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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 in the basement of Christ Church Jacobus at 200 N. Main Street, Jacobus, PA 17407 (parking at rear of building).

Greetings Woodturners!

Welcome to 2024. It is amazing that we have started yet another year. Sometimes it feels like 2023 just got started. But here we are, ready to begin a new year as woodturners with all the fun and enjoyment we get from taking a wooden log or blank and turning it into a work of art. It's hard for us to think of what we do for fun as art, but using our skills and talents to reveal that treasure under the layers of sawdust is without a doubt appreciated by many.

Our first SCPWT meeting of 2024 is February 6 at 6:30 PM and the York Town Craft Guild which is located at 639 N. Franklin St, York. We will be touring the Guild facility to see everything that is available. I had the opportunity to visit with Don Wilson and was impressed by the many different crafts that are available at the Guild. Our club is considering a move to the Guild as our regular meeting location. There are several benefits for our club if we meet at the facility:

- Easy one-floor access. No steps are required to reach the room.
- Sufficient parking is available.
- Easy access and storage of our lathe and demo supplies.
- Demos can be projected on a screen with better definition.
- Internet access available for YouTube demonstrations, or live demonstrations by well-known turners.
- Workshops with multiple lathes would be available for classes, for first-time turners or other instruction.
- Individual membership to the Guild will not be required - club membership will allow attendance to club activities.

SCPWT would pay rent to the Guild for approximately the same amount as we currently pay. We will have a discussion at the meeting - Hope you can attend.

The following weekend, Friday February 9 through Sunday February 11, is the York Home and Garden Show where we will have our usual display with demonstrations, charity table, and the opportunity to show and sell our wares. We are planning an early set-up on Friday the 9th. Hope to see you there.

A busy start to the month of February. Let us know if there are any demos you would like to see in the coming year. There can be many new opportunities to expand our craft.

Joel Persing, President

November 7th 2023 Meeting Notes

18 members were present

President Joel Persing opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. He welcomed members.

Financial: Treasurer David Hunt reported that the club had no financial activity in the past month.

Joel discussed the coming year's election of officers. There was a consensus that if the current officers were willing to stay that would be the slate of candidates. Current officers agreed to remain and a unanimous a voice "confirmed" reappointment for another year with Joel Persing as president, Tom Deneen, vice president, Dave Hunter, treasurer, Craig Zumbrun secretary.

Bryan Sword opened the topic of future club meeting locations. He recommended that the club consider moving to the York Craft Guild in North York where there is space for demonstrations and there are readily available lathes. He said it was also likely that we could have more workshops and trainings on weekends at that location. Don Wilson confirmed Bryan's statements and said also there was ample parking and we would likely not be impacted if there was snow as we had been previously at the other church building. There seem to be general consensus that we should investigate the availability of the guild, the costs, etc.

Under other business Rich Conley noted a fire in his overhead dust collector and recommended members to take special care to keep them clean. He said it was a Laguna system.

Tom Deneen reported that there was a large box elder that had been cut down and the wood was it is available. The telephone number of the owner is 717-880-1669.

Show and Tell

Don Wilson made a brown maple burl goblet and used three different dyes to bring out facets of the wood grain, and India ink to highlight the edges.

Tom Deneen made a bowl out of Ash.

Barry stump made a small maple goblet.

Rich Conley made an English walnut platter, and he used iridescent paint as a finish.

Bryan Sword presented the finished "barely there" vase from his recent demo.

Mike Volkert made a bowl from Oak and also a Cherry box and a Paulownia box.



Don Wilson with his Maple burl goblet



Tom Deneen using a jam chuck in his demo

November 7th 2023 Meeting Notes (continued)

Mark Coons turned a wet wood maple bowl and used milk paint to create a swirl-like interior finish, a second maple bowl with coves in the outer rim, finished with beeswax and mineral oil, and a third with blue milk painted coves.

Demonstration Tom Deneen: Making a box

Tom demonstrated turning the top and bottom forms and hollowing each, measuring to ensure a tight fit after hollowing was completed of both top and bottom. Tom uses a jam chuck to finish the exteriors. He suggests using packing foam to protect the interiors and also using material like saran wrap with alien tape to hold the unit onto the jam chuck. Using one completed and he burnishes the other side to ensure proper fits.

Tom demonstrated the creation of a turned acorn bottom using a pen blank for the material. The cap from an actual acorn is fitted to the newly turned base. He finds that he can sell these quickly as ornaments for Christmas trees.

Tom also showed his technique for quickly turning small Christmas trees. He uses a parting tool to create branches.

During questions and answers he described easy fixes to determine whether the tail stock has deviated from its correct position (relative to the head stock) and then how to best correct the matching of a tail stock to the headstock.

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Zumbrun, Secretary



November 7th 2023 Show & Tell



Don Wilson's Maple burl goblet



Tom Deneen's Ash bowl

November 7th 2023 Show & Tell (continued)



Barry Stump's Maple goblet



Bryan Sword's "Barely There" vase



Rich Conley's wide rimmed platter

November 7th 2023 Show & Tell (continued)



Mike Volkert's Oak and Paulownia boxes (above) and Oak bowl

November 7th 2023 Show & Tell (continued)



Mark Coons' "once turned"
Maple bowls

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December 5th 2023 Holiday Dinner

Our December Holiday Dinner took the place of our regular meeting. It was well attended, and was an enjoyable evening. A very nice meal was prepared by the women of Christ's Church Jacobus. There was a Show & Tell, and although no formal photos were taken, nor details recorded, the editor has included some snapshots taken by Craig, Mark and perhaps Craig's wife...



December 5th 2023 Holiday Dinner (continued)



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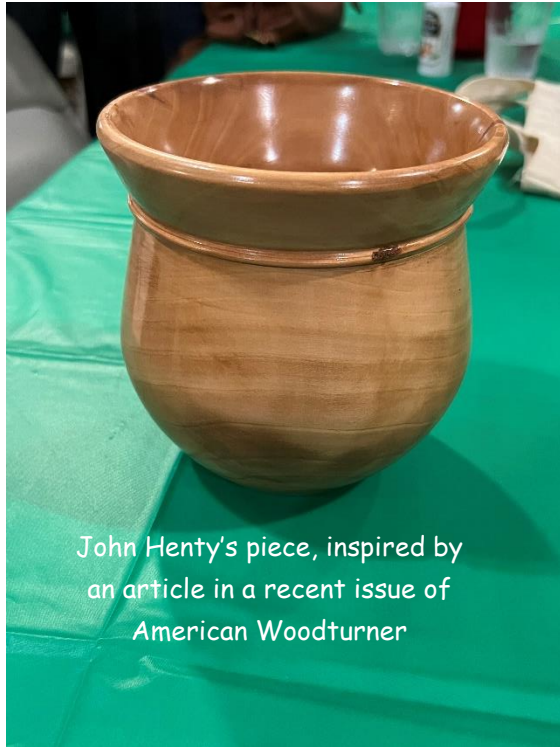


Craig Zumbrun

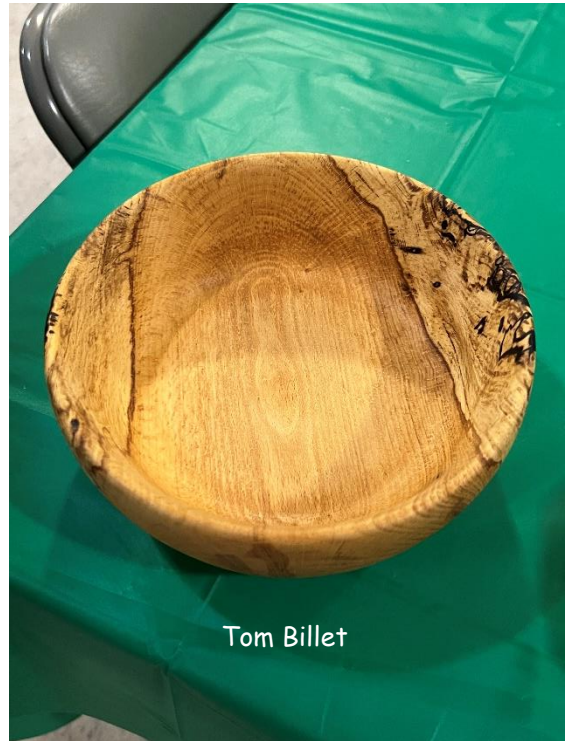


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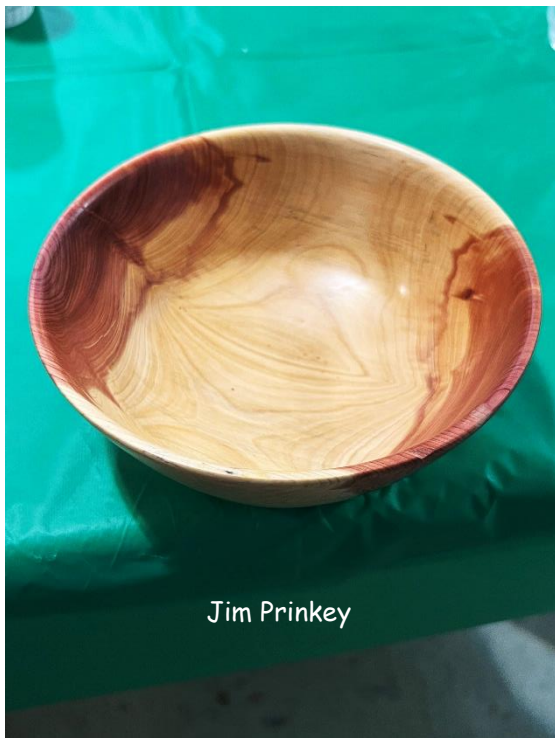
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John Henty's piece, inspired by an article in a recent issue of American Woodturner



Tom Billet



Jim Prinkey



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Bryan Sword



Mark Coons