

WOODTURNERS

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A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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February Meeting

Our regular meeting was held on February 26, at the Woodcraft Store. We had at least 21 people attending.

Ken Schaefer reported on the progress that had been made in planning for our first annual St. Louis Woodturner's Conference, and the club then voted to proceed with the conference.

St. Louis Woodturner's Conference Mark your calendars now for September 16 and 17, 1995. You won't want to miss this event. Four outstanding woodturners have accepted our invitations to be demonstrators at our conference. J. Paul Fennell, Clay Foster, Bonnie Klein and Alan Lacer will each provide three 1.5 hour long demonstrations each day. The Kirkwood High School cafeteria will be the location for the conference. We are currently planning for a banquet for Saturday night that will include a slide show of the demonstrator's works. We are anticipating an attendance of between 55 and 90. Our conference chairman, Ken Schaefer, and his crew will be working out details and getting our publicity ready soon. We will be asking for volunteers to help when we get closer to the conference date.

Show-N-Tell At the January meeting we issued the challenge to turn something thinner than you've ever turned it before. A wide range of work was brought in to show by our members. These included thin bowls, plates and goblets. Several pieces were so thin that they were either broken in the making or in handling after they were completed. I was especially happy to see those pieces because it shows that our members are pushing themselves to new limits and learning in the process. In addition to the thin challenge show-n-tell pieces, we had several other interesting items. Herb Bilgram showed us some of his completed bowls that he had made from the laminated segmented rings he had brought to the January meeting. Jim Bumgarner showed a solid sphere about three inches in diameter that he had turned on his Carbetec lathe. Harold Thornburg brought an example of a metal spinning that his students are doing at Kirkwood High School. He also had a heavy laminated football that is popular with his students.

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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!

Door Prize Ewald Altmann was the lucky winner of a one inch skew donated by Woodcraft.

Auction Herb Bilgram donated a small antique lathe to the club and an auction was held. After much spirited bidding Tom Tyler got the lathe for \$20.00.

Program--Small turnings on small lathes Dave Skinner, Tom Tyler and Binh Pho had their Bonnie Klein lathes spinning away. Fletcher Hartline had his Carbetec lathe going and the Woodcraft Store's Carbetec was also running. Dave Skinner gave a good demonstration on turning tagua nuts and I saw several nice tagua nut projects emerge during this session. Everyone there who wanted to have a hand at turning on one of the small lathes had the opportunity including several beginning turners.

Announcements

Space Coast Hardwood Supply from Coco Beach, Florida sent some samples along with a price list for some turning stock. They offer both citrus and Australian pine. They specialize in found hardwoods unique to their area and they are hand picked by woodturners for woodturners.

Arrowmont The summer schedule for classes is now available. Turners for the June thru mid-August include Michael O'Donnell, Ray Key, John Jordan, Steve Loar, Kip Christensen, Stoney Lamar, Michael Peterson, Ron Fleming and David Ellsworth.

Turning Tips

St. Louis County Library now has all three Bonnie Klein woodturning video tapes. They also have the Del Stubbs' bowl turning tape.

If you plan to use any of the new polyurethane wood glues, either Excel or Gorilla Glue, I strongly recommend that you wear rubber gloves. If it dries on your skin, it has to wear off over time.

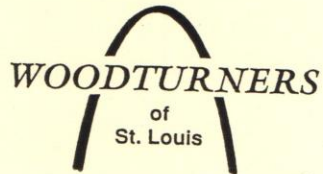
For Sale

Does anyone have a used woodturning lathe they would like to sell? Dave Blankenship, who attended our February meeting, is looking for one.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on March 26, 1995 at the Woodcraft Store. The topic for this meeting will be segmented turnings. Herb Bilgram and Gary Johnson will be featured speakers for this session. If you have done some segmented turnings, please bring them for this show-n-tell session. I would encourage everyone to participate in our show-n-tell sessions. Bring anything you want to show and not just segmented turnings.

Hope to see you all at our March 26 meeting.



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