

Chairman's Report for February 2024

Now that January is over and winter is hopefully drawing to an end, it's time to start thinking of all the spring projects you need to do. Just remember to save time for yourself and for your shop projects.

As you know, Becky Maruca has stepped down as Chairman as her term has expired. Becky will continue with us working in various capacities. I, Tom Shortall, pledge to continue in Becky's footsteps and will work hard to guide the club forward.

Upcoming Programs

February 17th – Dave Dudney will present his Hollowing techniques.

March 16th – Mark Curtis "The Guy Who Turns Plastic"- will share with us his techniques of making turning blanks.

April 20th - April 21st – Arnold Ward, a national presenter, will be in to demonstrate "Offset turning" on Saturday. This will be an all-day demo and we are exploring the possibility of a catered lunch. We need to charge \$30.00 per person to cover the demonstrator's costs. On Sunday, Arnold will hold a class on the subject. Class size is limited to 6 turners. The fee for the class is \$150.00.

May 18th – Dave Betler will present "Basic & Unique Turning Tools".

Summer and Beyond

TBD - Eric Stacy's "A bit over the top" jig construction project. Becky is coordinating, an exact date has not been determined, but should be sometime in June.

July 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th – Westmorland Arts and Heritage Festival. Turners Anonymous is partnering with the Indiana County Woodturners Association club to man a booth at this craft fair to demonstrate our craft and sell our turnings. This year the fair will be held on July 4, 5, 6, and 7 and will be held in Twin Lakes Park in Latrobe. This craft fair is reported to be the largest in Pennsylvania and in the top 100 in the country. We should be able to get a lot of exposure there. More details will be forthcoming, but we need you to think about committing to coming to help set up, tear down, demo and/or sell so we can make a schedule.

September 21st – Andrew Horowitz "Inlay Techniques"

October 19th – Lumber Sawmill tour- This is a reschedule from last fall.

November 16th – Craig Smith "How to Make a Box" (Demo & Hands-on session after lunch)

December 21st – Annual Christmas Ornament and Box exchange. Location to be determined.

Tentative springtime – Rick Kristoff & Rich Homar "How to Make a Top" (Demo &

Hands-on session after lunch)

Website

Jay Gardiner has taken over the webmaster's duties from me and is planning on a few changes and updates to our site. We have also made some updates to our email settings, so, keep your fingers crossed, our e-mails will not be looked at as spam. Jay is also creating a help document on how to change your personal e-mail settings to help with not getting club's e-mails.

New videos of past demonstrations and Instant Galleries have been posted to the site.

Charitable Endeavors

Beads of Courage – We are continuing to collect boxes to distribute to local children's hospitals to support young cancer and trauma patients. Details of these boxes are available on our website.

Wig Stands – We are also collecting turned wig stands to donate to a local wig shop that make wigs for women with cancer. Blanks for the stands are available at club meetings. See Andrew Horowitz for information. The video of Andrew's demonstration is on the website.

Tops – in the current issue of the AAW magazine, there is an article written by our colleagues in the Indiana County Woodturners Association club where they make and donate tops to Mercy Ships organization for distribution around the world. If anyone is interested in making and donating tops, let me or Glen Nicodemus know, and we can coordinate with the Indiana club.

Volunteers Needed

Raffle - The club requests someone to take over the raffle. Becky is still handling the duties with Kathy Baker's assistance, but Becky wants to step back from all official club duties.

Programming – Again, Becky wants to step back from all official club duties. As you can see, the programming is well set for the next 9-10 months, so the transition should be easy. Please consider taking over this important job.

Donuts – Teresa and Barb are currently handling, but they need to have a backup.

DVD/Book Library

Harold Rosenberger is now our "librarian". We have a number of books and videos for your use. Please utilize them. We have had suggestions that we should digitize them, but sorry, this violates copyright.

Instant Gallery

Thanks to everyone who shared their work with us. They inspire us all. We encourage all

of you to bring your creations to display. This is an opportunity for you to show off your hard work and get pointers on how to improve (if necessary). Please fill out a card for each piece you display and include name, wood species, and other pertinent information.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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