

South Central Pennsylvania Wood Turners



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SCPWT is a group of wood turning enthusiasts with differing abilities, but likeminded in our attraction to spinning wood. We meet on the first Tuesday of most months of the year at 6:30 PM at 18 Water Street, Jacobus, PA 17407.



Reagan Bitler demonstrating the application of ink dyes on wood and gourds at the October meeting

Editor's Notes:

There will be a regular meeting on December 7th at the clubhouse, instead of a Christmas Party this year.

At the November meeting, Jack Kapp told us he would not be attending any longer, due to the long drive from his home in Mechanicsburg – we will miss him, and we wish him the best!

We are saddened by the passing of member Leo Deller on November 18th. We will miss seeing his work and his passion for segmented turning, but mostly we will miss his positive attitude, his sense of humor and his willingness to help with club projects.

Presidents Column November 2021

Over the years, the members of the SCPWT club have contributed to the club in various ways. I would like to point out some of the things that have been accomplished and thank those who have gone above and beyond. I realize that I may have missed some people that have contributed to the club over the years. To those, THANK YOU for helping make the club what it is today. In no special order.....

Bill Fordney served four years as president of the club. He was instrumental in locating our present meeting place. The initial shelving that is used for our displays was built by Bill, his son and John Stewart. Bill has also given demonstrations and helped with public display and demonstrations and arranged for guest demonstrators. He also built a stand for one of the club lathes. Serves on the Executive board and co-ordinates our activities with the church.

Barbra Fordney demonstrated turning finials and other items and helped at other events.

Don Wilson served four years as president. During that time, he obtained a grant from AAW that was used to purchase the existing audio/visual equipment. Don has given many demonstrations for our club and other clubs in the area and arranged for guest demonstrators. He has given hands on training at the club and to club members that needed individual help in addition to helping with the trailer maintenance. During the COVID time he used his own equipment to film and edit the videos used in our Zoom meetings. Serves on the executive board.

David Neuburger served four years as president. During this time, he held several club challenges that helped other organizations, one for "land preservation" and another to provide wig stands for those who used wigs while going through cancer treatment. He has given demonstrations and arranged for professional turners to present demonstrations at our club. Along with his son, they created and maintain our web site. David has taken over the newsletter and sends the notices to members. During his term, the club purchased the trailer we use for storage of equipment used at our public displays. He also hosted our ZOOM meetings during the COVID shut down. Serves on the Executive board.

Bill Krofft served as president for one year. Bill has helped in numerous displays, workshops and with getting the trailer set up.

Tom Deneen has served as vice president for over 10 years and can be called upon to do a demonstration on a moment's notice. He has taken over when the president was not available and has helped with numerous club events. Tom is always willing to help other with any turning challenges. Serves on the Executive board.

John Stewart served as our treasurer for 12 years. He maintained a list of members and sent out information to the members. John supplied the wood for most of the shelving and did much of the fabrication. He also started buying CA glue in bulk so club members could obtain it at reduced cost. The club lathes that are used for public demonstrations used to be stored at various club member's homes, making it difficult to move for public programs. John located a trailer in excellent condition and the club purchased it. The trailer was outfitted for our equipment with the help John and many other members. John also towed the trailer to the events. When the new lathes were purchased, he used his utility trailer to pick them up from Woodcraft at Harrisburg. The old lathes were refurbished and put up for sale. A 10 X20 tent was purchased for our public relation events and cement weights made to hold it down in case of wind. Serves on the Executive board.

Presidents Column (continued)

Joan Stewart has manned our charity table at club events and hosted our summer picnic and Christmas parties.

John Henty has been our current Treasurer for the past two years. John has also helped at various events and is a member of the Executive board.

Craig Zumbrun took over as the club Secretary two years ago from Carol Woodbury. He has also helped at many of our club events over the years. Serves on the Executive board.

Charles Stuhre is our AV person, setting up and running the video and sound system. He has also demonstrated pen turning and finishing. Charlie took over from Joyce McCormick.

Phil Reed has been our photographer as long as I can remember and does an excellent job. He brings his own camera and lighting to obtain professional results. The photos are used in the club newsletter. Phil has also helped with getting the trailer set up and turns "tops" for club events.

Mark Coons replaced Jim Prinkey as a member at large on the Executive board. He has recently taken over the club newsletter.

Dave Hunter converted our VHS demonstration tapes to CD's and compiled a list of available "how to" books for club members to check out.

Bryan Sword was our newsletter editor for 8 years. He used the pictures from Phil and composed an interesting newsletter. Bryan has also demonstrated at our meetings.

John Bennet did the heat treating for the lathe tools we made at a workshop with Don Wilson.

Leo Deller built two lathe stands and protective shields for our traveling lathes, and additional display shelving. He also built the safety shield for our lathe that is used for demonstrations at the club and added doors to the lathe stand. He also helps with setting up our displays and demonstrations.

Jonathan Amos demonstrated how to use the Skew and turned an egg.

Philip Baum assisted John Stewart with the CA glue inventory and sales.

Richard Conley has been towing our trailer to club events and helped setting up our display.

Martin Stolpe brings wood for us to turn, usually free or for a turned piece to donate to a historic gift shop for preservation of historic sites.

Other people that I remember helping at various events are Clark Bixler, Mike Carnes, Ed Drabik, Gregory Fink, Bill Gilbert, Perry Hilbert, Dan Spackman & Joan Stewart.

Without the help of club members, a club cannot exist

President, Barry Stump

October 11th, 2021 Meeting Notes

15 members and 2 guests attended President Barry Stump opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Financial: Treasurer John Henty reported that there is \$4,679.99 in checking with \$70 set aside for petty cash and \$33 set aside for charity.

Martin Stolpe talked about Paw Paw trees and brought seeds for planting. He also brought White ash logs with colored heart wood for turning.

Shrewsbury Harvest Fest: The event on 10/2/2021 at Shrewsbury had nine members participating with some recording sales. There was a good-sized crowd and interest in turning demonstrations.

Other Business: Barry reminded members of the need for new officers in December and a new President. A decision to hold a Christmas party at the club hosted by the church food committee will be made at the November meeting. There was a suggestion for a guest speaker from Super Grit on sanding methods for a future meeting demonstration.

Show and Tell

Tom Deneen made a large oak bowl with CA finish and colored sand in-fill. Leo Deller made a large, segmented egg box and Bryan Sword made a large English Walnut bowl with mahogany joints and a McNaughton system corer bowl from Princess wood.

Guest Speaker Demonstration: Reagan Bitler from Hanover demonstrating ink dyes on wood and gourds

Reagan is a teacher, and he runs *Godahavom Gourds* on West Philadelphia Street in York. He is president of both the state and national association of gourd societies. Reagan demonstrated wet on dry, wet on wet, inking methods and the use of differing application tools and methods including the use of stencils for layered color effects. He discussed different ink products and blending solutions. Most of the inks are alcohol based. Water based inks tend to bleed more. He explained that inks follow grain patterns and heat will help to speed color setting. He demonstrated liquid masking and use of color sticks.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 PM

Respectfully, Craig Zumbrun Club Secretary

October 2021 Show & Tell



**Leo Deller's segmented
egg made of four
different kinds of wood,**

October 2021 Show & Tell (continued)



Bryan Sword's live
edge English Walnut bowl



↑ Two Bryan Sword bowls made of Princess Tree and Koa ↓



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October 2021 Show & Tell (continued)



Two large oak bowls by VP Tom Deneen



November 2nd, 2021 Meeting Notes

14 members attended President Barry Stump opened meeting at 6:30pm

Financial: Treasurer John Henty reported that there is \$4,776.99 in checking with \$70 set aside for petty cash and \$33 set aside for charity from sales of tops at the Shrewsbury Festival. There are 34 paid members for the year ending 2021. Dues for 2022 can be paid now.

Announcements: Leo Deller announced that the Home and Garden Show will be held February 6-7 and the club will be allowed the same area for sales and demonstrations.

Other Business: Barry reminded members of the need for new officers in December. In lieu of a Christmas party, the club will have a meeting on December 7th to be held at the Jacobus hall. Barry noted that at the National level many clubs are doing ZOOM meetings and producing demonstrations that are broadcast to other clubs. They frequently use YouTube. There was a discussion whether our club would be interested in pursuing for 2022.

Virtual Auction: Former member Mike Daniels' widow offered a number of tools to the club. Tom Deneen will be offering a virtual auction of the items with weekly reports of the bids. Items include a bench drill, sander, miter saw, grinder and stand, along with numerous tools for turning. There is also a dust collector which may be kept by the club for monthly demonstrations.

Show and Tell

Leo Deller made a salt and pepper shaker set with a Celtic knot pattern and a giant amphora with 3,000 pieces.

Don Pickel made a walnut and mulberry jar and a dish with textured design features in light and dark walnut.

Mark Coons made a cherry bowl from one of Dave Hunter's rough turned blanks.

Speaker Demonstration: Tom Deneen – Making Mushroom Boxes

Tom began by saying that he discovered mushroom boxes are very popular at shows and he sells out. Tom loaded a branch of about 8 inches length and 4 inches in diameter onto the lathe. He began by turning a cap on the wider end of the branch. He used a bowl gouge to form the cap. He does the cursory sanding by using Harbor Freight sanding sponges to hold the 100 grit sandpaper. He hollows the cap using a gouge at about a 1 o'clock position. He uses a scraper above center to continue the hollowing. He uses forceps to hold the sponge and sandpaper to sand the insides of the box. He then continues to turn the base of the mushroom and similarly uses the scraper to hollow. His trick is to use a piece of PVC to keep the chuck from marking the end piece. He uses a mineral oil and beeswax mixture as a finishing compound. Tom turns very fast, usually at 3500 RPM which requires him to use gloves because he says the chips are very hot.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM

Respectfully, Craig Zumbrun Club Secretary



Tom and his mushroom box



November 2021 Show & Tell

Leo Deller's *LARGE* segmented cherry and maple urn and his Celtic knot salt & pepper shaker set



November 2021 Show & Tell (continued)



Don Pickel's walnut and Mulberry jar and his textured and colored bowl of light and dark walnut



Cherry bowl finished by Mark Coons from one of Dave Hunter's rough turned bowls

