

TURNERS ANONYMOUS

An Association of Wood Turners in Western Pennsylvania

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A Summer Picnic

Y'all are invited to a picnic in the woods.

WHERE. At the dream shop Box 285 & 286 Sunset Valley Road, Neshannock
PA 16105 . A map and driving directions are included later in this newsletter.

WHEN **August 20th** from 4pm until 9 pm Rain or Shine

WHAT [1] FOOD - everything a picnic should have; Beer, Buns, Corn, Potato and macaroni
salads.....Must I go on? I am drooling already!
[2] TOURS See the stacks of wood, all the buildings in the complex; even where the bald
eagle lives.
[3] DEMONSTRATIONS Try your hand at the portable lathes. Turning blanks will be
provided
[4] YOU BRING Lawn Chairs, any particular dish you are proud of to share with others,
Your appetite and a smile. All other foods and beverages will be provided by the club
(Martin Stolpe)

The Next Meeting

Saturday, 17th September
Reverse Chucking

“This meeting will have you bowled over backwards.”

“Getting down to the bottom of things.”

Bob Rice

Jack Brown

And Another Club member

Will demonstrate methods of turning the other end of a bowl, no matter
whether you turn the inside first or the outside first, we will have lathes set up and running to
show you how to hold the rotating, round lump of wood. Program to be arranged by **Terry**
Morrill *Watch for further details.*

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The Fair in the Park.

Point Breeze

Volunteers wanted either to demonstrate or just answer questions about our club and turning in general. If you can help out please contact:-
For Friday, 9th September **Craig Smith**

For Saturday 10th September **Dave Beringer**

For Sunday 11th September **Bob Henry**

These Board members will organise, lathe, wood, tools, people for each of the assigned days.

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Art in the Park

Mt Lebanon

October 1st and 2nd

Once again we will be looking for volunteers; if you think you can help, please make a note in your diary and watch our next Newsletter for details.

What Makes a Good Wood for Turning?

This month let's consider Apple. The white sapwood provides a nice contrast to the warm tan tones of the Heartwood. It is dense (i.e. the wood cells are small) and will therefore take a good finish without the need for a lot of filling. The trunk often contains knots which are tight, will not shrink and fall out and add interesting features to the grain. The trunk is not straight and cylindrical leading to interesting grain patterns. It only shrinks a little on drying and therefore does not produce large splits and cracks. The close grain allows threads to be cut for lidded boxes without disaster. And last but not least, it smells good whilst being worked.

The October Meeting

Stuart Batty will be our guest demonstrator at an all day meeting on Saturday October 8, 2005. This meeting will be held at the Society for Contemporary Crafts located at 21st and Smallman Streets in the Strip District.

Stuart Batty is a second generation, world-class wood turner from England. He began turning at the age of 10, under the expert tutelage of his father Allan Batty, an internationally recognized turner and teacher. Stuart joined the professional ranks at the age of 16, as a spindle turner and teacher in his father's workshop. Stuart has spent much of his time teaching the traditional skills he learnt as an apprentice turner. He has also demonstrated his skills at over 55 international woodturning symposiums in 12 different countries. Stuart's artwork is pure lathe made, so you will not see any carving or surface texturing in his work. He specializes in bowls with corners, deep thin bowls and tall very thin-stemmed goblets, as well as a variety of boxes.

There is a \$25 charge for this all day meeting including lunch. To reserve your space you must send the \$25 payment to David Beringer. We will be limiting attendance to 50. Please consider sending your payment today.

In addition to the Saturday event we are providing an opportunity for you to participate in an all day, hands on demo with Stuart on Sunday October 9, 2005. This event will also take place at the Society for Contemporary Crafts and is limited to 6 people. The cost for this event including lunch is \$140. To reserve your space, a nonrefundable deposit of \$70 is required. There are still openings and they will be filled based on when your deposit is received by David Beringer. Please, make your checks payable to Turners Anonymous.

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Editorial.

As you laze in the hot summer sun maybe, just maybe, your thoughts will turn to turned Christmas Gifts for friends and relations. We all know those stories of "Yet another tie for Father's Day" or that big box of Chocolates on Mother's Day when she is trying hard to keep to her diet. So, what can you turn that will be really appreciated? In England where the codes prohibit electrical switches on the bathroom wall, there is a big demand for turned pulls for the ceiling switches. If there are going to be power failures than old fashioned Candle stick holders might be appropriate.

Think hard about whether yet another Christmas tree ornament can find a space on their tree. Consider whether a turned box with screw fitting lid is really appropriate for keeping all those spare back collar studs when few folks wear detachable shirt collars in this day and age. Tee shirts, well OK, but what can you turn as an useful adjunct for them, a Hanger to keep them tidily in the closet?

Until this Century a lot of turners produced "Treen" which included many useful items for every day use. Today many wood turners are producing "Works of Art". If they are sold and bought for thousands of dollars then the buyer will presumably keep them in a glass case and dust them daily; but if you, a mediocre turner produce a hollow vessel for Aunt Bessie, will she really appreciate it, or leave it on a shelf to collect dust with just occasional showings of "Look what my clever Nephew made".

Bowls are possibly a useful standby item that can always be used for fruit, paper clips, nuts or Crisps. Whether they are plain, fancy, natural edged, or combined with other materials most households can usually find space and use for another one.

New Editor Needed.

I took over as Editor of this Newsletter in 1998 and now 68 issues later I find that I am running out of ideas which makes it time for another member to *ride this horse*. Volunteers should contact our President, Craig Smith.

For Sale:

Kiln Dried Hard and Soft woods from **Steve Morovich** before or after the meeting or call him at **724 341 1980.**

Cherry, Oak, Sassafras and Walnut Boards or Turning blanks. Logs sawn to your dimensions. I have several 3" thick Walnut crotches left; air dried for three years

John Bridges

OLIVER Wood Lathe 12" x 36" SN209957 Model #51B39162. ½ H.P. 3 phase 220 Volt with converter and wiring 600-3600 rpm and Reverse switch. Contact Kerby Nelson 724 656 9328

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Driving Directions to the Eagle's Nest

Take PA 60 North past Newcastle and get off at the Mitchell Road Exit. Go East on Mitchell Road, cross PA 18 at Traffic Light, Continue East passing Neshannock Schools.

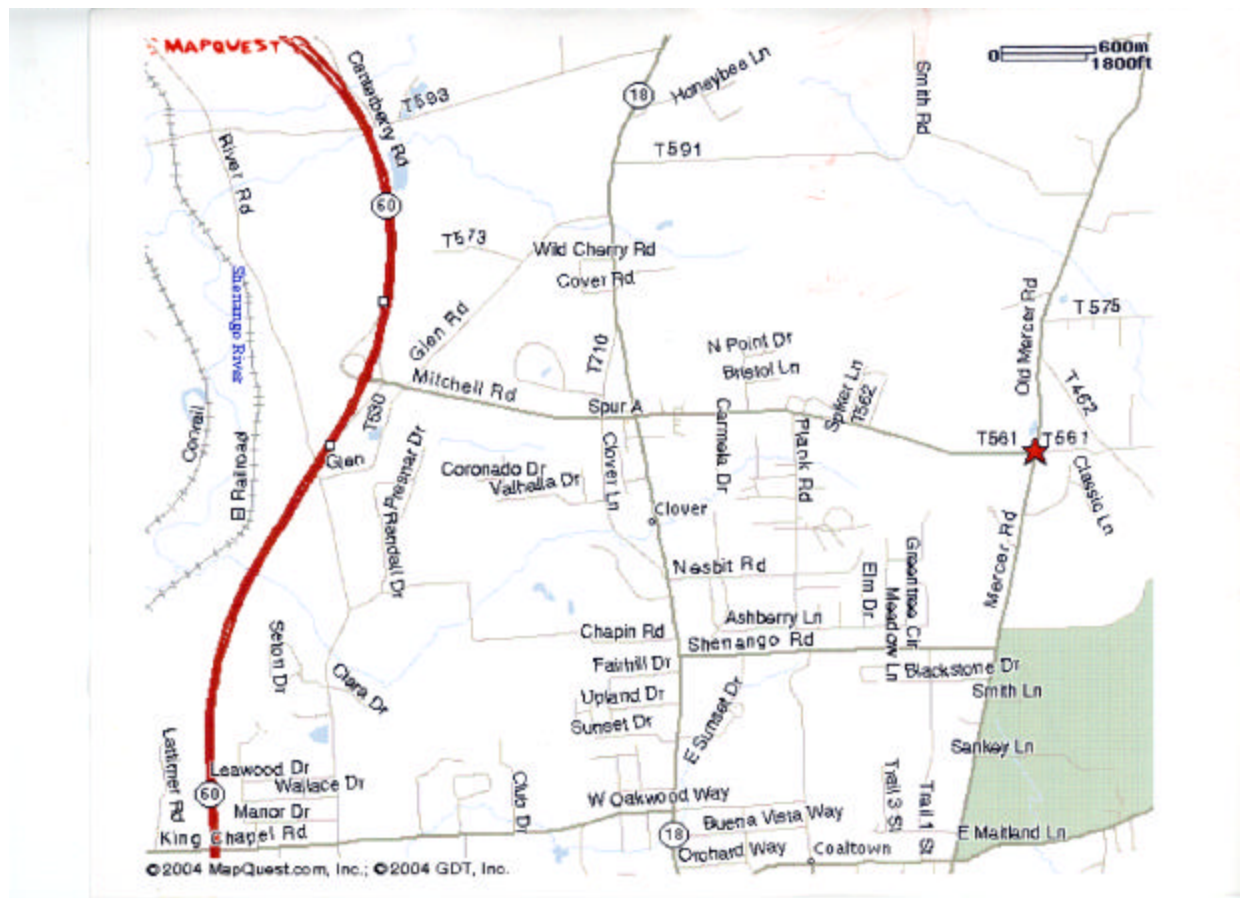
Cross Mercer Road at a Stop Sign.

Continue East down a Sharp S Curve.

Cross Valley Road At Stop Sign

Take the Second drive to the Left after the Stop Sign

Just past the two Mail Boxes marked 285 & 286



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SUMMER PICNIC

My Name is.....

I will be coming to the August 20th Picnic

And will bring { } people with me which may include wives, husbands, kids, grandparents or potential turners.

Please return this form to:-

Martin Stolpe

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NewCastle PA 16105