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January Meeting

Our regular meeting was held January 22nd at the Woodcraft Store. We had a very good turn out with at least 27 folks attending.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month at Woodcraft Supply 12511 Olive St. Rd. (Dierberg Heritage Center)

1PM to 4PM

Bring a guest or a friend!

Insurance The club voted to participate in the AAW sponsored local chapter insurance program for the year and authorized us to spend \$75 for that insurance coverage. This coverage is a general liability policy that covers guests or visitors at the public facilities where we're holding a chapter event. Only members who hold current membership in our chapter and the National AAW are covered by it. Last year AAW funded the total amount of this insurance for all of the chapters, but this year they have decided not to do that; so they've asked us to fund the \$75 for our chapter.

Dues The second item of business that we conducted was to vote to increase the dues from \$15 to \$20. This will cover the added cost of the insurance program as well as increased postal expenses. If you haven't yet paid your dues for '95, please send a \$20 check to our secretary-treasurer, Virginia Toone.

Mini-Symposium Ken Schaeffer reported that he's been exploring the possibility of our chapter hosting a mini-symposium, probably in September of '95. The membership was very supportive of this idea and so Ken and the officers will continue to investigate the possibility of this mini-symposium.

Show 'n Tell This session was one of the best that I've ever seen. At the previous meeting we had challenged everyone to make a wood turning from less than 1/2 board foot and bring it in for the show 'n tell. Fourteen people met that challenge and were awarded an official certificate of achievement designed and produced by Virginia Toone. A great variety of work was brought in, ranging all the way from some elaborate toothpicks to an Olsonik-type candle holder, a bird house, several plates and a variety of bowls. Herb Bilgram showed us several laminated, segmented rings he's working on for some of his new bowls. He also brought two of his stave laminated bowls. Interesting stuff, Herb. We all gain a great deal from these show 'n tell sessions.

I would encourage everyone to participate in a show 'n tell session. Not only bring your successful pieces to show, but occasionally bring something that wasn't so successful. We can sometimes learn more from each other's mistakes than from our successes.

Door Prize Bob Schmitz was the lucky winner of a free ring cutting tool donated by Woodcraft.

Program Fletcher Hartline gave us an excellent demonstration of tool sharpening technique. His homemade, adjustable speed, reversible grinding set-up can handle about any sharpening task effectively and efficiently. The lower RPM's are especially helpful when trying to grind small tools, which will reduce the possibility of burning the edge. Both Dave Skinner and Gary Johnson brought in their new 1725 RPM grinders. These are available from TrendLine for about \$50. The price for the grinder is right, but you will have to replace the wheels with higher quality grinding wheels to reduce vibration and do a good sharpening job.

Announcements

John Jordan will be teaching a class at the St. Louis Wood Working Show in Collinsville, Illinois on Saturday, February 11. It runs from 9:30am til 5:00pm and costs \$95.

The Columbia Art League is sponsoring a juried competition entitled "Wood Concepts Perspective 1995" that will run from October 1 through November 9. The categories are wood furniture, turned objects, wood sculpture and musical instruments. Slides need to be submitted by April 21 for this competition.

The video from the 1994 AAW Symposium is now available. This video runs for one hour and was provided by AAW free to each chapter. Copies for members are available from AAW for \$14 each. The video was shown during the last hour of our regular meeting in January. If you missed it and would like to borrow the club's copy, let Gary Johnson know and he will arrange it.

Turning Tips

This turning tip section is going to be a new section included in each of our future newsletters. If anyone has a useful turning tip to share with the membership, write it down and pass it on to Gary Johnson for inclusion in future newsletters. The following tip comes from the Better Homes and Garden's Wood Magazine, which always has at least one article on wood turning each month.....

Super glue is great stuff, but most of us have had some problem with the glue hardening in the spout and cleaning it out can be a real pain. Bill Hunter of Satellite City, the makers of Hot Stuff Instant Adhesives, gave the following tips for keeping your spout clog-free. 1) Store unopened containers of instant glue in the freezer to double shelf life. However, once you have opened the container, never return it to cold storage. Placing an open glue

bottle in the refrigerator or in the freezer will cause moisture to condense in the bottle, and moisture is one of the catalysts that cause this glue to set, and consequently, to clog the spout. 2) Keep the tip of the spout from touching the work--especially if sanding dust is present. Each time glue touches foreign material, it cures. 3) Between uses reseal the bottle with a cap. This prevents dust and accelerator over spray from settling on the spout. 4) Never wipe off the spout tip. Lint from cloth or paper will stick to the tip causing the glue to react and clog the spout. 5) Avoid putting pins, needles, nails or anything else into the spout. Trace moisture on these objects is carried into the container causing the glue to thicken. 6) Replacement spouts are readily available for most glues. Have an extra spout on hand in case you ruin your original one.

For Sale

If you have any tools, woods or any other odd and ends you'd like to list in this section for sale, write it down and send it to Gary and we'll get it published in the next newsletter.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on February 26th at the Woodcraft Store. The topic for this meeting will be "Small Turnings on Small Lathes". We plan to have about 6 lathes set up, both Carba-Tec and Klein, so that everyone that comes will have a chance to do at least a little bit of turning on one or both of the types of lathes. If you can bring a small lathe and tools to the next meeting that would be great. It would also be nice to bring enough wood so that five or six members each could turn some small object on your lathe.

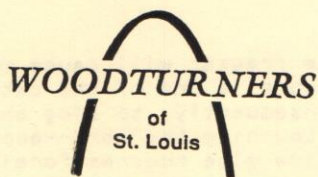
Challenge

February's challenge is to turn something thinner than you've ever turned it before. For example, if you normally turn bowls to a thickness of a quarter of an inch, try turning it to an eighth of an inch. It also doesn't have to be a bowl. It could be a thin spindle turning. Elaine's toothpicks are a good example of a thin spindle. The longer a thin spindle is, the greater the challenge. Bring your challenge pieces, both successes and failures, for the show 'n tell portion of our February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Our 1994 income from membership dues and the raffle totalled \$651.00. The expenses for 1994 totalled \$404.20, so we made a little bit of headway.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting.



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