

# TURNERS ANONYMOUS

An Association of WoodTurners in Western Pennsylvania

## NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT MEETING:

**Saturday, May 19th.**

**Location:** Max Peterson's Workshop

**Time:** 10.00 am. Coffee & Donuts from 9.30

**Theme:** Unusual woods and unusual turnings.

Members are invited to bring along any samples of unusual woods that they may have in their collection. A Panel of members will demonstrate how they have produced some very different types of turned objects.

- \* How to turn a lamp from a tree root.
- \* Applying different colored powders into the grain of a coarse grained wood.
- \* Using a Chatter tool and coloring the patterns produced by it.
- \* What can be done with a Spiralling tool?
- \* Turning spoons with a counter balanced jig.

**Show and Tell:** At the April meeting we handed out 22 blocks of Green Oak Wood and twisted the arms of 22 members to turn a bowl from these blanks and finish it in a different manner. We should therefore be able to compare a variety of surface treatments, and hear how the different finishes were applied.

Green Oak is easy to turn but warps with sometimes spectacular results so, as I write this NewsLetter I am expecting to hear yells and squawks as some of our members find out for themselves at first hand just what happens after you have turned a round object from green wood.

The results should be interesting and informative.

Lacquer: Bob Henry

Polyurethane: Bob Rice

Stain: Al Huber

Ammonia: Jack Brown

Limed Oak:

Bleached: Jim Vandzura

Painted: Gary Fournier

Carved Decoration: Herb Langdon

Textured Surface: Linda VanGehuchten

Asphalt: Jessica Henry

Aniline Dyes: John Beyer

Iron & Vinegar: Bill Groll

Oil (Watco): John Colombini

Pumice & Varnish: Fred Park

Stain & Wax Polish: John Bridges

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**WACKY WEEK** Watch out for details in our summer Newsletter if it is going to be held. It was a successful first attempt last year and a repeat depends on YOU. Do you want it? Would you be willing to open your shop to half a dozen members for just one evening? We all like to visit other peoples' shops and see their equipment but your committee can not arrange this unless a few members agree to let us visit them. Jack Brown, Linda Van Gehuchten and John Bridges have signified willingness to co operate but what about a few shops south of the river?

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**July 6, 7 and 8 Minnesota**  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOOD**  
**TURNERS Annual Symposium**

Our Collaborative effort will be there together with many others. If you didn't get to South Carolina last year, this is your chance!.

**August 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Johnstown Pa**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOOD COLLECTORS**  
**SOCIETY MEETING.**

This will be a once of a lifetime chance to look at, buy, or have cut to your specification an amazing range of woods for turning from all over the world.

**October 19, 20 and 21 Cincinnati**  
**OHIO VALLEY WOODTURNERS GUILD**

Symposium with many famous turners demonstrating their art. These include David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Bob Rosand etc. etc.

**October 20th and 21st**  
**John Jordan Demonstration here in Pittsburgh**

Your committee has arranged to bring this Internationally known turner here. Full details will be given in the Summer NewsLetter and repeated in September.

He will spend the first day on gouge basics, sharpening and bowl turning.

The second day will cover Hollow turning, carving, texturing etc.

Slides showing examples of his work will be projected during his presentation

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT.**

I attended a concert by the Pittsburgh Banjo Club recently and learnt to my surprise that there are as many members twanging guitars as Turners Anonymous has rotating wood.

**TOPS TOPICS**

We requested help to produce more tops for donation to charities and need still more, can you spare a few minutes to produce a few and pass them on to our President, Bob Henry. We are also planning a session with as many lathes as possible for one summer evening to have a fun evening setting to and producing a multitude of tops. Interested? Tell a committee member and watch out for details in the summer issue of our News Letter.

**Important notice regarding Liability Insurance**

It has been brought to our notice that neither the club nor the Association will be liable for damages if a spectator is injured during a demonstration arranged by the club **if the demonstrator is NOT a member of the Association.** A quick check shows that only about 20 members of our club out of nearly 100 are members of the Association.

For Sale: Hardwood and softwood lumber before or after the meeting or call:-  
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