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HOLD IT! Roll Up! Roll Up! Don't miss out on the exciting *Extravaganza* when Club members will demonstrate how they **HOLD IT**.

Starting at the usual time of 10am on Saturday February 15th. at Max Peterson's workshop the program will include:-

Longworth Chucks

Off set chucks

Turning spoons and Scoops

Using Double Stick Tape

Holding wood quickly with Super Glue

Collet Chucks

And other fascinating and useful ways of holding awkward shapes safely.

Coffee and Donuts will be available from 9.30 onwards whilst a lathe will be up and running to let you watch or try your hand (held and guided by an experienced turner).

You are invited to bring along examples you have turned that involved special techniques of holding to obtain the required result, for our usual **Show and Tell**. Once again you will have your chance to win valuable items with the winning **Raffle** ticket.

Even more good news! Route 88 is now open in both directions with a smooooth surface and no chance to drop into the swollen stream.

TUESDAY 25TH February

A Satellite meeting will be held at **Jack Brown's shop starting at 7 pm**. This will be a chance for Skill Building by Demonstrations and a chance to try your hand, with guidance, on any one of Jack's three lathes.

Mark St Leger is coming to town!

Our meeting on **March 15th** will be held at the Center for Contemporary Arts in the Strip District for an all day session with this famous turner who will show how he makes a spherical box with a threaded lid. Also examples of eccentric turning and a clamshell box between centers. He promises that there will be something for everyone from beginner to advanced as he shows the tools and explains their correct use.

Admission tickets for this event will be on sale at our February meeting for \$ 20 or from our treasurer Dave Berringer at 1632, Queen's Drive, Library PA 15129. He will mail your ticket to you. Please help us plan this event by purchasing your tickets early. They will be available on the 15th March, but by then the price will have risen to \$25.

Door prizes will include a **SupaNova Chuck** which has been **donated by Woodcraft** who will furnish, free of charge, an insert to fit the winner's lathe.

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Bob Rosand will be here on **Saturday, April 26th, not April 19th**, because of the Easter weekend. This is yet another opportunity for Turners Anonymous members to watch a famous turner in action. Bob will be showing how to make tools for your lathe and we hope that each member attending will be able to take a tool home that he has made himself at that session

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This Month's Spotlight.....

is turned on our father/daughter team who have a family tradition of turning and wood working. Bob Henry's father built a lathe and powered it with an old washing machine motor and Bob started using this when he was about 10 years old. Now he has graduated to a Jet lathe.

Jessica started on the same old washing machine powered lathe when she was only three. Bob would stand her up on Concrete blocks and hold her hands to guide the lathe tools. As she got older (about 5) he would let her turn by herself, but never out of his sight. Later she graduated to an old Sears Lathe her dad had purchased and now, 11 years later, she shares the Jet lathe.

Bob enjoys turning hollow vessels and bowls but also turns cowboy hats and pens by way of a change. Whenever possible he chooses a wood with a nice scent or attractive grain.

Jessica prefers turning small items, preferably those that would fit in the fist of her hand such as miniature goblets with captive rings. If these small lightweight blanks should become airborne she will thus avoid a concussion! She often uses dental picks as a form of revenge on all dentists and those two years of braces!

Mother loves the turned wood creations but begrudges the time and expense involved. When asked if she objected any dust problem we were told that energetic use of a dustpan and shop-vac avoided it.

They both use bowl gouge and spindle gouge more than chisels or scrapers.

The Village Store that was produced as our Collaborative effort two years ago is still in their safe keeping and available for display on request only to visitors until such time as it can be placed in a special cabinet where it will always remain a fantastic conversation piece.

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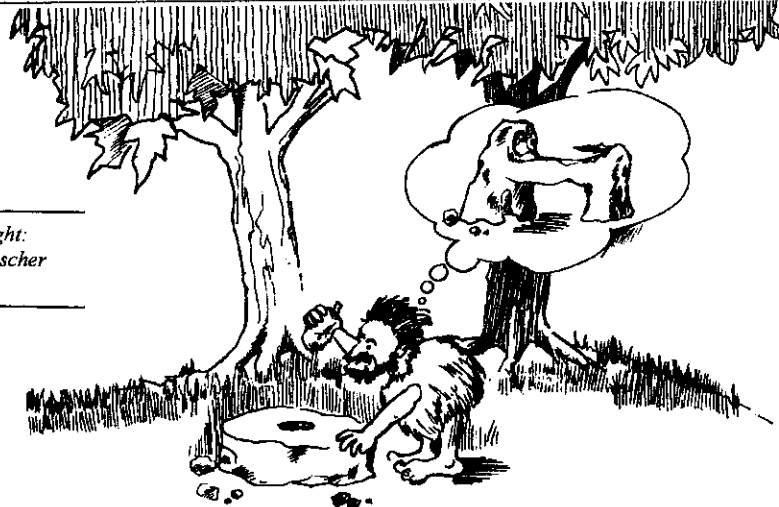
Linda VanGehuchten will be our demonstrator for the **May** meeting when we hope to see how she produces those charming Angels that have almost become her trademark.

We are also proposing a unique Show and Tell for this month with each member invited to bring along an item of turned wood but each member must use a different specie of wood so that we can compare results and effects

DUES ARE DUE If you have not paid up the \$20 for the current season and don't do so quickly, you may find yourself waking up one of these mornings wondering if there is going to be a meeting on Saturday and realising that you haven't received a Newsletter because that ****Editor has been told to strike you off the list for non payment. You have been warned!

Our treasurer is Dave Berringer who has his problems when people pay by cheque for \$15 and then send another cheque for the missing \$5 but makes it out to another organisation! If you don't see him at the meeting on Saturday you can mail the \$20 needed to ensure timely delivery of the Newsletter 1632, Queen's Drive. Library. PA 15129

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