

# TURNERS ANONYMOUS

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## MEETING NOTICE

**Date:** May 19, 2007

**Location:** Soc. for Contemporary Craft  
**USE FRONT DOOR**

**Time:** 9:30 AM for socializing  
Meeting 10:00 AM.

**Topic:** Scalloped Bowls

**Presenter:** Bob Rice

**NOTE: YOU MUST ENTER SCC THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS. DO NOT USE THE LOWER DOORS.**

## INSTANT GALLERY

The Instant Gallery at last month's meeting was one of the best I have seen. Both the number and the quality of the pieces displayed were great. Thank you to all of the members who participated.

Let's try to have another successful Instant Gallery at this month's meeting at the SCC. Please bring your latest turning or your favorite turning in and share it with your fellow members.

And for the September meeting some of you bowl turning experts can bring in the bowls you turn using the techniques Bob Rice will

demonstrate this month – contributed by Nick Bodnar

## SUMMER PICNIC

The picnic is scheled for 12 noon - 8 PM on July 28, 2007 at the Chieftain Archery Club, 4711 Leechburg Rd, New Kensington , Pa 15068. Maps will be available at our next club meeting.

The club will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. Alcohol is permitted, but you must bring your own alcoholic beverages.

The cost for the picnic will be \$5 per person if you bring a salad, dessert, or side dish to share. The cost will be \$10 per person if you do not bring a side dish.

To ensure we have enough food and drink, you will need to register for the picnic by July 1, 2007 and pay your registration fee to the club treasurer, Ted Owen. You can register by signing up at the next meeting or by emailing taeditor@yahoo.com, with a copy to Ted Owen at ejowen@zoominternet.net

Your registration should include the number of people attending and what you will bring (i.e. salad, dessert, or side dish). Please also note any special dietary concerns. We will attempt to accomodate special diets to the greatest extent practical.

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### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Our club is very lucky to have such generous suppliers. They make our monthly raffles a very important part of our fundraising effort. Once again, Craft Supply and Packard have sent us gift certificates. Don't forget that our local suppliers give us a 10% discount just for being a member. At the May meeting we will have a great signature Alan Lacer Skew Chisel from Rockler. We have added a good set of clamps and a light that will get right in where you need it when finishing that hollow form. We will also have some nice wood to add some sizzle. **TO ALL THIS WE WILL HAVE \$50 CASH.** Make sure you attend and take advantage of these great prizes. – contributed by Bill Hayes

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Turners Anonymous will be participating in the Three Rivers Arts Festival the 1st weekend in June. The dates and times are Saturday June 2, from Noon - 8:00 PM and Sunday, June 3 from Noon to 6:00PM. Please consider helping at the TA booth on one of these 2 dates. Want more information on Saturday, please contact Dave Beringer at 412-414-9694. If you can help on Sunday please Bill Hayes at 412-741-5150. We need your help.

### AUCTION OF ELLSWORTH PIECES

In order to fairly distribute the David Ellsworth demonstration pieces that he made during his program in March and benefit the treasury of the club, the Board of Directors has decided to offer the demonstration pieces for sale. The pieces will be offered in an auction and will be managed as follows:

A starting (reserve) price has been set for each of the four pieces as follows:

open bowl - \$50  
natural edge bowl - \$75  
hollow form - \$75  
cylindrical sculptural form - \$75

As best as possible the current price will be kept up-to-date on the website.

Photos of the four pieces are shown below. Note that each piece is signed by David Ellsworth. More pictures are available on our website.

**Bids may only be placed by phone by calling Dave Beringer at 412 414 9694.** Bid increments are \$5. All bids are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **All bids must be channeled through Dave so there can be no misunderstanding about the order in which bids are placed.**

At our May meeting, a piece of paper with the highest bid price received will be placed with each item. During the meeting members may bid on the pieces by signing their name and their bid (at least \$5 higher than the last bid). At a predetermined time, the bidding will be halted and the piece awarded to the highest bidder.

The successful "write in" bidders must be present at the meeting and must pay for the piece at the meeting and take it with them. If the winning bid for a piece is a phone bid placed prior to the meeting and that bidder is not present at the meeting, the bidder must make arrangements with Dave to pick up and pay for their piece within 7 days.

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In the unlikely event that no bids are received for one of the pieces before the meeting or during the meeting or the reserve price is not met, the club will retain the piece for future disposition. The club also reserves the right to amend or alter these terms as necessary to ensure a fair and orderly auction. – contributed by Craig Smith

Photos by Dave Beringer



Open Bowl signature



Open Bowl



Natural Edge Bowl signature



Natural Edge Bowl



Hollow Form signature

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Hollow Form



Cylindrical form signature



Cylindrical Sculptural Form

### JIMMY CLEWES

For those of you who haven't seen Jimmy Clewes in person, please consider taking one of his videos from our library. In addition to being an excellent wood turner, Jimmy is an energetic and engaging speaker. Jimmy

combines pleasing forms with innovative decorative techniques to come up with some stunning pieces. You can also learn more about him at [www.jimmyclewes.com](http://www.jimmyclewes.com).

We are fortunate to have retained Jimmy for an engagement this fall on the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup>. As with other featured programs, Jimmy will be presenting on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> at Society for Contemporary Craft. He will follow up with workshops on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. As requested on the club surveys, we will do our best to operate this event as a breakeven event.

On Saturday, the program will be limited to 60 attendees. Coffee, doughnuts, water, soda, and lunch will be provided. Tickets for the Saturday event will be \$25 if purchased by October 1. After October 1 or at the door, ticket prices will be \$35.

On Sunday and Monday, Jimmy will be teaching workshops. Each day the workshops will be limited to 6 attendees. The topics for each day will be unique – so that anyone who chooses to attend both days can be assured they will cover different topics each day. Tuition for the workshops includes coffee, lunch, water/soda, and any wood that is needed. Price for one day in a workshop is \$150 per person. A deposit of \$75 is required to hold a spot. Specific topics for each day have yet to be developed, however, it is safe to say that the first day may cover some more fundamental items like sharpening, end-grain hollowing and the like. Ted Owen is handling all ticket sales. He can be reached at [ejowen@zoominternet.net](mailto:ejowen@zoominternet.net), or at 412 726 1028.

Signing up early helps keep ticket prices at their lowest for you and costs at their lowest

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for the club. Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with a truly entertaining and skilled artist. – contributed by Craig Smith

### SURVEY RESULTS

1) Programs:

More than 2 events 5  
Less than 2 events 0  
Continue 2 events 27

2) Regular meeting in addition to paid meeting:

Agree 13  
Disagree 17

3) Lunch with events:

Better lunch 3  
Same lunch 26  
No lunch 2  
Inexpensive 1

4) Event cost

Break even 12  
Don't attend 1  
Subsidize 19

5) Hands on classes:

Would attend 20  
Cost too high 5  
Not interested 5  
Lower cost 1  
Audit option 1

4) Jimmy Clewes @\$150

Will attend 9  
Will not attend 8  
Not sure 15

5) I'd like to see

Stuart Batty  
Mark St. Leger  
Ernie Conover – 2  
Alan Lacer - 2

Bonnie Klein - 3

Al Stirt

M Hosaluk - 2

Molly Winton

Andi Wolfe

Dick Sing

Cindi Drozda

Bill Grumbine

Richard Raffan

6) Topics

a. Inlaying

b. Coloring Bowls or Platter Rims

c. Segmented Turning – 3

d. Inside Out Turning

e. Hollowing

f. Birdhouses

g. Design and Critique of Bowls and Vases

h. Preparing Bowl Blanks

i. Likes to see how things are done that are not immediately obvious

j. More on sharpening

7) Picnic Cost

\$5 11

\$10 17

8) Picnic Location

North Pittsburgh 14

South Pittsburgh 13

Indiana 3

### 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.

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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.

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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### **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

#### **Klingspor**

[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)

1-800-228-0000

10 % except on power tools and sale items.