

TURNERS ANONYMOUS

An Association of WoodTurners in Western Pennsylvania

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NEXT MEETING

DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2000

TIME: Meeting starts 10 am
Coffee and Donuts from 9.30 am

LOCATION Max Peterson's New Shop.

See attached instructions on how to get there.

DEMONSTRATIONS Will be given by local members, each one showing how to Drill Holes with the wood rotating and a stationary drill chuck held in the Tail Stock; but each demonstrator will be using a different type of bit parallel to and perpendicular to the grain of the wood also in both hard dry woods and soft green woods. They will explain how the bits should be sharpened, at what speed to set the lathe and all the "fors and againsts" when choosing which bit to use in a particular application.

SHOW & TELL Turned Musical Instruments, including, Percussion, Wind Chimes, Musical Boxes and, and, and.....Let's have real live acoustic music with our coffee and donuts!

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APRIL MEETING

As previously announced this will be a two day meeting on Saturday April 15th and Sunday April 16th. to enable us to gain the maximum from the experience of that well known turner, **Lyle Jamieson**. Advance tickets purchased before April 5th \$30.00. After that date \$ 35.00

MAY MEETING

We will be visiting the J.R. Beall Tool Company in Newark, Ohio. Anyone wishing to Car Pool for the 3 Hour trip should plan to arrive at the R.J. Casey Industrial Site by 8 am where surplus cars can be left for the day. If you are going by yourself or with friends, plan to arrive about 11 am. Full details and how to get there will be given with the May Newsletter. This is going to be an opportunity to see a variety of simple solutions to puzzling problems. In the latest issue of the Wood Turners Magazine there is an advertisement for his new collet system which you will be able to see for yourself at his shop.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

We now have about 100 paid up members, but usually only 40 - 50 attend any one Saturday meeting. This leads us to wonder whether other commitments prevent some of you from attending on Saturdays and thence to the question "Would you like to see an evening meeting organised ?" Which day? what time? If interested please complete the enclosed form and hand it in to any committee member at the next meeting or mail it.

Jack Brown lives on Route 8 in the North Hills and has offered his shop for alternative meetings. So, again, if interested please complete the enclosed form and.....etc etc.

EDITORIAL

Several years ago there was a series of advertisements by a manufacturer of Shaving Soap all based on the idea of "Not too little - Not too much" and featured faces covered in lather or plainly visible. This leads me to digress and think of the Mouse and Elephant engaged in a game of soccer when the Elephant stepped on and killed the mouse, explaining that "I only meant to trip him up ! "

When a person starts to turn wood on a lathe it is important that he or she chooses the right sized project at least until they can use the different tools almost (but not quite) blindfolded, knowing by instinct how to hold it at the correct angle, how to twist it around curves, avoid too deep cuts leading to catches. This can be learnt most easily on an average sized piece - perhaps 6-8" diameter for a bowl or 2" x 2" for spindle work. My recommendation is that only people with experience should try to turn large bowls or Lace Bobbins. Sure, anyone can use a scraper on a large bowl but they are not going to learn how to get that smooooth surface quickly with a correctly sharpened gouge; and if they try using a scraper on a very thin spindle they are just asking for.....a minute piece of fire lighting material.

Think of the wood rotating on your lathe as a friend and not as an enemy you are "just trying to trip up!" In other words "Pick on someone your own size ! ".

NEW ENGLAND TURNING SYMPOSIUM **MAY 6th. 2000, Derry, New Hampshire**

The Keynote Speaker will be David Ellsworth and there will be 25 talented woodturners demonstrating their craft; plus an Instant Gallery, Flea Market and Trade Show. Contact John Bridges (who has a copy of their leaflet) for further information.

A Small Lathe !

An honorary member of the Northumbrian Pipers' Society recently recalled that her pipes were made by the famous Jack Armstrong who made his own lathe driven by a Sewing machine and his sister turned the handle while Jack turned the wood.

The American Association of Wood Turners.

In a recent News Letter I reminded you of how great a bargain membership of Turners Anonymous was for just \$15.00 per year. Similarly the \$25.00 General Membership or \$ 30.00 Family Membership of the National Association brings you much more than just the quarterly Journal with its inspiring articles and photographs. Why not join today?

3200, Lexington Avenue
Shoreview MN 55126.

Application forms are available at each meeting of the T.A.

Wood Turner's Show in TORONTO

Tuesday, October 17 - Saturday October 21.

In October of 1999 Jack Brown attended a wood Turner's Show and competition put on by the Wood Turner's Guild of Ontario in Canada.

This was a very outstanding event with some 100 items on display, which were critiqued and judged and prizes awarded for the best of show and three follow up places. Also, two lathes were set up and running for demonstrations by various members.

Turners Anonymous members have been invited to participate in this event for the year 2000. Arrangements have been made with Canadian Customs Authorities for item to be taken into Canada for this show without payment of duties - providing that they are not for sale. The Guild will issue a letter to this effect to avoid problems.

Additional details will appear in the AAW March issue Magazine. Anyone interested in

participating should contact Jack Brown

by e-mail at jbro2426@nauticom.net

or 'phone at 724 898 2380

Folding Chairs Does any member know where Turners Anonymous can obtain about 50 folding Chairs at a rock bottom price. Up until the present we have been able to use the chairs belonging to the Wood Workers group but with the need to have a new venue for our meetings we have got to stand on our own two feet.....or sit on our own chairs! Suggestions have been given to try FireHalls, Funeral Parlours or Churches who might want to dispose of old chairs when purchasing new ones.

Please let any committee member know if you have any ideas as to where we can locate some.

WHAT'S THE DRILL ?

When you have mounted a block of wood in the Lathe and want to bore a hole in it. A large hole? a small hole? a hole that remains centred? What sort of a drill do you use, or what sort of a drill should you use. There is a bewildering assortment for the beginner of which a few are shown below, copied from that excellent book by F Pain titled "The Practical Wood Turner" which should be required reading for all beginners and some not so new to turning.

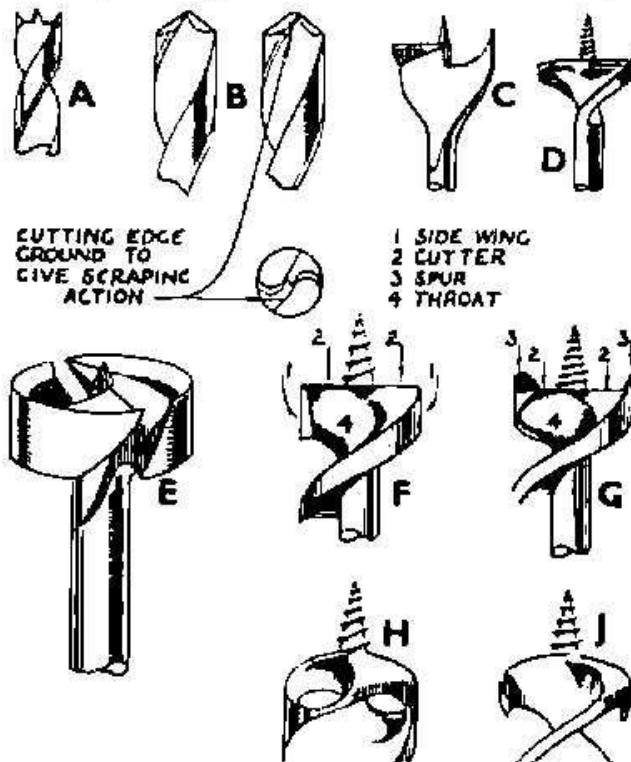


FIG. 8. TYPES OF DRILLS AND BITS USED IN BORING.
 A. Specially ground drill for wood. B. Drills ground for brass. C. Simple centre bit. D. Special pattern centre bit. E. Forstner bit. F and G. Parts of bits: 1, side wing, 2, cutter, 3, spur, 4, throat. G. is the Jennings pattern bit. H. Solid nose bit. J. Gedge pattern bit.

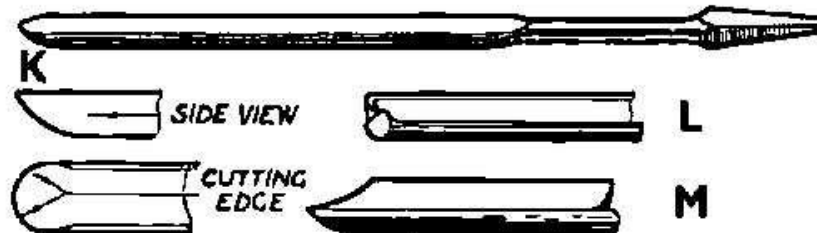


FIG. 9. BITS FOR SMALL HOLES.
 K. Spoon bit with enlarged views below at left. L. Special sugar for deep holes. M. Parrot nose bit.

Driving Directions To:
Max Woodworking

**1000 Transit Blvd.
Bethel Industrial Park
Bethel Park, PA 15102
(412) 831-7066**

From Liberty Tubes:

Rt. 51 South
R. on Rt. 88 to S. Park Shops & South Park Entrance
R. on S. Park Rd, cross trolley tracks & up the hill to light
S at light on Industrial Blvd.
L. on Progress
R. on Transit – “Car Clean” building is 1000

From S. Hills Village:

Ft. Couch Rd.
L on Logan
L on S. Park Rd.
R. at light on Industrial Blvd.
(see above)

From Century III Mall:

Rt 51 N to
Lebanon Church Rd (Cloverleaf) towards Library/S.Park
Angle R. on Broughton Rd.
L. on Baptist Rd.
Angle R. to S. Park Rd. at Park Entrance intersection
(see above)

From Upper St Clair & Rt 19 South:

Orange Belt east
L. at S. Park Rd.
R. at Industrial Blvd.
(see above)

From Finleyville Area:

Rt. 88 North
L. on Brightwood Rd.
L. on S. Park Rd.
L. on Industrial Blvd
(see above)