. John Henty will assist Karen Holway in getting the meeting notices out to the local media. I am hoping that I can retire from the presidency at the end of this year. If you think you would be willing to take over, please let me know. Three years is a reasonable time to volunteer for this job, and the club stays more vibrant with new blood.

We have a great slate of demos planned for the year. I've worked to get some outside people to come in to demo for us with good success. Check out the calendar on our website. I think a combination of drawing on our own members combined with new influences is the most stimulating. So get ready for a great year. We will also plan to have a hands on demo this spring, as it went well last year. As for our full day demo, stay tuned. I have some announcements coming up at the February meeting.

So keep having fun and stay involved. The club is only as good as we all make it.

Keep Turning, Dave

December Holiday Potluck 2016

Submitted by our Secretary Carol Woodbury



Our genial hosts, **Joan and John Stewart** once again hosted a grand holiday party.

President Dave thanked them on behalf of us all and called the meeting to order.

Treasury and Dues The treasury holds \$4,510 which includes money set aside for charity and for our education fund. Members were reminded to pay their dues.

Raffle Winner The raffle item provided by Phil Reed was a hawthorne threaded box. It was won by **Pete Kenee**. It brought \$50 and was donated back to the club for auction.



2016 Officers There was no true "changing of the guard". President **Dave Neuburger**, Vice-President **Tom Deneen**, Treasurer **John Stewart**, and Secretary **Carol Woodbury** will remain in office for 2017.

Past Events Reviews Everyone had a good time at the **Leg Up Farm** event but it was not good for sales. It cost \$60 for the space and only \$75 was taken in.

PA Farm Show It was unanimous that we will not attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show this year. The small size of the elevated stage, the number of shifts which would have to be filled, the ban on selling, etc. contributed to that decision.

Upcoming Event The York Builders and Garden Show February 10-12, 2017, will be the next opportunity for demonstrating and selling. Ideas for other 2017 venues were requested.

Gift Certificate Winners

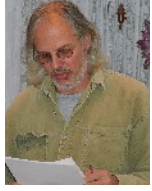
A 1 year subscription to Woodturner's Magazine and a \$10 certificate were won by **Bryan Sword**. (Bryan is smiling because he knew "the Fix" was in)



Tom Deneen also won a certificate. (But Tom is thinking, "**Fix?** You can fix these things? No wonder I haven't won in at least 6 months".)

Jan. 3, 2017 Planning Meeting

Submitted by our Substitute Secretary Barbara Fordney,
Another talented and resourceful lady of the club.



President **David Neuburger** called the meeting to order. David also stated this is his last year to serve as president. A replacement needs to step up.

Treasury Report

Treasurer **John Stewart** reported \$4440 in the treasury. \$678 will go out to two different charities to be decided at next months meeting. The insurance bill will arrive shortly.



Dues are Due.

Club dues are now payable. They are \$30/yr for individual or \$40/yr for family.

The York Builders Association Home & Garden Show

The Club will have a booth at the Builders Show February 10, 11, and 12 at York Expo.

Future Show suggestions

We have participated at York Fest in the past (summer), but this is now a problem due to lack of electricity Also for good positioning, by the creek or courthouse works best. Tom Deneen does the Oyster Fest.

Venues of possible show places were discussed:

Harrisburg, Lancaster, York Expo as a fill-in with large shows.

John Stewart will contact the latter. **Tom Deneen** suggested Morningstar Market (west of York) though we would need a generator.

Monthly Demonstrations

For our monthly meetings we will need nine demo slots to fill for one year. Also would like to obtain a guest turner for one full day symposium. Suggested as guest turners were **David Reed Smith** and members from Lancaster or Harrisburg clubs such **Bob Rosand, Mark Sfirri, Al Stirt, Derrick Wiedman.**

Club Meetings Exchange

There was discussion about switching meetings with Lancaster club which was successful in 2016.

Club Location Change?

More discussion about possibly another location to meet. The church is happy to have the club continue on as present. However, they don't plow the driveway in snowy weather. Possibilities for alternate locations: Craft Guild in Windsor Park, York, or John Stewart's home. (He would lay drop cloth on floor).

Hands On Demo

Discussed possible demo on a Saturday in March or April.

Media Contact

President David pointed out that **Karen Holway** could use an assistant in contacting newspapers to run club meeting articles. This is a good way to attract new members. The media needs to be called monthly. He also mentioned there is no age limit for joining the club. **John Henty** volunteered to help Karen.

December Show and Tell

Photos by Phil Reed

Joan Stewart Plaque

Girl burned into wood plank
Joan is holding up 5 fingers. We don't know if that means it took her 5 hours or 5 days or 5 weeks to finish this plaque



Bryan Sword Birdhouse ornament Cottonwood bark roof, Spalted Beech body turned, carved & burned



Barry Stump Large hollowed Globe on stand with 2 rings



John Henty Cherry bowl polyurethane finish



Barb Fordney 3 icicles Maple and unknown wood



Leo Deller 3 ornaments 1 segmented bloodwood, maple, cherry



Bill Krofft 2 ornaments Cherry and maple with apple finials, Mylans finish



Tom Deneen Chestnut bowl, textured using sealer

Osage orange flat bowl
that has turned brown
from UV light
(Edge design burned 6 years
ago, he won't do it again)



December Party Memorable Smiley Moments

Photos by Phil Reed



Club Monthly Demo Schedule

- February 7, 2017** *Making a Goblet*
Don Wilson
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- March 7, 2017** *Using the skew*
Jonathan Amos
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- April 4, 2017** *Working with Burls*
Toby Boudier
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- May 2, 2017** *Marbling*
Keith Lauderbach
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- June 6, 2017** *Open*
- July 11, 2017** *Club Picnic*
John & Joan Stewart's,
3088 East Prospect Road
York, PA 17402
- August 1, 2017** *Coffee Scoop*
Tom Deneen
"Club House" Jacobus PA
- September 5, 2017** *Open*
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- October 3, 2017** *Ball and Cup*
Tom Deneen
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- November 7, 2017** *Open*
David Reed Smith
"Club House" Jacobus, PA
- December 5, 2017** *Club Picnic*
John & Joan Stewart's
3088 East Prospect Road
York, PA 17402

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A Circle Cutting Jig That You Can Build by Fred Holder

In a recent issue of CREATIVE WOOD, the official publication of the National Association of Woodworkers in New Zealand, Dick Veitch had an article on making a circle-cutting jig. It was so simple that I had to try my hand at making one.

This article is about my approach to making a circle-cutting jig using the basic concepts described and illustrated in Dick's article. The jig is shown in operation in the photo below while cutting a disk from a 3/4" thick board. This disk was to become a bowl made by cutting circles at a 45-degree angle and stacking them to produce a bowl blank from a flat board. Cutting the original circle was the first stage in this operation.



The Circle Cutting Jig being used to cut a round disk from a flat board. This rig worked best on flat boards because my bandsaw blade tended to wander a bit as the circle cutting process proceeded.

Each bandsaw will be a bit different, so no dimensions are given. The baseboard must be at least as large as the table of the bandsaw. I actually made mine somewhat larger than the bandsaw table.

I began by mounting a strip of wood that would fit into the guide groove on my bandsaw table. I then cut a slot in the baseboard using the guide strip to ensure the cut would be in the right place when the board was mounted on the bandsaw table.

I decided where I wanted the board to be located on the table and attached a stop that would limit the travel of the baseboard toward the back of the bandsaw. The backside of the baseboard is shown in the following photograph. You can see the strip of mount that goes into my bandsaw slot and you can see my stop (at the top in a darker brown color).

Bottom side of the base board for the circle cutting jig.



The guide strip and the stop determined where the board would fit on the bandsaw table. I next cut a swiveling piece that would carry the piece of wood to be cut into a circle. I wanted the pivot point of this part of the jig to be in line with the cutting edge of the bandsaw blade.

So, with the baseboard in place, I used a square to mark a line across the board that was the cutting edge of the saw blade. I then sawed out the swinging board leaving an offset for the pivot point. I drilled a hole where the pivot point bolt would be located and then aligned the rotating board so that the hole was over the center of the blade position line and drilled a hole through the base board, counter sunk the back side for the bolt head and attached the two pieces together as shown in the photo below.



I then mounted the jig onto the bandsaw table, started the saw and swung the swinging board in to make a saw cut into the swinging board. I had drawn a

line on the swinging board that ran through the centerline of the pivot hole. This line was in about one inch from the edge of the board. When the saw cut reached this line, I stopped the cut and installed a stop that would limit the swing.

The top of the jig is shown .



Now, I simply had to add some points on which the wood to be cut could rotate while being cut. These holes were located on the line that passed through the pivot point of the swinging board. I chose to space them 1/2 inch apart and numbered the whole inch locations as shown in the following photograph.



To rotate the wood, I needed to add something that could

fit into the holes above. I decided to use duplex nails since they have a double head on them and can be removed easily.



I made two different pivot pins: one shown in the five inch position in the above photo; the other was a bit longer for thicker blocks of wood. I used the short one to cut flat boards and the longer one to cut half log sections.

This certainly made it much easier to cut a 1/2 log section into a round circle than trying to use a cardboard disk to guide the cut.



This photo shows the finished piece. Note the duplex nail sticking out of the bottom of the turning blank.