

TURNERS ANONYMOUS

An Association of Wood Turners in Western Pennsylvania

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 18th September

Location: Max Peterson's Workshop

Time: 10.00 am. Coffee & Donuts from 9.30

Topic: “**Air borne contaminants in the workshop**”. By **Fred Perion of Woodcraft** who will demonstrate methods of safe guarding your health.

As you dodged the rain drops this summer you were probably breathing good clean air. Now that winter days are approaching and you will be shutting yourself away in your shop, turning and sanding. Your thoughts may turn to “What can I do to avoid breathing harmful dust?” Here cometh the answer!

Show and Tell: bring along any interesting turnings you have produced over the summer months.

Shop Clearance Sale: Max and Gary Fournier are clearing out their shops of all surplus wood tools and other unwanted items. Bargains galore and some even free. Bring lots of Cash!

FUTURE MEETINGS.

Saturday 16th October. Photographing your work. A talk by **Ron Julliette** from our sister organisation in Indiana

The Internationally known **Ray Keys** will be giving a demonstration on Saturday 9th April and classes to a limited number of members on Sunday 10th April at the Society for Contemporary Arts.. Watch for further details of this important event.

Here and There.

**W. PA Wood Carving Show, Castle Shannon.
1st Week end November.**

Turners Anonymous have been invited to set up a table (Fee \$30 for the two days) If you are interested please contact any TA Board member or Dominic Pezzo (chisler@adelphia.net or 724 775 0097 for further information on this event.

**Totally Turning 2004 Symposium, Albany N.Y.
October 30th and 31st.**

A rotation schedule of 42 presentations including those by Bonnie Klein, Michael Hosaluk, Clay Foster and Giles Gibson and a range of courses for beginners through advanced turners. For more information contact Eric Mead at 518 452 3802 or kevans1@nycap.it.com

CLASSES AT MAX WOODWORKING

Wood Carving with Don Barth.

5 Classes Tuesday evenings 7 pm – 10 pm
Starting September 21st

Continuous Arm Windsor Chair with Craig Smith. 10 Monday evenings. 7 – 10pm

Starting September 20th

Call Max for further details 412 831 7066

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Our Voyage to Here and There continues.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS.

October 23rd. **Jack Brown** will be giving a 1 day class on **Christmas Ornaments** from 9am to 2pm.

October 7, 14, 21, & 28th **Craig Smith** will be giving classes on making **Windsor Footstools**.

For more details visit www.contemporarycraft.org

WOODCRAFT Robinson Township (412 494 9663)

Wooden Penturning class
Monday October 11th 6pm – 9pm

TURN – A - THON for Wooden Pens
13th and 14th November.

Watch out for further details in the October Newsletter

I.N.D.I.C.O. Or to give them their full name, the Indiana County Woodturners Association is a new and thriving club only a short drive away from Pittsburgh. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday for more details contact Mike Stadler MSWoodworks@yahoo.com or 'phone him at 724 465 4527

Presque Isle Woodturners

Are another active group only a couple or hours' drive away. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month in Erie PA. Our **Jack Brown** will be their demonstrator on October 6th. Why not car pool and give him some support? For details of their meetings contact rosep2@velocity.net.

Wood for our Club.

Martin Stolpe delivered another Pick Up load of wood to my Band Mill last month and I still have a lot of pieces from his previous donation. These are available for a \$2 donation to club funds. In return Martin has asked us to turn some Sugar Bowls for gifts to his family over a Thanks giving get-together. Let's put these on display as our Show and Tell for the October meeting. If you have lost the drawing; I'll have copies available at the September meeting.

Bring lots of cash! I have cut them into round blanks ready to put on your lathe. Free for a to-be-donated sugar bowl, otherwise just \$ 2.00 to help swell club funds. Butternut may be new to you but it , well, cuts like butter and where else can you get an 8" diameter Walnut crotch at such a price!

Turkish Hazel Nut. A 50 foot tree has been felled and offered to the club. I have sawn samples from a small 8" branch and distributed them to Board members for trial. If you are interested in this uncommon tree tell me what dimensions you would like to try turning.

I cut some 1/2" planks and have had them drying in the house for 4 weeks. Today I decided they were dry enough to plane and found a white wood with some coffee coloured patches that machined easily to a very smooth surface without any tendency to tear out the grain. Tim Janeway has turned a beautiful bowl and says that this wood turns very easily.

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Question?

What did one Termite say to another?

Editor.

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A Message from the National President

In a continuing effort to keep good communication with all chapters and let your members know what their AAW Board is up to, please forward this message to your chapter members or read and convey the substance of this letter at your next meeting.

There have been a lot of changes happening in the AAW this year and more are on the way. One significant change is our move of the home office in Horeview to the Landmark Center in down town St Paul. Many of you may remember the "Put a Lid on It" show that was held at the Landmark Center in conjunction with the Minnesota Museum of American Art. Our new headquarters will now enjoy gallery area for our permanent collection, as well as room for future workshop facilities.

This much needed move is being accomplished prudently using our Non Profit Status in co-operation with the city of St Paul. Our Phone number will remain the same, but our new address will be:-

Landmark Center,
75, West Fifth Street,
St Paul MN 55102

This year's turning exhibition "Sea to Odyssey" will travel from the Orlando Symposium site to our new facility and be on exhibition until 1st January. If you are in the area, please drop by.

There have also been significant changes in our Web Site recently, the latest being the photo forum through the AAW Homepage www.woodturner.org. There, you can post any turning related images. This site is sure to inspire anyone interested in wood turning and we invite all turners to post. I highly recommend both the Text Message Forum and the Photo forum as resources for turning information.

Please remember that the AAW Home Office has Non Profit information packages available for 'Your Chapter' if you are considering 5013C status.

The fall issue of The American Wood turner will be in full colour and you will also notice that this issue is poly wrapped as it will include your 2005 membership renewal application form plus the upcoming election and by law ballot.

This will replace the separate mailers that we have mailed in past years. Please remind members to fill out and return these items.

In closing I would like to thank all the chapters and their members for their continued interest and support, sharing knowledge of wood turning with the community and beyond.

Warmest Regards

Phil Brennon
AAW President

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Answer to this month's question.

"Which wood you like for dinner"

For Sale:

Delta Lathe. Complete with Face Plate, Turning Centers and about 55 tools including some by Robert Sorby. Asking \$500

Bill Nuernberg 724 941 2544

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 from

John Bridges 724 625 9348

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CHANCE ENCOUNTERS can lead to interesting contacts with other wood turners. As an example I heard a fellow sailing club member talking German and starting a conversation learned that he was President of the North Side German Choir celebrating their 150th Anniversary. They were bringing in groups from Germany and we offered hospitality to house some of them during their stay in Pittsburgh. One of our guests turned out to be an ardent musician, which pleased my wife. The other turned wood in his spare time, so we passed many an interesting hour between concerts, discussing wood turning in the USA and Germany. His "Hostess" gift was a beautifully proportioned Ash bowl with thin walls and a Danish Oil finish. Each member should be alert to opportunities to widen their horizons and who knows when, if you will pardon the expression, another turner will turn up.

The Freedom Pens Project.

Jack Brown reports that 16,073 pens have been received to date and more would be appreciated by the forces overseas. Many letters have been received by the organisers thanking wood turners for their efforts. If you need help obtaining supplies or a lesson on how to turn a pen, contact Jack or attend the course at Woodcraft on October 11th (See "Here and There" for details) they stock wood and metal components for pens.

THE NEED FOR CONCENTRATION.

The National Association constantly reminds us that Wood Turning can be dangerous to your health.

When concentrating on a delicate turning accidents are unlikely to occur. It is only when our attention wanders that disaster is likely to strike; even when performing a simple task like sanding a rotating object.

This was brought home to me the other evening as I was using up some scraps of wood to make some Napkin rings. Easy, monotonous and perhaps I can almost say safe, anyway I could think of other things such as how to steam bend the ribs of my current boat project. Anyway the rings were made, laid out on a board ready for finishing. I picked up a can of spray lacquer and squirted the first ring, only to see the beautiful walnut grain disappear. I was using grey instead of clear lacquer. Not dangerous or life threatening but a vivid example of what can happen if your mind is not 100% on what you are doing.

Even more "Here & There"

(This item contributed by Dave Beringer)

WOODCRAFT WOOD WORKING SHOW

Woodcraft at Fayette Town Center (Parkway west) will be holding its annual woodworking show on November 5, 6 and 7, 2004. Every year this event seems to grow larger and this year is no exception. 2 tents outside and their store will host 36 vendors. Sorby, Nova/Teknatool, Kel McNaughton, Crown Tools, Beall and Vega will all be bringing their woodturning products. Scott Philips will be there representing Delta. We have as in the past been asked to demo at this event.

Additionally the folks at woodcraft have ask if any of our members would be interested in helping Foredom and or Miller Dowel Co. demo their products. The vendors will supply you will the know how, tools and a paycheck. What better way to help finance that new lathe and accessories!!! If you are interested in this opportunity contact Dan at the store (412-494-9663).

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For your reference here is a sketch of the Martin Stolpe style sugar bowls.

Please note that the original included the pith running through the center of the bowl (top to bottom). This is not a necessity, but is not necessarily excluded, either.

