

## Chairman's Report for May 2024

Hello Fellow Turners,

I hope everyone who attended last month's demo with Andrew Ward enjoyed and learned as much as I did. For those of you who missed it, you missed a very good presentation. I will try to get the video we took posted soon.

### **Club Survey**

At our May meeting, we will be presenting you with a paper survey to get your input on a number of important topics. Why a paper survey you ask? Simply, in general, an electronic survey gets, at best, a 25% response rate. The board feels strongly enough about getting everyone's input, that we will give everyone who turns in a completed survey during the meeting several free raffle tickets. For those of you not attending, we will email you an electronic version of the survey. The board will appreciate it if you take the time to fill it out.

### **Sign-in sheet**

At the last meeting we provided a sign-in sheet to let us know who is attending the meetings. This worked out rather well, but I think a few missed it. We plan on providing this at each meeting, so please sign in.

### **Upcoming Programs**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Dave Betler will present "Basic & Unique Turning Tools".

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Andrew Horowitz will be presenting "Inlay Techniques."

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – We are tentatively scheduled for a local lumber mill tour.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Craig Smith will present "How to make a box". This will be both a demo and a hands-on session after lunch. Once you attend this session, you should be able to make a box for the Christmas box exchange.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Annual Christmas Ornament and Box exchange. Site still to be determined, suggestions welcome. Contact a board member.

### **One spot open for the "A bit over the top" jig construction project**

There is one spot still open to build the lathe/router jig that Eric Stacy demonstrated last year. This session will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is not a normal Turners Anonymous meeting and will only be for those members who signed up. Becky is coordinating, so if you are interested, contact her at 412-805-6693 or email her at [ramaruca@gmail.com](mailto:ramaruca@gmail.com)

### **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<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Rob by email at [rob.martin2009@gmail.com](mailto:rob.martin2009@gmail.com) to sign up.

### **Support the vendors who support Turners Anonymous**

The people at our Woodcraft store, along with those at the local Rockler store are very supportive of Turners Anonymous. Whenever you can, support them by buying local and thank them for their support.

We recently received word from Craft Supplies USA that they are again offering a club discount of 13% off current retail prices. Club orders must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum order value of \$1000.00 after all discounts are applied.
- Order must ship to a single address.
- Only one form of payment.

So, if anyone wants to try to coordinate an order from them, let me know and I will provide more details.

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Raffle** - The club requests someone to take over our raffle. Becky will work with anyone to transition.

**Programming** – Kim Romanko will be taking over this very important position from Becky. Becky has done a wonderful job and has set us up with an agenda for the next 9 months or so. Be prepared for Kim to start soliciting you to demonstrate your skills.

### **Instant Gallery**

At our May meeting, Kim will present the details and provide some examples for our “Summer Challenge”. This will give you an excuse to work in the shop over our summer break. A prize of one year’s dues (\$30) will be awarded for the best piece as judged by an independent panel at the September meeting. Only one piece per member can be entered. For those of you not attending the May meeting, we will send out the details in an email this summer, but you must present the piece at the September meeting.

### **Our website**

Recently, our website has fallen victim to some technical issues, some of them self-inflicted and some of them from Gremlins. No, we were not hacked! Most of the information is still there, but the home page seems to have disappeared. Click on the "home" link to actually see it.

We are looking at migrating to a new website provider along with a club management system that will help improve our club. More to come on this subject.

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

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