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Woodturners of St. Louis

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JULY MEETING - There were 26 in attendance at the July meeting, including three first time visitors; Andy Matoesian of Edwardsville, Al Schmiz and Sonny Rouse both from St. Louis.

SHOW & TELL - Charlie Yonk showed a spiral turning that he was working on, he said it is a very labor intensive procedure. Gary Johnson brought an Executive Tranquilizer consisting of a bowl with two Pachinco balls, it was finished with Liberon Oil. Ernest Guhl showed a pen of figured snakewood with Woodturners Finish. Roger Branson turned a bowl from a weathered plank of white oak and finished it with Tung oil. Mario Vitale brought a bowl turned from Mimosa finished with polyurethane. John Buehrer showed four long stemmed goblets of Osage Orange and Bradford Pear. Dixi Smith showed a bowl he had turned from green Box Elder that had developed some large checks and asked for suggestions; the answers ranged from filling with epoxy or adding lacing to (in the future) covering the blank with a plastic bag between work sessions or wrapping the outside with plastic food wrap while turning the inside.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS - Fletcher Hartline recommends using Gel Filled Cyclist Gloves available from bicycle shops to absorb vibration while roughing work to protect your wrists. Sonny Rouse suggested Anatomically Neutral Wrists Splints to protect the carpal tunnel.

DOOR PRIZES - Were donated by Woodcraft Supply and awarded to: Sandy Minor - Practice of Wood Turning video and Bob Highberg - Practice of Woodturning book both by *Mike Darlow*.

UNUSUAL WOODS - Roger Branson brought a box of various woods he had harvested and invited those interested to take a piece. If you are looking for something out of the ordinary, talk to him. Thanks Roger!

DEMONSTRATIONS - Herb Bilgram gave an excellent presentation of "Inside/Outside" turning. Start with four pieces of stock - they must be square and the same size - glue the first 1/2" together at each end - then mount between centers (as accurately as possible) and turn to the desired shape - this will become the inside, so sand and finish now - then separate the the pieces, turn them 180* and glue them together. Turn the outside to the desired shape with a tenon on the bottom, turn a base to accept the tenon and finish as desired. Herb showed a number of gavels, sceptors and vases turned from segmented pieces that displayed his fine craftsmanship and attention to precision.

Andy Matoesian demonstrated his immense skill at turning one-piece pens from 3/4" square stock that was first end drilled 5/32" to accept the ink tubes pulled from BIC pens. He deftly roughed out the blanks with a 1-1/2" gouge and then finished the shape with a 1/2" gouge with a modified skew grind. Some of the pens had a number of captive rings on them. Andy prefers the Australian "under-hand" hold and also suggests sanding with 180 grit Plumbers Roll, an open mesh abrasive tape available at plumbing supply houses. He also demonstrated his turned nut-crackers which he mounts in a four jaw chuck and drills out with a carbide tipped forstner bit.

Our thanks to Herb and Andy for the excellent and informative demonstrations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - The 1997 "JOY OF TURNING" Symposium will be held **September 13th and 14th** at the *Viking Conference Center Holiday Inn Southwest* (I-44 & Lindbergh). Demonstrators will be **Leonard Hartline**, Carbondale, IL - **Michael Hosaluk**, Saskatoon, SK. Canada - **John Jordan**, Antioch, TN - **Johannes Michelsen**, Manchester Center, VT and **Betty Scarpino**, Indianapolis, IN. Enclosed is a registration form, send the completed form with your check to Dave Skinner, 2236 Whitby Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017. For **more information** call: **Ken Schaeffer** (314) 966-2268 or **Dave Skinner** (314) 227-2256. Volunteers are needed to provide in-home lodging for some of our demonstrators or to load lathes or grinders. We will also need help moving equipment and setting up the demonstration rooms. Please contact **Dave Wahl** (314) 993-4843, **Fletcher Hartline** (618) 457-8211 or 457-2286 or **Dean Hooks** (314) 741-0923.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Dave Wahl** on his recent election as **President** of the *American Association of Woodturners* !!

BUY-SELL-TRADE-FREE - A new section will be included in the newsletter to let readers know of woodworking related items you want to dispose of. Fill out the enclosed form and send to Jim Wulfers, 11808 Birmingham Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044-2804 *at least two weeks* before the next meeting.

For Sale: Jet Dust Collector, 3 hp - 220 volts, new (carton never opened) \$450. Contact Jim Wulfers (314) 739-1819 (before 8:30 pm please)

For Sale: Ryobi #RA200 8-1/4" Radial Arm saw \$100.00, 5/16" HSS square tool bits \$3.00 each, 5/16" HSS round tool bits - usable length 4"+ \$2.00 each, various dividers, inside calipers, and outside calipers - most \$2.00 to \$10.00 range - Contact John Buehrer (314) 423-6522 evenings (6:-10:pm) or weekends.

DUES - Are Your Dues Due?? Check the mailing label! If you see 12/97 behind your name, you have paid - if not, please complete the enclosed form and send your check for \$20.00 to Woodturners of St. Louis, c/o 11808 Birmingham Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044-2804

AUGUST MEETING will be **SUNDAY, August 24th from 1:pm to 4:pm** at **Woodcraft Supply, 12511 Olive Street Road**. Dave Wahl will demonstrate cup turning and Dean Hooks will have a special presentation.

CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST MEETING; a turned pen of any type.

No September Meeting - We'll see you at the JOY OF TURNING SYMPOSIUM.

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