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President's Column

Over my life I have had many hobbies, from Chemistry , Electronics to Photography. In about 1980 I started taking classes thru the community college, one of which was woodworking which was taught by an ex-accountant who went back to school and was taught by Tage Frid of Fine Woodworking fame. When I retired I set up my shop in my basement and bought a lathe from one of the sales at Grizzly. It was a broken and many pieces were missing. I got it fixed and started watching YouTube every morning. to learn more.

After finding this club's Web site I came to my first meeting. I joined after seeing Bill Fordney's demonstration. I also made an appointment with Don Wilson, the club president at the time. Don taught me about sharpening and I made my first bowl. Many of us have seen small boxes that pop when you take the lid off. But it is even more impressive when the lid unscrews. That is what our vice-president Tom Deneen made for his demonstration in February. And he did it with tools that he made. That was the second threading demonstration I have seen in the last year, and Tom did a great job of explaining what he was doing and why.

The March meeting brought another of Don Wilson's



Demo Schedule 2018

Jan Business meeting

Feb Tom Deneen Chasing Threads

March Don Wilson goblets

April Sharpening Deenen Scrapers and parting tools, Krofft Bowl gouges, Skews/ Bedan, Neuburger 40/40 Bowl gouges, Stewart CA glue

May Krofft Jigs, tools and segmented ornaments

June Charlie Stuhre Advanced Pen Turning

July Summer Picnic

August Bill Fordney Inside out turning

September Barb Fordney Turning Finials

October Leo Deller Mason Jar Lids

November Krofft Vacuum Chucking

December Xmas Party

wonderful demonstrations, this time on turning a large bowl. He explained what he was doing while he was turning, I think it would be hard to turn and talk at the same time. He also showed us what chucks to use and why.

I lan to continue learning and enjoying this hobbyPresident Bill Krofft

February 6, 2018 Minutes

New President Bill Kroft presided over the meeting and several guests introduced themselves: Dan Nied, clockmaker and teacher; Jim Frim, beginning turner; Tom Witherspoon, crafts; Dennis Delp, furniture maker; Tom Gerber, returning to woodturning. Most had heard about the club through the Community Courier and one through a



member he met at WoodCraft. They were welcomed and invited to join.

Treasurer John Stewart reported a balance of \$5,888. From that amount, about \$900 will go to rent of our meeting space and \$1000 is slated for charity. Members were reminded to pay their dues for 2018.

Martin Stolpe brought with him “artist in wood” Luis Toledo, who showed his large figural carvings during Show and Tell. Bill sent around a sheet to ask for suggested demonstrators/demonstrations for April, June, July. Bill suggested Mark Supic as our professional demonstrator for 2018. His fee would be \$225 plus about \$150 travel expense.

Announcements:

Leo Deller announced that this year’s Builders Show is Feb. 9-11. WITF is doing a children’s show and we ought to be there. Hands were shown for setup and booth and demonstration attendance. Passes were available for those not helping at the event.

Dave Hunter was introduced to the new guests and members as our librarian. He was awarded the annual scholarship this year from the AAW. He was one of 28 winners nationwide and will go to the Arrowmont School in Tennessee.

Totally Turning, Saratoga Springs, NY, is the last weekend in March.

Martin Stolpe explained that he always has wood available for free and there’s no need to purchase wood anywhere.



Tips and Tricks:

What NOT to do: Tom Deneen showed us his finger. He had used Mylins Friction Polish and it ate through his glove. Now he has recurring episodes of his skin being eaten and flaking off.

Here are some photos from Tom's Demonstration

Demonstration on Threading. Tom Deneen



Tom's blank was of dogwood, but woods good for threading are also ironwood, lignum vitae, native maple. Note that holly won't hold threads.

Tom creates the lid and inside thread first so that he can put oil on the rim and use it as a jig for the shape of the box's lip/threads. He warns against sharpening a thread chaser on the grinder, use a flat diamond sharpener instead.

Running at 1800, he hollows out the blank, removes the remaining nipple by coming up from below, then goes to the back of the hollow to make a little groove and sands the interior before putting threads in. Unbelievably Tom actually turned the speed of the lathe down to 250! To chase a thread, you start in and come out in one turn.



At that point he applies Walmart's laxative mineral oil and a block of beeswax. The oil then is used as mentioned to mark the remaining outer thread dimensions.



Tom also showed the use of a texture tool, at 600, to make a pattern on the lid, starting left of center.

As always, Tom presented a fun and useful demonstration. THANK YOU, TOM!

Show and Tell:

John Henty bowl cherry

Cup/pencil holder cherry, salad bowl finish





Leo Deller segmented box (500 pieces) walnut, pine, bloodwood

Segmented bell (150 pieces) walnut, pine, maple

Natural edge bowl (only 1 piece) elm



March 12, 2018



Tom Deneen 2 coffee mills
cherry and elm







Barry Stump natural edge bowl cherry burl, wipe-on polyurethane

Tom Deneen's magnetic personality once again drew the gift certificate.

The Builders Show was a big success. Thanks to Craig Zumbrun for providing these pictures.









SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WOODTURNERS MEETING.....March 6, 2018

1. President Bill Krofft called the meeting to order.
2. Guests: 3 students of York Time Institute, brought by member Daniel Nied.
3. Bill reminded members to pay dues for the year: single \$30., family \$40.
4. John Stewart, treasurer, announced he sent donations to the Food Bank, Horn Farm Trust; and also donated \$150. to the York Builders in appreciation of the booth at their recent show.
5. Bill stated that there are many advantages to being a member of AAW. By joining, members may access a multitude of articles, demos, etc. Also there is a free You Tube demo "add pizzazz to texturing" by turner Mike Peace. Members of SCPWT are encouraged to take advantage. Clark Bixler added that there are also "Women in Turning" opportunities highlighted. AAW also covers members' insurance and covers us for demos.
6. Bill announced there is a woodturning symposium for only \$80. (2 days) at Expo Land, Fishersville, VA., November 3 & 4.
7. Ideas for future demonstrations are welcome! What would members like to see????
8. Sharpening demo next month. David Neuburger showing 40/40 grind. Need MORE PERSONS.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** We recently participated in the York Builders Show. 12 members were in attendance at all times. We had fun, but sales were down. Leo Deller reports we will have the same size booth as before, also probably same location, which was good. At the show one of the mini lathes stopped working. John Stewart took it apart and found that a magnet had broken. We are using it harder than it was intended for. Plans are to repair it and then sell 3 mini lathes (Jets, at ½ hp); then purchase 3 Rikon midi lathes 12 ½ x 20 variable speed, 1 hp. Cost \$1836, from Woodcraft. The club has monies to cover cost.
MOTION by Charlie Stuhre, 2nd by Clark Bixler to proceed with this plan.
John will pick up lathes and any other purchases at Woodcraft that members make by using his name and applying costs to the bill. They will reimburse Woodcraft by credit cards for their own things. (Let John know).
 10. **Tips & Tricks.** John showed a booklet “Shop Tricks” he got from Woodworkers Journal which has many useful suggestions.
 11. **Show & Tell:** Phil Reed - elm bud vase; Don Wilson - box elder bowl; Mike Carnes - sycamore hollow form; Leo Deller - segmented bell, egg box with 1465 segmented pieces; Bryan Sword - cherry bowl 16 ½ inches wide. Winner of Craft Supply gift certificate: Bryan Sword.
 12. Martin Stolpe told members about a huge maple tree on Wheatland property (1138 Marietta Ave., Lancaster) recently cut down with beautifully marked wood, free for the taking.
 13. **DEMO - Don Wilson - bowl turning**
Don demonstrated that bowls should have an ogee (not dog bowl) shape. The base should be approximately 1/3 of top. He mounted a block of 12 inch pear on a wood worm between centers. Shaped outside at 750 speed with bowl gauge, using a skew to smooth out ripples. Flatten bottom and make tenon for dovetail jaws. Reverse piece, tenon in chuck. Turn inside from center out using small cuts. Use “step” method on wall to get thinner walls. Finish bottom with scraper.
 14. John can get Bradford pear wood about 3 feet diameter. Just call him.
- Thanks to Barbara Fordney for taking minutes this month for Carol

Here are a few pictures from Don's demonstration









The finished product

Here's show and tell from the March meeting



Phil Reed and his unique spalted elm burl bud vase

Don Wilson's spalted box elder bowl



Mike Carnes and his beautiful segmented purple heart vessel



Leo Deller's segmented egg of bloodwood, walnut, yellow heart and pine. How many pieces, Leo? Can you count them again for us?



Bryan Sword and his 16" x 6" dough bowl. Our thanks to Bryan for his decade of service in producing the club newsletter.



So concludes this first newsletter of 2018. I apologize in advance for any errors in this, my first attempt at stepping into Bryan's shoes. They are big shoes to fill. If you have any suggestions, comments, or things you would like in the next newsletter please let me know.

Dave Neuburger