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President's Column

by Dave Neuburger

August 2017

Well, the summer is now more than half completed, and the fast growing grass of spring is finally sloing down its unwanted productivity. But the pace of activity in the club is unabated. Those are both good things.

New Club Lathe

One of my goals when I became president nearly three years ago was to upgrade the club's lathe from the current Jet. The Jet is showing its age and imperfections. Some of our demonstrators have found it wanting.

Gary Tilton was a member of the club for several years and has recently decided to give it up and turn to car restoration.

He contacted **Tom Deneen** and let it be known that he was selling his equipment including his Nova DVR lathe. At the last meeting it was agreed that Tom, **Don Wilson** and I would go look at it and decide if it was a good replacement.



Gary had very generously offered it to the club for \$500. The new ones run for \$2200. All three of us were impressed with its "good as new" appearance and the sand-weighted mobile base. It tested out perfectly and is now in the clubhouse. Thanks also to **Walt Whiteley** for help in transporting it. Gary also threw in many accessories for free, including a bowl chuck with deep jaws. Our sincere thanks to Gary for his kindness towards the club. We now have reserve money in the account to get any other accessories needed.

Honey Exchange

I have received six pieces so far for the exchange of fresh local honey for a turned object. This exchange with the York County Beekeepers Association will be similar to

Honey Exchange continued

the one we did a few years ago with the exception that the turned piece does not have to be a honey pot.



Anything you want to turn is ok....a pen, a bowl, a plate or artistic piece. For those who haven't tried unfiltered local honey, you will be amazed at the difference in taste from store bought. I am hoping to bring over at least 20-25 pieces, so please get in touch with me to get your work to me. Pieces can be brought to the next meeting or even after that (anytime up till the September 28th meeting. I will be away traveling so John Stewart will gather the donated items.

Our next regular club meeting will be a hands-on learning session. We will have at least five lathes and a sharpening station so you can advance your skills. This is your opportunity to get some basic skills or improve a technique that you want to learn. I am always impressed with the skills and teaching abilities that we have right in our club. This is your opportunity to take advantage...at no cost to you.

So enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.
President Dave

Dates to Note

Regular club meetings
held on the first Tuesday of
each month at 6 pm at Club
House.*

Sept. 8, Meeting

Hands-on turning session.
6 lathes
and a sharpening station.
6-9 pm

October 27-29

Mid-Atlantic Woodturners
Assoc. Symposium

Nov. 16, 2017

Club Demo at Farm Land
Trust Hoedown

*Club house located at
22 Park St, Jacobus, PA 17407
There is no sign for Park St.
off of W. Water St.
Building is next to the cemetery.



Wanted! New President!

President Dave gave notice many months ago that this is his last year as president.

He will be a hard act to follow but someone is out there to meet the challenge. Election takes place at the December Holiday Potluck.

**Your club needs you.
So let the campaigning begin!**

(Believe it or not, you won't need help from any foreign governments to land this highly paid job,)

Woodturner Minutes June, 2017

Submitted by our Secretary Carol Woodbury

V.P. Tom Deneen chaired the meeting in the absence of President Dave.

Mid-Atlantic Woodturners' Symposium

He announced that the Mid-Atlantic Woodturners' Symposium will be held at the Lancaster Marriott October 27-29, 2017. The cost is \$185 for the 3 days plus \$10 for parking.

Honey Exchange

Anyone wishing to trade a turned piece for 2 lbs of the Bee Keepers honey is reminded to bring the turning(s) to the July picnic.

Treasury Report



Our trusted treasurer, **John Stewart** reported that the treasury holds \$5,526 of which \$916 is held for charity and \$1125 for our Education Fund.

There was a small loss of about \$200 for the Mark Sfirri Demonstration. The turnout did not quite cover the expenses of \$1295. However for those who did attend agreed it was an inspiring and informative demo.

Win one - Bring One Raffle

John Stewart's bowl was won in the raffle by Eddie Pritchard. (Joan Stewart's nephew, hmmm, a family connection, nothing suspicious here.)

Show & Tell Raffle

Bryan Sword won the S&T raffle for which he still needs to collect the gift certificate.

Treasury Audit Completed

Our trusted accountant **Bill Fordney** has completed our annual audit of the club's treasury and has reported the following:

John has provided all his worksheets to me. I have traced figures from his manual, monthly worksheets to his EXCEL spreadsheet, and then to the bank statements. I have also traced the disbursements to the underlying documents. The bank account reconciles at December 31, 2016. Accordingly, I can report that I found everything to be in order.

Bill Fordney

(So no one is buying a new lathe/tools/gismos on our dime. That's good to know!)

June Show and Tell

Photos by Phil Reed



John Stewart

Cherry Bowl
(for raffle)



Leo Deller

Urn with threaded top
maple & walnut,
64 segments



Threaded maple box with
decoupage



Phil Reed

Threaded walnut box



Bill Krofft

Two walnut bottle
stoppers with state
quarters embedded
in top.



Barry Stump

Multi-axis yew weed pot
(Barry said you could also use it as a
mallet, as opposed to the delicately
made weed pot artistically created
by Bryan Sword seen below.)



Bryan Sword

Artistically created
multi-axis cherry
weed pot

June Show and Tell - continued



Tom Deneen



English walnut bowl and
footed bowl from same blank.
Finished with mineral oil & bees wax



Jack Grinnalds

Ambrosia maple
bowl
(His first bowl!
Great job!)



Bryan Sword

Natural edge cherry bowl with handmade mahogany
biscuits artistically reinforcing the crack on bowl .



Lloyd Shelleman

Natural edge birch bowl

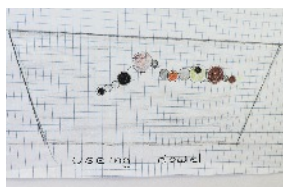
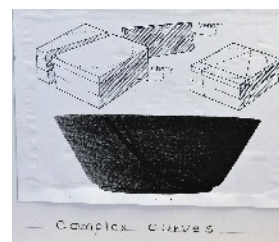
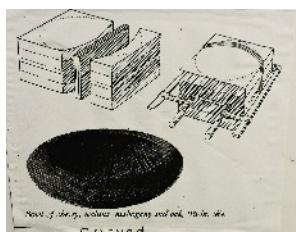


Gluing up Wood Demonstration by Cumberland Valley Woodturner Rod Stabler

Great notes taken by Carol Woodbury



Rod filled our display table with a multitude of interesting pieces. The glue-up technique used to create them is his way of utilizing cut-offs. He enjoys the search for and learning of new ways to use things.



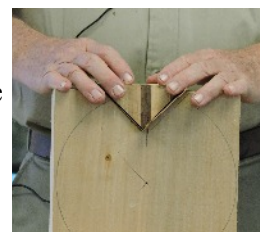
Fine Woodworking Magazine first gave him the idea. He shared with us several diagrams from that magazine.

Two reasons he likes this hobby:

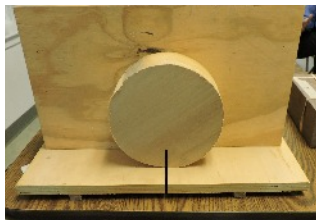
1. It's a good way to use cut-offs, and the designs you can create are each unique.
2. You never know exactly what design will appear until the lathe is turned off.

The simplest method is a 4-sided glue-up = 1 piece in the center and 4 "glues" around it. Next, you can experiment with a double 4 = 1 center, 4 around it and 4 around that.

He showed us a square blank with a V cut from it; into that, he glues a glue-up V. To tighten or adjust the fit, veneer is your friend.

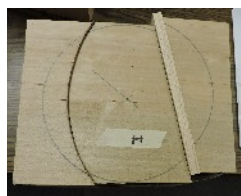


However, you don't want to make the joint too tight or you won't have room for the glue. The more interesting your V, the more interesting the final look.



Another option is to use a jig with a table saw to make small slices around the edge of the square blank.

The end product he showed became a flat bottom bowl with vertical stripes. Likewise, a ribbon joint looks great as a plate, but the final look depends on the curvature and thickness of the piece.



Laminating on a curve requires very careful, tender holding while you glue because you have cut on an angle and you don't want the parts

to slip before drying. Angles produce the most striking effects, but have the most slippage.

It is fun to use dowels to create polka dots. Rod turns the exterior to the bowl size then uses a forstner bit to drill holes (while the blank is still on the lathe), working one side at a time: drilling a shallow hole, gluing a piece of dowel, letting the glue dry, cutting or sanding the dowel smooth.

The challenges with this work are the limit of your table saw height, the need for a sander, and the fineness of your band saw blade. Rod suggests keeping a journal with sketches and notes on ideas, results, sales, etc. for each creation.

He certainly has created some beautiful turnings. You could hear the wheels turning in all the heads present and I'll bet Show and Tell next time will include several experiments of our own.

Thanks to Rod for impressing and inspiring our club !

Woodturner's Picnic Meeting 7-11-17

Once again **Joan and John Stewart** hosted a wonderful evening of good pot-luck food and good conversation. A big thank you to them both.



VP Tom Deneen presided in Dave's absence.

President's Challenge Postponed

The only business was to announce that the President's Challenge is postponed until next month – turn any type of piece in return for Beekeeper's Club honey.

August and September Demos

August's demonstration will be **Tom Deneen** on coffee scoops.

September's meeting will feature a hands-on with multiple lathes and a sharpener for all club members' use.

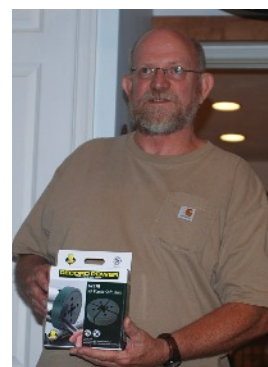
Charlie Stuhre offered to demo pen-making for beginners sometime.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **John Stewart** reported \$5,083 in the treasury, of which \$916 is earmarked for charity and \$1125 for the education fund, leaving \$3,041 in our general fund for club business.

Tip and Tricks

The Tip and Trick was Tom showing his new "Record Power" jaws from Craft Supplies. These do not damage the wood or finish and can be shaped however you need.

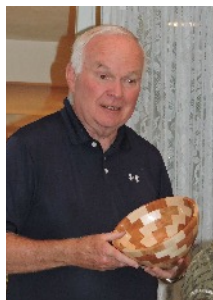


Exclusive Wild Woodturners Picnic Photos



July Show and Tell

Mike Carnes



Mike shows off his first segmented bowl. Only 2 years in the planning and making. Truly an excellent example of dedication to the hobby.

Leo Deller

Leo shows off a small example of his renowned segmented work. Only 350 or so pieces but who's counting?



John Henty



John modestly shows off his yarn bowl. John has only been turning a few months, so great job John. Keep at it.

Phil Reed

Phil shows off another finely made threaded box. No, we are not tired of seeing them. Phil lines up the grain for the top and bottom, a difficult thing to do. Phil donated the box for a raffle to benefit our education fund.



Bryan Sword



Bryan again presented excellent examples of multi-axis weed pot turnings. His ratio so far is make one, snap three. Although he was told the wood was American chestnut, it turned out to be oak.

Clark Bixler

Clark and his nephew showed a mushroom that Clark made as a natural edge turning example for the Baltimore club.



August 1 Meeting Minutes

Great minutes taken by our loyal and dedicated Secretary Carol Woodbury

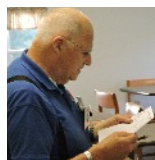


This evening **President Dave** welcomed 3 guests: **Lee Kelsey** from Lancaster and **Diane and Scott Kirk** of Seven Valleys.



Thanks to the Stewarts

He thanked Joan and John Stewart for hosting a great picnic again this year.



Treasuries Riches Report

The Treasury holds \$5,083, of which \$916 is held for charity, \$1,126 for our Education Fund, and \$3,041 remains in the general fund for use.

Honey/Turning Exchange

Dave reminded us that the Beekeepers will exchange 1 lb. of honey for each turned item of any type at the September 8th meeting. About 20 people are interested.



York County Farm Trust

We will be setting up at the York County Farm Trust event during the 3rd week in November. It is usually an hour or two. We will demonstrate and sell (1/2 of sales to be donated to the Trust and 1/2 to the turner).

New Volunteers Needed (No special talents required.)

Karen Holway is moving. **John Henty** agrees to take on the advertising on his own.

Bryan Sword wishes to be replaced as newsletter editor by next year. He has done the newsletter for 9 years.

Dave Neuburger will be stepping down as President in January as well. Members are requested to consider volunteering for these positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Exotic Wood Restrictions **Bill Fordney** reports that CITES has put into place a new law restricting movement of specific exotic woods across national borders. Mainly this applies to rosewood varieties and several other woods. He suggests buying up what you want to use while supplies last.

“Like New” Lathe Offered (cheap) to Club

Tom Deneen informed us that a previous member is closing up shop and selling his Nova DVR for \$500 if the club wants it. Otherwise, it will go up on the market. Such lathes are now selling for ca \$2200 – 2500. Discussion followed. A committee of 3 (Dave N, Tom D, and Don W.) will go look at it, and the club gave them permission to purchase it if it is a good fit for us and in good condition. We must check with the Church to see if we would be allowed to store it in the clubhouse temporarily until we figure out what to do with the Jet.

Hands-On September Meeting

The September meeting will be a hands-on. About 6 lathes and a grinding station will be set up. People can come from 6 to 9 pm to participate.

Raffle winners

Ed Pritchard won Clark Bixler's bowl in the raffle. Bill Fordney won \$30 in gift certificates. John Henty won \$20 in gift certificates. Gift certificates are provided by Craft Supply.

TIPS AND TRICKS:



Leo Deller showed how he uses a waste block to glue his segments to. You can buy an adapter for a one-way cold-jaw



chuck. He glues the waste block to the metal then glues one segment layer at a time to it, letting each dry pressed between the head and tail for 15 minutes, before gluing the next segment.

SHOW AND TELL

The President's Challenge was Oddities and we were treated to some.



Phil Reed

Holly and corea threaded box



John Henty

Tumbler from John Stewart's cherry wood Salad bowl finish



Leo Deller

Football funeral urn cherry and white pine (amazing idea for funeral ashes!)



More Show and Tell



Bill Fordney

Dish from Phil's
maple burl .
blue dye



Barry Stump

Flat bowl,
redwood burl.
Multiple coats
of polyurethane



Clark Bixler

Cedar chalice



Bryan Sword

Beehive
Honey pot
Cherry



Tom Deneen
Teeny bowl
made of
Taqua nut



Banksia pod vase

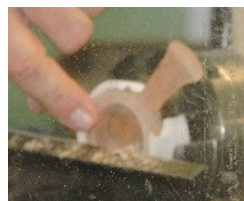


Basically, Tom turns a round ball with a tail and then slices it lengthwise to end up with two halves to hollow out, creating two scoops.



Jig to hold ball while cutting turned blank in half

Tom's 1st jig looks like a small slingshot coated with blue chalk. This marks any high spots you need to smooth out to hold round blank while it's being fed into the band saw to divide in half.



The next jig is made of PVC with a gap cut through the side for the handle. A small rounded wood pivot placed behind the blank keeps the blank from slipping backwards in the chuck. This holds the cut piece tightly in place while you hollow

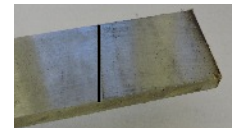
out the scoop to about 1/8" thinness.

Ta da! You now have a 1 Tablespoon coffee scoop!



President Dave was the only club member to step forward to demonstrate the hollowing process.

Tom marks his scraper so that when the mark lines up with his tool rest he knows the scoop is hollowed out to precisely one table spoon.



Tom turns at 3500 rpms and makes multiples at a time for sale. His tools are a Deneen Special short pointy gouge and a scraper. When scraping he always comes in from above at 10 – 20 degrees. After halving and hollowing, he uses a Harbor Freight sanding sponge cut small to hold good



sandpaper to smooth the interior. Finish can be either Walmart's Mineral Oil Laxative (yes) or beeswax. The wax is wiped with a cloth held with the fingers (*cloth is **not** wrapped around fingers*) he works from bottom up, to remove excess wax as it melts.

Tom always makes turning look easy and has great ideas for saving time and effort.

Thank you, Tom, for another great evening demonstration!

Tom Deneen's Coffee Scoop Demo

Coffee scoops were the subject of Tom Deneen's demonstration. He showed several ingenious jigs or holders for securing and turning and cutting his globular turning.

Tom's blank was of English walnut. Blanks are 2 1/2" square x 4 1/2" long. He rounded it, then marked in pencil: 1/4", 1", and 2", so as to keep all scoops the same size. Each is then turned into a ball with stem.

