

TURNERS ANONYMOUS

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 16th

Location: Max Peterson's Workshop

Time: 10 a.m. Coffee and Donuts from 9.30

Demonstrator: **John Blyshak** who will be showing us how he makes Pens, Key Chains, Letter Openers, Wine Stoppers and other small objects.

Door Prizes will be awarded to the lucky ones.

Show and Tell: Bring along anything you have turned recently to share with other members.

Car Pooling: Contact me if you want to offer or get a ride from the North Hills to Max's shop.

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

October 21st.

A panel of members who attended the recent AAW Symposium will share their thoughts and discuss what they saw there. We will have our Collaborative effort on show so that you can see what we produced. A gallery is planned of photos taken by members.

Show and Tell: Weed Pots or anything else that you have turned this year.

November 18th.

Tops are the **Topic** and get **Top** billing. Start practising now and be prepared to enter our competitions for the longest spinning **top**, the most beautiful, the most complex, the biggest, the smallest and many other classifications but don't **topple** your reputations by destroying an Eskimo's **topek** just to get your raw material. This may not be **utopia** but we will try and be **philantopic** and give our **tops** to help some chosen charity. Just have fun, don't **stop** turn **top** perfection, make things to pass on **top** osterity

There will also the opportunity to be conscripted into a team who will try and outdo other teams to turn the most tops in a 10 minute period. We will try and have 8 lathes for 8 teams.

December 16th.

Bill Groll will be our demonstrator for this session and will no doubt enthral us with his skill and production of **Segmented Turnings**.

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One Man's Meat is another man's Poison?

No self respecting Cabinet Maker could be expected to understand the glee with which a Wood Turner will search through a pile of short off cuts and pick out pieces with knots, curly, twisted grain and marked colour differences.

The Cabinet Maker seeks out pieces with a smooth easily worked grain whilst our W.T. friend looks out for wood that contains incipient decay, dote, ingrown bark and other features usually called defects. He revels in the challenge of trying to obtain a smooth surface on some obscure species found on the waste dump or tropical forest in a manner that leaves the conventional wood worker almost speechless.

Whilst I have been known to turn a goblet out of a wild grape vine; the very thought of the bowl seen at the convention and turned out of Poison Ivy horrifies and brings out goose bumps.

If you are new to wood turning, then choose an even textured easy to turn wood like Beech; then as you gain experience you can join the rest of us and try to do the impossible.

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What Can I turn next?

Bored? Run out of ideas? Can't think of what to turn that off cut into?

Then turn this page over and scan the ideas list.

TURNING IDEAS

Architectural elements	Door Knockers	Plates
Awls	Doorbells	Posts & Pillars
Ball & Cup Sets	Drawer Pulls	Pots, Mustard, Weed & Flower
Balustrades	Drum Sticks	Puzzles
Baseball Bats	Dumb Waiters	Quoits
Baskets	Earrings	Rattles
Beds	Finials	Rolling Pins
Bells	Flowers	Rosettes
Bird Baths, Feeders, Houses, Perchers	Flutes	Rulers
Bottle Stoppers	Flying Saucers	Salad Servers
Bowls, Misc., Sugar	Footstools & Rests	Salt & Pepper Shakers
Boxes, Lg., Md., Sm., Jewelry, Needle, Spice, String	Games & Toys	Sewing Kits
Bracelets	Gavels	Shelves
Brooches	Gimlets	Solid Profiles Spinning
Brush & Mirror Sets	Goblets	Wheels
Buckets, & Barrels	Gun Cases	Split Turnings
Butter Knives	Handles, Tool	Spoons
Buttons	Hinges	Stands, Candle, Dictionary, Fern & Flower, Music, Plant, Plate, Umbrella, Night Sticks, Walking
Candelabras,	Holder, Knife, Letter, Note, Pool Cue, Toothpick	Stools
Candle Snuffers, Sticks	Honey Dippers	Swings
Candy Servers	Ice Picks	Tables sm,md, lg.
Canes Chair, Rocking, Lg., Md., Sm.	Kitchen utensils	Tableware
Chalice	Knife Rests	Tea Caddies
Chandeliers	Knobs	Thimbles
Chess Sets	Lamp Standards, Table	Tiles
Chests, Earring, w/Drawers	Lanterns	Tongs
Christmas Ornaments, Trees	Latches	Tops
Clocks	Lemon Squeezers	Totems
Clothes Pins	Letter Openers	Toy Rockets
Coasters, Glasses	Light Switches, Night	Trays
Coat Hooks	Mallets Mirrors, Hand-held, Wall	Trivets
Coin Banks	Molds, Butter	Valets
Columns	Mortars & Pestles	Vases
Cribbage Board & Pegs	Musical Inst.(Recorder)	Weather Vanes
Crochet Hooks	Newel Posts	Whistles
Cups & Saucers Cups, Egg, Saffron	Nut Dishes	
Cutting Boards	Nutcrackers	
Dibbers	Off center Turning	
	Paper Wights	
	Pedestals Lg, md, sm..	
	Pegs, Hat	
	Pen Holders	
	Pepper Mills	
	Pin Cushions	