

South Central Pennsylvania Wood Turners

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.



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"Win One Turn One" from April 5th meeting

Craig turned this Cedar birdhouse for the raffle and Dave took it home

Tips & Tricks:

Tom Deneen had a few tips embedded in his April 5th Demo:

- Store small quantities of frequently used finishes (such as sanding sealer and friction polish) in plastic honey containers with snap caps for ready and easy access.
- Make a narrow parting tool from a reciprocating saw blade (don't make it too long or it will flex too much). →



March 1st 2021 Meeting Notes

President Barry Stump opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. He welcomed the other 18 members to the meeting.

Club Business and Announcements: Barry announced the upcoming meeting topics. April, Tom Deneen will demonstrate how to turn a gavel. In May, Don Wilson will demonstrate how to turn a lamp. Don Wilson will return in June to explore wood dyeing and other coloration methods.

Financial: Treasurer Dave Hunter reported that we have \$4609.83 in our account with \$70 in petty cash. We have received \$250 in dues, \$130 in glue sales, and \$40 from the auction. Members are asked to pay their dues. Rent has been paid through June \$450 and \$60 paid to the church for trailer parking. From donation sales we provided \$446 to the York builders Association educational charity. We paid our AAW insurance \$200. Today we have 24 paid members.

Dave says we have one medium shirt left for sale at a cost of \$15 and a supply of club patches available for two dollars each.

Barry noted that we are invited to return to the Shrewsbury fall festival scheduled for October 8. Because we are not a IRS 501 C3 corporation, we will be charged a \$35 fee for set up.

Show and Tell Members showed their latest projects.

Martin Stolpe: showed a spalted beech bowl made by Bob Gohnauer

Barry Stump: Two boxes, maple and spalted holly.

Rich Conley: A resin and burl bowl. With a medallion.

Mark Coons: A cutting board with a insert honey pot and cherry honey dipper.

Bryan Sword: 18½ inch weeping beech bowl. (Bryan also brought in wood turning wonders orbital sander, random orbital sander, air shield pro for sale).



Barry with his Maple box



Bryan's Weeping Beech bowl

March 1st 2021 Meeting Notes (continued)

Win one turn one. Dave Hunter made a maple burl dish with routed designs. Craig Zumbrun won the raffled dish and will turn a project for next months raffle.

Demonstration: Don Wilson provided a short course on techniques to avoid trouble with the lathe including chatter, tool marks, breakage, and so forth.

Before beginning the demonstration, Don talked about the investigation done into improving the club's video system. He set up two Ozbot 1080 P high definition robotic cameras and linked them to a video screen through a laptop computer.

Don said that one of the simple problems that causes chatter are: a dull tool, Improper cutting angles in relationship to the wood surface, and over extension of the tool from the rest to the wood. Another common problem is the improper positioning of a tenon into the chuck. The chuck itself has screws to keep the mouth aligned. They can work loose and can cause persistent clicking and other problems. If a tenon is too long, the wood can work loose the same can be said if it's too short. Another common problem with the chuck is when the washers work loose or become damaged from being too tight. The adapter also may not be the one for the brand of chuck or not a high-quality item.

Good maintenance of the chuck includes using a 20 gauge brass cleaning tool to keep the tapers clean and in place. Don cautioned about changing the drive speed, always recommended increasing speed only after the lathe is running.

At the conclusion of the discussion, which included many questions, Don asked the group for their impressions on the use of the new video system. By consensus led in the discussion through Barry, it was determined that a new system could be purchased using the recommended equipment Don had offered at a price not to exceed \$1500 (*Editor's Note: This amount was increased by a member email vote, and the final expenditure was \$1726.68*).

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully,

Craig Zumbrun, Club Secretary

March 2022 Show & Tell



Richard Conley's Cherry Burl
container with resin, Cherry burl
bowl with blue dye and Sycamore
bowl (clockwise)

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March 2022 Show & Tell (continued)



Barry Stump's Maple box (L) and Holly box (R)



Mark Coons' Maple and Cherry cutting board with honey pot and dipper

March 2022 Show & Tell (continued)



Robert Gochnauer's Spalted
Beech bowl brought in by
Martin Stolpe

April 5th 2022 Meeting Notes

President Barry Stump opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. He welcomed the other 18 members to the meeting.

Club Business and Announcements: Barry announced the upcoming meeting topics. In May, Don Wilson will demonstrate how to turn a lamp. Don Wilson will return in June to explore wood dyeing and other coloration methods. Possible future topics will include pyrography, texturing, captured rings, inside out turning, and hollowing.

The Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium will be held in Lancaster September 23, 24, 25 at the Marriott. Registration online at mawts.com. Early registration by August 31, is \$185. After that cost is \$215.00.

The club will exhibit at the Fall festival at The Markets at Shrewsbury October 8, from 10 am to 3 pm. There is a \$20 to \$35 fee. Barry asked that members make 1 ½ to 1 ¾ inch diameter tops for the fair club fundraiser.

Financial: Barry provided Treasurer Dave Hunter's report that we have \$4763.19 in our account with \$70 in petty cash. We have approved purchase of a drill chuck for \$41 (Barry has made a base.). Up to \$1,800.00 approved for new AV equipment and laptop computer. We have 28 paid members to date.

April 5th 2022 Meeting Notes (continued)

Show and Tell Members showed their latest projects.

Joel Persing : Spalted maple bowl.

Barry Stump: Showed a silicone molding box and method for making polymer pen blanks and a new pen.

Dave Neuberger: Set of square bowls and a square bowl foot.

Phil Reed: Maple burl bowl.

Alvin Herner: Piston and cylinder for an air engine. A checkered cutting board.

Bryan Sword: Weeping beech and cedar bird house. (He recommends Vermont Natural Coatings for bird house finishes).

Perry Hilbert: Two rustic vases and an experiment in dye transfer in sassafras.

Win one turn one. Craig Zumbrun made a cedar birdhouse. Dave Neuburger won the raffle.

Demonstration: Tom Deneen demonstrated turning a gavel.

Before beginning the demonstration, Tom had drilled a hole in the block of English Walnut which would become the gavel head. He measured a 1 inch extension to accommodate a tenon. Tom uses a round nose scraper to do much of the turning. He finds that the wide surface lessens chatter and vibrations. Using a fine parting tool he made from a reciprocating saw blade, he parts the head from the tenon. Tom decorates with coves and beads then sands. He uses sanding sealer and re-sands using 150 grit, applying friction polish for a finish. He suggests using a small section of slotted PVC pipe to protect the wood in the chuck.

The next step is to turn the handle. He sands the handle in both directions to remove any marks. He never places a collar on the end that is inserted into the mallet head to assure a good fit. He uses a square scraper to form beads and coves in the handle. He uses epoxy to affix the handle to the head.

He turns a slightly concave sounding piece from a separate block, slightly larger than the gavel head.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Barry noted that at the next meeting there will be up to 15 visitors from a church who are going to different area clubs each month. The raffle brought in \$25.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully,
Craig Zumbrun, Club Secretary

April 2022 Show & Tell



Phil Reed's Maple burl bowl



Perry Hilbert's weathered Oak twig pots



Joel Persing's Spalted Maple bowl



April 2022 Show & Tell (continued)



David Neuburger's
Cherry (top) and Oak
(bottom) square bowls



April 2022 Show & Tell (continued)



Bryan Sword's Weeping Beech
& Cedar birdhouse



Al Herner's Maple & Poplar
cutting board