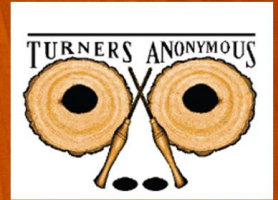


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HAPPY NEW YEAR,

I trust all have survived the “deep freeze” that blasted us. Salli and I both came down with this year’s illness the day after Christmas and spent more than a week recovering. Of course, bring a young pup, she handled it better than I.

THIS MONTH!

Our next meeting is Saturday, January 20th. As usual, the doors open at 9am with the meeting starting about 9:45.

The first thing on the agenda is the annual election of board members.

The program, “WHAT WE LEARNED FROM J. PAUL FENNELL” will be hosted by Dave Betler and Dave Dudney (note that I get top billing). Last summer Dave and I signed up for a class at Arrowmont with Paul. Without a doubt this has been the most rewarding and the most fun thing I’ve done with woodturning. Paul is an excellent teacher and shares his knowledge fully. The staff and facility at Arrowmont are first rate and I can’t imagine a better experience.

Our program will start with a powerpoint presentation covering inspiration and where to find it. We will then show Paul’s layout technique and how to transfer anything to your turned object. A review of the different tools used for carving and detailing will be offered along with tips and tricks to make this work easier. Even if you have no interest in embellishing your turnings, there is good information to be had. Sources of supply will be discussed along with several FREE things that we’ve discovered.

Two handouts are available on the website to accompany this demonstration. We will not be spending club money to print these handouts, so please check the website and print them yourself to bring to the meeting. They can be reached by using the member resources tab, clicking the handout tab, go all the way to the bottom and look at “Jan2018 Demo Notes” and “Jan2018 Demo Sources” . At the very bottom of the page is a download button.

UPCOMING

You’ve all seen Becky’s penguins. She will teach us how it’s done in February.
March brings us spring training and a professional baseball bat maker Joe Aul
In April, Dave Berringer will share multi axis turning with us.
May is sculpture month with Derek Weidman

SHOW OFF TIME FOR TURNERS ANONYMOUS!

Three years ago Craig started talking to the Contemporary Craft staff about a display area for some of our work. I have carried these discussions on and we finally got a chance to “show off” to the City of Pittsburgh what we are all about! After last month’s meeting, several members and friends set up a wonderful display of woodturning. I was a little disappointed that only eight members participated in this display. We have no pens or stoppers or ornaments. Since it would be a better representation of our club if more people participated, I have talked to Kate and she is willing to replace or add to some of the work with different pieces on a one time only basis. This can only be done at the January meeting. If you want to help us out, see last month’s newsletter for the form to fill out and bring something in. The display runs until after our March meeting.

SHARE AND SELL TABLE

Do you have a tool you no longer use – of course you do you’re a woodturner. Bring it in, put it on the table with your name and a price - the price can be free - and maybe

someone in the club can shop for their own present for a fair price. It is great to help one another.

LIBRARY

Don't forget to check out the library suitcase – you can take a couple videos home for a month and learn from the greatest turners. We are going to get a permanent place for these videos and books right at our meeting site.

Gerry has been hauling these around for years, and Becky before him. It is time to share the load – we are looking for a volunteer to manage the library – Let one of the board members know if you are able to help. This is a great way to help out the club if you cannot work at an elected level. It's also a great way to put names with those faces you see every month.

INSTANT GALLERY

I know you all had relatives visiting and all that goes with it over the last month, but we still want to see what came out of your shop. Surely you got shop time! If you're having trouble with something, bring in an example and ask for help – we won't tear up your "man card". I would like to start off the New Year by seeing some of those things that you did years ago and we haven't seen for a while. So for the New Year, let's bring out the past!

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

Many of you have complained about a gas like odor at the lathe end of the room. The staff at Contemporary Craft have had the fire department and gas company check it out. There is no gas leak and the air quality has checked out to be safe. So what is the smell? Like your son's bedroom, it must be one of those life mysteries that is being covered up with an air freshener.

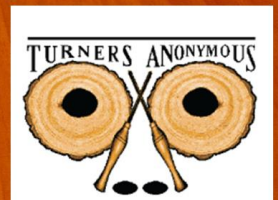
AAW

Also from AAW, each month the board president is sent a “tip” to pass along. I don’t have this month’s tip yet, but I urge you to log onto woodturner.org and see what there is to offer. They have an offer going on right now for free guest membership for 60 days.

Remember to bring a friend, we’ll find an extra chair.

SEE YOU THERE!

Dave Betler



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