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LAST MEETING

The last meeting was a continuation of the January meeting on hook tools. Those who made tools were given instruction on sharpening and use by Gary Johnson and Fletcher Hartline. Hands on practice sessions were used to show how end grain was cut smoothly by this type of tool.

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SHOW AND TELL

Binh Pho brought a maple bowl he had made which was of unusual shape and described the unique turning procedure used. The bowl measured about 12"x8".

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Hans Neumann brought a device he had made for use in bowl turning. It was constructed using an end mill attachment, a short steel rod, a pulley wheel and a gum rubber pad. The end mill attachment is normally used in milling metal, however it has a No. 2 Morse taper which allows it to be used in the headstock of a wood lathe.

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Gary Johnson brought four of his latest works - three of which were segmented turnings ranging in size from medium to small. All were of his usual fine workmanship. One was a vase made of Box Elder - a new venture into hollow turning.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Five guests attended the meeting, were welcomed and were invited to join the club. They were:

Roger Alexander, Belleville, Ill.
Donald Warren, St. Peters, Mo.
Randy Glasco, Makanda, Ill.
Don Neely, Fenton, Mo.
Robert Reschak, Chesterfield, Mo.

1PM to 4PM

(Bring a guest or friend!)

LIBRARY

The establishment of a library was discussed and indications were that it would be desirable. To stock the library several suggestions were made:

- Increase our dues to cover the cost of purchasing books and video tapes.
- Hold a raffle each meeting in the same manner as the Woodworkers Guild. Sell tickets at \$1 each. Put half the take into a pot for the purchase of library stock and return the other half to whoever holds the lucky ticket as a prize.

If no one volunteers to be librarian, this whole thing will be an exercise in futility. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

GALLERY

This is still very much in the picture. We are in contact with Mike Duggan concerning display and safety of items. More on this at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on March 27, 1994 at the WOODWORKING UNLIMITED (Shopsmith) store, DePaul Center, 12246 St. Charles Rock Road from 1 to 4 PM. A map is attached to help you find the way. We should have eight shopsmith lathes available for use.

We have had quite a few requests from members for some basic turning sessions - so this meeting will be on spindle turning. Bring to the meeting a piece of wood to practice on - something about 3 to 4 inches in diameter and about 12 to 18 inches long. Also bring some of your tools to work with.

This is a good opportunity to try out a different variety of lathe.

Our April meeting and all following meetings will be at our regular location at WOODCRAFT.

OTHER

According to a survey conducted for the American Woodworker magazine, one in ten American adults enjoys woodworking as a hobby. Beginners average 3 hours a week compared to 14 hours for advanced craftsmen. Forty percent of novices have their own workshops compared with seventy nine percent of their more expert counterparts.

