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MEETING NOTICE

Date: April 21, 2007
Location: Max Woodworking
Time: 9:30 AM for socializing
Meeting 10:00 AM.

Topic: Open Workshop

This month's meeting will be an open workshop targeted to review some of the techniques presented by David Ellsworth. Work stations will be available to review, discuss, and try the five cuts David presented, his hollowing tools and techniques, and sharpening. Also available will be some of the taps that can be used to make jam chucks, vacuum cup chucks and other accessories that can be threaded onto the lathe spindle.

MARCH MEETING REPORT

What a DEMO!!!

What great weekend the David Ellsworth visit was, thanks David! I was actually surprised by how much information that I picked up. I was lucky enough to have spent a weekend at David's two years ago, so my misguided thought process was that his visit here would be repetitious for me. How wrong I was. David was full of energy! I found him just as fascinating and interesting as he was two years earlier. At 3:30 or so he finished his hollow form and asked what's

next. Well before I knew it he was well on his way to hollowing out a log form, something I had never seen him do. In his bio he said he prepared himself to be a teacher and I don't think anyone would say he failed. Having had another opportunity to spend time and have breakfast and dinner conversations with David and Wendy, I was struck by what genuine and engaging people they are. They are definitely people of the 60's and have not become devoured by the materialism of the new millennium.

I want to thank all the members who helped setup and cleanup Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Kudo's to Ted Owen our bouncer, Bill Hayes our money extractor, Joe Reynolds our glue-man and to Joe Rostas, the man who helped all of us get a great view of David's demo. Thanks guys for giving up your time by manning the table at the door and the cameras during the demo.

Lastly, many thanks go to Craig Smith who planned and organized all the details of David's visit with us.—contributed by Dave Beringer

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David Ellsworth measures the depth of a hollow vessel – photo by Ralph Sprang



John Francis demonstrates the dangers of sitting in the front row.

SUMMER PICNIC?

In the past few years, we have had a summer picnic. Unfortunately, attendance at these events has been lower than we would like, and the cost has been higher than hoped.

Are you interested in a picnic? Would you be willing to pay a modest fee to fund this event? Would you prefer to have the picnic in a more central location such as North Park, South Park, or Schenley Park? Please share your thoughts by email to taeditor@yahoo.com and/or by filling out the enclosed survey. – contributed by Ralph Sprang

LET'S FOLLOW LAST MONTH'S SUCCESS

Our monthly raffles are important and March was a great part of our fundraising effort. Thanks to all who participated. We have few ways to generate the revenue we need to put on programs like the one we all enjoyed with David Ellsworth. We had great prizes thanks to our local suppliers as well as Craft Supply and Packard. This month we will have the always-popular \$50 cash. We will also have two \$15.00 gift certificates from Craft Supply, a \$20 gift certificate from Packard. To that we will add a great hollowing tool for end grain for when you practice the things you learned at our last meeting. Woodcraft has come through with a good set of clamps that we can always use and as if that was not enough we have some wood to make your beautiful hollow turnings from.
– contributed by Bill Hayes

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PLEASE BRING THIS SURVEY TO THE APRIL MEETING

Future Program Interest Survey

- 1) Currently, we try to offer two major programs, one in the fall and one in the spring. In the future I would like to see:

More than 2 events Less than 2 events Continue with 2 events

- 2) In months where a major program is presented, I would also like to see a regular, non-paid meeting held.

Agree

Disagree

- 3) Currently lunch is included in our Major events at the lowest possible price. In the future I would like to see:

Better lunches even if the tickets cost a little more The same inexpensive lunches as in the past Forget lunch, I'd rather lunch out on the strip

- 4) Currently our major events are run to break-even or sometimes at a loss with the difference being made up from the club treasury. In the future I would like to see:

All major events should be priced to pay for themselves I do not currently attend these events because they are at an added cost. Event pricing seems about OK, now, and I support using the club treasury to subsidize these events in the future

- 5) In the fall, our featured presentation will be Jimmy Clewes. If the fee for a hands-on workshop with Jimmy is \$150:

I will seriously consider attending I will not consider attending Not sure right now

- 6) When we host presenters for a one day presentation, we currently try to also offer a day or two of hands-on opportunities with those visiting instructors. The following best describes my interest in hands-on sessions:

I have attended or would attend a hands-on event and think they are reasonably priced I have not attended and wouldn't consider attending a hands on event because of the cost I have not attended a hands on event because I am not interested in spending a whole day, even though I think the cost is reasonable.

- 7) For future planning, list any presenters you would like to see the programming committee try to bring for a featured program.

- 8) Please list any program topics that have an interest in seeing developed for a future program.

- 9) I want a summer picnic and would contribute per person:

\$0 \$5 \$10

- 10) My preferred picnic location is:

North Pittsburgh South Pittsburgh Indiana PA

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TURNERS ANONYMOUS NEEDS YOU!

Do you value Turners Anonymous? I know the board values each member of our club. We need all of you. We need those who attend every meeting and those who participate by reading newsletters and attending a meeting when they can.

Have you ever considered what you can do to allow our club to continue and grow? The reason I became more involved in the club was I really enjoyed turning and appreciated that TA helped me to be a better turner. I wanted to do what I could to help TA continue to serve the members, me included.

Our yearly elections force turnover on the board. Unlike some other organizations that I belong to, our club relies on a continual flow of members to step up and serve the club. We have a regular turnover of both the board members and the officers of the club. This allows for fresh ideas and new energy to carry the club forward. We are always looking for members who want to serve in some way.

I never would have guessed over 9 years ago when I joined that I would someday be the chairman of the club. Moreover, 5 years ago when I joined the Board as Treasurer, I, like most new board members certainly didn't see myself as one of the top turning talents in the club. In fact, I am still awed by the turning talent and ideas exhibited by many of you.

What then are the most important attributes of someone who wants to get involved? Energy, enthusiasm, a willingness to give some of your time, and notice I have not mentioned your turning wizardry. What are the rewards? Well I can't speak for others

but I have made many valued friendships with people on the board and in the club. Some of those friends I would never have otherwise had the opportunity to know. I have been exposed to other members' turning talents and ideas that I believe have helped to become a better turner and person.

Please consider becoming more involved. You don't have to know what you can do to help. If you think you would enjoy it please call or e-mail me. I would be happy to talk to you. –contributed by Dave Beringer
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MICHAEL HOSALUK DEMO

Hello to our neighbors and fellow Woodturners. I just thought that you and your members might be interested in our upcoming visit by guest turning artist, Michael Hosaluk. Michael will be visiting Columbus for an all-day demo on Saturday May 5th, 9:00am – 4:00 pm in the classroom at WoodWerks Supply in Gahanna, Ohio (Columbus suburb). Admission is \$35.00 for the Saturday session. There will also be two hands-on classes; one on Friday and another on Sunday. The classes are filling up quickly but there are still several spaces available for Saturday. We would love to have you join us for this day of fun in the shavings - and there will be lots of them! bcrocket@columbus.rr.com
– contributed by Barbara Crockett

MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2007

To make it easier for members to be identified as current members by vendors who grant members discounts, we have promised that our membership cards will be available at the meeting to members who have **PAID their 2007 dues. As of December 31 your \$20.00 annual dues are past due.**

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VENDOR DISCOUNTS:

di legno Woodshop Supply

1-877-208-4298

Discount varies by item, generally 10%

Rockler

412-364-7751

10 % except on Sales items

Woodcraft

412-494-9663

Discount 10 %

Harbor Freight Tools

(412)650-9691

10 % discount not combinable with other coupons

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www.woodworkingshop.com

1-800-228-0000

10 % except on power tools and sale items.

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