



Woodturners of St. Louis

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Our last meeting of 1995 was held on November 26th at the Woodcraft Store. Thirty people attended. Our election of officers for 1996 was held. The new officers are:

President

David Wahl

Vice-President

Gary Johnson

Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia Toone

Newsletter Editor

Chuck Dombek.

Show and Tell

Our show and tell session is always a very interesting part of our meeting. Jim Wulfers brought some turned mushrooms made from Sweet Gum. Hans Neumann brought several nicely turned wine bottle stoppers. David Wahl showed a natural edged

Pine bowl and an Oak hollow form. Paul Dunn brought a nice Desk Pen Set. Fletcher Hartline showed an "inside/outside turned" piece of Cherry. Dave Skinner had a spinning top with a pull string that rewinds itself after each pull (see sketch page 3). Binh Pho sent in a Japanese Fighting Top that is a lot of fun. The design came from a Japanese turner at the 1995 AAW Symposium (see sketch page 3). At every meeting, everyone should bring to Show and Tell at least one of their mistakes or blown-up pieces, either to explain what went wrong or to find out from other members what went wrong.

Turning Wood

Hans Neumann said that Jim Bumgarner in Columbia, Missouri has a supply of turning wood

that he wants to give away. Jim's phone number is (314) 442-0252. Ken Schaefer will check out the wood and if there is enough interest we may bring some of it to St. Louis for our club members.

National Exhibition of AAW Chapters

The members voted on the pieces that were brought in and selected the five that our club can send to the Fitchburg Art Museum for the show of AAW Chapters' work. The show will run from January 28 through March 24. Randy Glasco, Fletcher Hartline, Binh Pho and Gary Johnson will send pieces.

Turning Green Wood

Fletcher Hartline demonstrated how to turn green wood. He covered

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grain orientation options, mounting on the lathe, and turning techniques.

Thanks Fletcher for your excellent educational demonstration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues for 1996 are now due. Please bring \$20 to the January meeting or mail to Virginia Toone. We recommend you also join the American Association of Woodturners. The AAW dues are \$25. We will have applications at each meeting and one is enclosed on page 5.

AAW Calendars

The 1996 AAW Calendars have arrived. If you ordered one at the November meeting, please pick it up at the January meeting. We ordered some extras for those who were not at the Nov. meeting. They are beautiful and cost \$7.00.

The St. Louis Woodworking Show

The St. Louis Woodworking Show will be held at the Gateway Center, Collinsville, Ill. on February 9-10-11, 1996. Our club has accepted an invitation to have a booth area in which we plan to show members' work, pass out data sheets on the club and the AAW, show books and magazines on woodturning and have a small lathe to use in demonstrating turning of small or simple items. Two members are needed to man the booth. Shifts will be Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon. Please call Ken Schaefer at 966-2268 if you can help in the booth. Also, please call Ken if you have some turnings that we may display. Pick-up and return will be arranged. This show is an excellent opportunity for the club to become better

known and for members to answer the many questions posed by attendees.

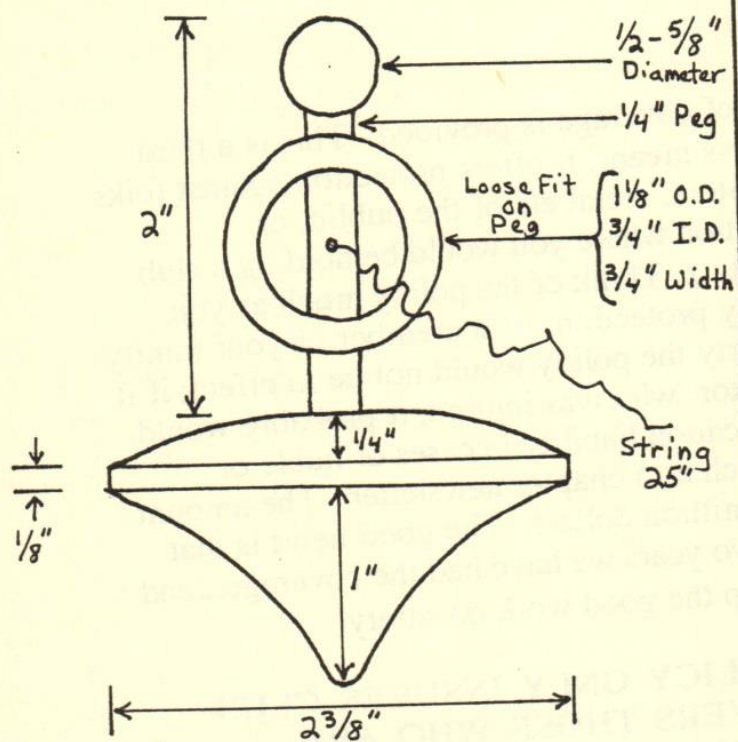
JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting in 1996 will be held on January 28 from 1 to 4 PM at the Woodcraft store. Bring something for our Show and Tell Session. Binh Pho will demonstrate how to finish wood using color.

BEGINNERS' SESSION

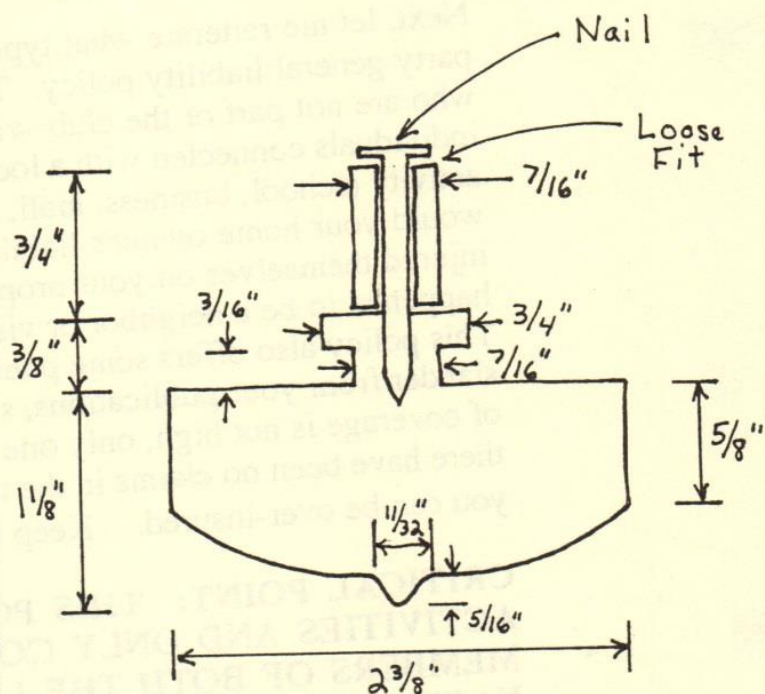
At the end of the meeting, Fletcher Hartline will conduct what we have called the "Beginners' Session". Even if you are advanced and have a question or problem with anything from sharpening, chucking, turning technique to finishing, bring it up during the general meeting under "Questions & Answers" after "Show and Tell"; then if you want some "hands on" instruction with your problem or question, Fletcher will go over it with you during the

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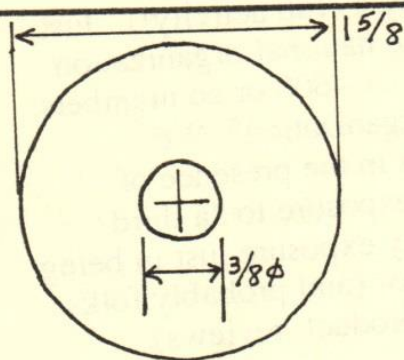


Rewinding Top

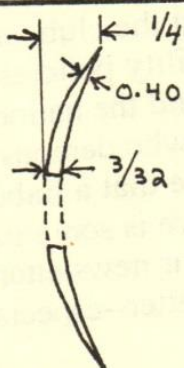
String rewinds itself automatically on peg, ready for the next spin



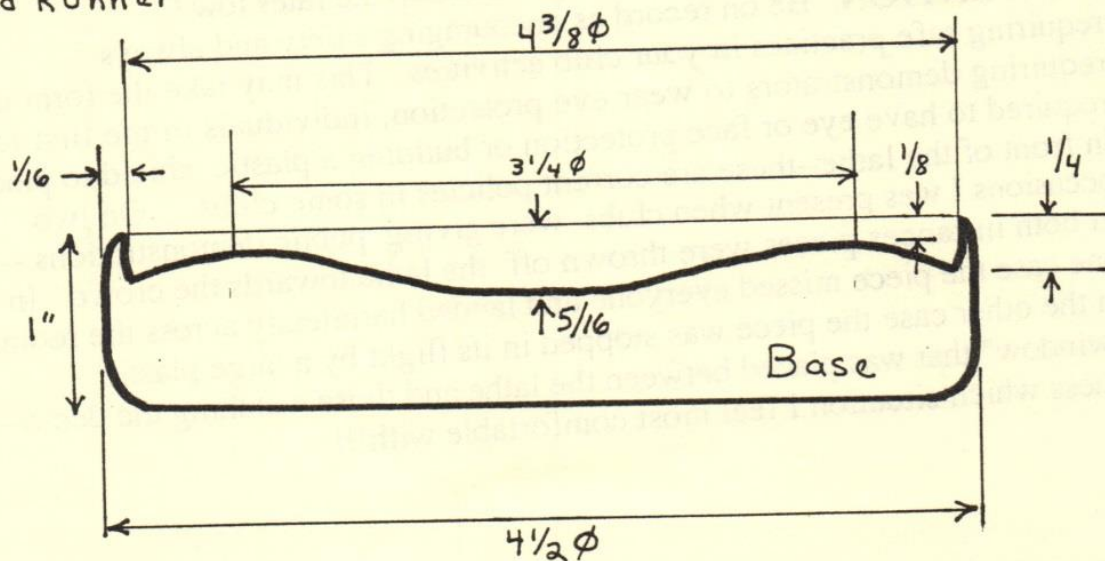
Standard Top



Red Runner



Green Runner



Next, let me reiterate what type of coverage is provided. This is a third party general liability policy. This means, it offers protection against folks who are not part of the club--visitors, members of the public, or individuals connected with a location where you would be holding a club activity (school, business, mall, etc.). Think of the policy much as you would your home owner's liability protection: if a member of your family injured themselves on your property the policy would not be in effect; if it happened to be a neighbor or visitor who was injured, it probably would. This policy also offers some publication liability in cases of liable or slander from your publications, such as a chapter newsletter. The amount of coverage is not high, only one million dollars. The good news is that there have been no claims in the two years we have had the coverage--and you can be over-insured. Keep up the good work on safety!

CRITICAL POINT: THIS POLICY ONLY INSURES CLUB ACTIVITIES AND ONLY COVERS THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BOTH THE LOCAL GROUP AND THE NATIONAL. Unless the activity is a sanctioned, formal club activity, the policy will not be in effect. It does not provide coverage for members running courses out of their homes (unless it is truly a club activity) or demonstrating publicly as a turner (unless it is truly a club activity!). Just remember: we are really insuring the club and the national organization and not providing individual liability policies for our 4600 or so members. Who should be in both the local and the national organization? We strongly recommend that anyone who demonstrates in the presence of visitors or the public--or anywhere that a liability exposure to "a third party" exists, all club officers (there is some liability exposure just in being an officer of a local club), and your newsletter editor (and probably folks contributing material to the newsletter--especially product reviews).

How can we continue to get coverage and keep the rates low?
PREVENTION. Be on record as encouraging safety and always requiring safe practices in your club activities. This may take the form of requiring demonstrators to wear eye protection, individuals in the first row required to have eye or face protection or building a plastic shield to place in front of the lathe--these are current policies in some clubs. On two occasions I was present when clubs were giving public demonstrations -- in both instances pieces were thrown off the lathe towards the crowd. In one case the piece missed everyone and landed harmlessly across the room; in the other case the piece was stopped in its flight by a large plastic "window" that was placed between the lathe and those watching the demo--guess which situation I feel most comfortable with!!!

American Association of Woodturners

Membership Application

I hereby apply for membership in the American Association of Woodturners. I understand that \$20. of the annual membership fee is applied to my subscription to AMERICAN WOODTURNER.

Name _____	Date _____
Business name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____ Country _____
Telephone: Work _____	Home _____

Special interests: ☐ Help form a local chapter ☐ Member of OTA (Ornamental Turners of America)
☐ Delete my name from the Resource Directory ☐ Delete my name from mailing lists you make available to others

Membership Types and Annual Fees

Individual		Business/Professional		Foreign	
<input type="checkbox"/> General	\$25.	<input type="checkbox"/> General	\$50.	<input type="checkbox"/> General (Canada, Mexico)	\$30.
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$30.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$250.	<input type="checkbox"/> General (Overseas)	\$40.
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$100.	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$650.	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Professional	\$50.
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Non-U.S. Members: Please have check in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank; otherwise use a postal money order.

All memberships are for the calendar year, renewable January 1. You will receive all issues of the journal AMERICAN WOODTURNER for the year in which you join, if available. Back issues of the journal are \$5 plus postage. Contact the address below for the issues available.

- ☐ Please sign me up as a current member. I will receive all back issues for this year.
☐ Please sign me up as a member for next year. My first issue will be next March.

Method of payment: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Signature _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Make check payable to American Association of Woodturners. Mail this application along with payment to:

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 Shoreview, MN 55126
 612/484-9094 office 612/484-1724 fax

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Beginners' Session at the end of the meeting. So please bring your problems and questions, it's fun for everyone to help you.

INSURANCE

On page 4 of this newsletter is an excerpt from several of Alan Lacer's letters regarding the liability insurance that the Club has. If you get hurt, hopefully you have medical insurance to cover your medical expenses. If

you hurt someone while not participating in a Club activity (i.e. at home or some non-Club activity) hopefully your homeowners liability insurance would cover you and pay the person you injured. In any event, to be covered by the Club's insurance, you need to belong to the National, American Association of Woodturners. There are many benefits for joining the AAW.

AAW Membership

Page 5 of this newsletter is an applications to join the AAW. If you are not a member, please call and join, or mail in your application and join. The National magazine is worth the cost of membership alone.

Comments

Do you like what the newsletter is providing you? Do you have any suggestions for articles? Do you want to write an article? If so, please feel free to contact the

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