

❖ WOODTURNERS OF ST LOUIS ❖

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Nov. Meeting:

Sunday, Nov. 23

1 - 4 PM

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JOY OF TURNING DEMONSTRATORS AT THE INSTANT GALLERY CRITIQUE.

Joy of Turning Symposium

The Joy of Turning Symposium held on Sept. 13-14 was by all accounts a success. The five demonstrators, Michael Hosaluk, John Jordan, Johannes Michelsen, Betty Scarpino, and Leonard Hartline all put on interesting and educational demonstrations. The attendance was approx. 100 and included 20 of our own members. The Instant Gallery was fabulous. It just gets better and better each year. The only negative aspect of the symposium was that we lost money and have wiped out our club treasury. We will have to do much better next year.

Plans are being made for next years symposium. Alternate locations will be investigated in order to reduce the cost. The demonstrators have not yet been selected, but since the beginning turners class by Fletcher Hartline was so well recieved we plan for him to repeat it next year.



John Jordan hollowing

October Meeting

The October meeting was held at the Woodcraft Store on Oct. 26.

Ken Schaefer announced that the St Louis Woodcarvers will have a show on Nov. 29 - 30 and that we could have a lathe and demonstrate turning to create more interest. The members agreed that it was a good idea. Ken will coordinate the effort and asked for volunteers to turn at the event. Contact Ken to help out.

Roger Branson suggested that we have a Swap Meet to sell and trade tools and wood for our members sometime next year. We will look into this and perhaps combine it with a club picnic.

We will need to elect officers for 1998 at the November meeting. If you wish to help the club by being an officer please contact Fletcher Hartline.

A source for Palm Ivory Nuts which are similar to Tagua Nuts, but are much larger is:

Ed Reiss - Woodturner
PO Box 379
Berea, KY 40403
606-256-9103
Fax 606-256-4183
edann@mis.net

A new video "The Art of Turning Segmented Wooden Bowls" is available for \$23.95 including S & H from:

Romeo Corriveau
13710 3rd Ave. East
Bradenton, FL 3402

There is a turned wood show on the internet titled "Out of Focus". It is well worth a look if you can. www.woodartist.com

SHOW AND TELL

The Show and Tell session is always a very interesting and educational part of our meeting.

Elaine Navarro has been searching for a good finish for her challis. She talked to Michael Hosaluk at the symposium and he recommended she try West Systems Epoxy. She brought some information that she had obtained from the supplier. This is the same system that Gary Johnson uses on his segmented work. It is available locally from the St Louis Sailing Center on St Charles Rock Road. She also had information on using Hot Stuff as a finish and passed out copies. If you missed it, more will be available at the Nov. meeting.

Steve Levit brought some "Nelsonite" which is a wood stabilizer to share with members. This is used to prevent checking and is available from:

Nelsonite Chemical Products
2320 Oak Industrial Dr.N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Steve also showed a new free sliding tool rest that he has developed. More on this at a later date. He demonstrated the tool rest at the end of the meeting and several members tried it out.

Herb Bilgram showed several of his segmented bowls and one

done with the "Ringmaster". One of the segmented bowls had a segmented bottom that had separated at several joints because of shrinkage. This is a problem that can be minimized by careful orientation of grain and using fully dried wood. (see pages 15-19 of "Beyond Basic Turning" by Jack Cox).

Gary Johnson brought a small Paella burl bowl. The wood is beautiful but expensive. He also brought a segmented bowl made of EBON-X, Supercolor - Gray (made by Supertech woods) and Bloodwood. The Gray appears to be Maple that has been chemically altered to turn it gray. He also had a segmented vessel made of Ebon-X, Holly and Purnambuco.

Roger Branson showed a spalted Hackberry bowl. He also brought a box of various pieces of wood that were given away as door prizes. Roger has a large selection of wood and if you have any specific needs you can ask him. He can also supply wood for huge turnings if you have a Oneway or other large lathe.

John Buehrer showed a Box Elder box and an Oak natural edge bowl.

Fletcher Hartline showed a number of wild multicenter turnings. This is sculptural work done on the lathe and is truly and adventure into the unknown.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Dixi Smith demonstrated his methods of design and layout of his spiral candlesticks. He used strips of paper that are wrapped in a spiral fashion around the basic turned cylinder. The width of the strips and the angle of the wrap are variables that can be changed to achieve the design desired. The edges of the paper is used to guide a pen to mark the spiral on the wood cylinder. Drills and carving tools are then used to shape the spirals. This is a time consuming operation but the results can be striking. Thanks Dixi for a fine demonstration.

David Wahl demonstrated the Raffan technique of hollowing an egg cup using a spindle gouge. In this method the gouge cuts on the far side of center and almost upside-down. (see "Turning Wood" by Richard Raffan page 84)

NOVEMBER MEETING

Don't miss our November meeting on Sunday 23 Nov. We will have elections, a great show and tell session, and a demonstration of multi-axis turning by Fletcher Hartline. He will also conduct a beginning turners session of spindle turning. Also since our club treasury was wiped out by the symposium we would appreciate you paying your dues for 1998 early. If you didn't get a "Joy of Turning" tee shirt yet, we still have a few available in size XL for \$10.

NOV. SHOW AND TELL

Please bring something for the November "Show and Tell". Bring some mistakes as well as good work because we all can learn from each other. We want to see as many different Christmas ornaments as possible at this meeting.

TURNING TIPS

If you have a tip to share with our members send it to Gary Johnson and we will publish it in a future issue.

BUY, SELL, TRADE

Any woodturning items can be advertised here.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WOODTURNERS OF ST LOUIS

NAME _____ DATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

Mail this application along with your check for \$20 for one years dues to:

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