



# NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each Month at Woodcraft Supply 12511 Olive Street Road, (Dierberg Center)

1 PM to 4 PM

(Bring a guest or friend)

## LAST MEETING

Leonard Hartline from Carbondale, Ill. not only demonstrated making mushrooms but gave the 20 or so in attendance many suggestions on use of tools and how to progress when cutting on the outside of a surface and when cutting on the interior such as a bowl.

Leonard favored retaining as much of the bark at the perimeter of his mushrooms as possible. Wood cut in the winter will retain bark more readily than wood cut in the growing season. He sometimes uses Hot Stuff when there is any question about the bark remaining intact.

Green wood is always used. If it cracks, so be it. Cracks many times add to the attractiveness of the finished mushroom. To illustrate this, Leonard showed a large red cedar piece that had an irregular shaped head and many cracks. One of the advantages to making mushrooms is that the cost of the wood is zero. Mistakes become firewood!

Hints on mushroom turning included: Locate the top at the head stock. Start shallow - don't overcut at first.

Remember that the tool is cantilevered from tool rest. Keep the rest close in. Use a tool like a deep flute bowl gouge to reach the inner cuts under the top

If tool vibrates against wood, stop and take off the bump instead of letting the tool move in and out.

Branches with knots add interest to the finished product.

Use your clenched hand to control the amount of contact with the wood.

Make the bottom concave so it rests squarely on a horizontal surface.

## NEXT MEETING

Bracelets and napkin rings are the subject. A previous announcement indicated the meeting would be chaired by Ken Schaefer and Bob Schmitz but Bob is recovering from a triple bypass and will be only a passive observer.

Several methods of assembling wood pieces will be shown with results in the finish. Also, a lamination of continuous strips for making the ring will be shown.

As with the last meeting on mushrooms, the hands-on period will include making bracelets of napkin rings by those in attendance.

## SHOW AND TELL

Several examples of turnings were brought to the last meeting. This is an important portion of the afternoon where questions can be asked and experienced turners can give advice and caution. Please bring something that you are willing to share with others.

## 1994 SYMPOSIUM

Mary Redig, Administrator for AAW said the Board had selected Denver for the 1994 Symposium rather than St. Louis. Denver could host the group at a college campus whereas St. Louis would have used Henry VIII as the location. St. Louis now has a chance for the 1997 Symposium and efforts to get that in St. Louis will be started soon.

# TOOL SALE

Sunday, May 2, 1993

9 AM to 2 PM

No sales will be made except during the above times.

11532 Lake Shore Drive (east off of Ballas, south of Hwy 40)

The tools belonged to a deceased woodworker who bought only the best quality equipment and tools. In addition to many miscellaneous tools, the following will be available for purchase.

1 Delta sander with 12" diameter disc and 6" wide belt complete with stand.

1 Hegner scroll saw on stand - single speed.

1 Klein miniature lathe complete with 3 & 4 jaw chucks and video tapes on how to use the lathe and on suggested projects.

1 Bosch pin router with vacuum pump and attachments.

1 Makita and 1 Elu router - 2½ HP

1 Pache air brush outfit

3 floor switches

1 laminate trimmer

1 6" orbital sander

1 picture frame vise

1 maple top work bench with vise

1 Leigh dovetail jig

1 Dremel unit

Clamps of many types including furniture, angle, and corner

Lathe chisels, carving tools, palm chisels and flat chisels

Many squares, gauges, trammel points and rulers

Vises

Wood threading tools

Machine tools including socket sets, calipers, compasses, wrenches, pliers, hack saws, dies and allen head wrenches.

Hand saws including coping, Japanese, model building and back saws

Extension cords and plug-in strips.

Drawer units filled with bolts, screws, thumb turns, nuts, and most other hardware needed for a well equipped shop.

Books on woodworking subjects.