



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

May 2005

PEN TURNING

Dave McWilliams gave a demonstration on pen turning to go along with our project to send purpleheart pens Iraq. Dave went through his process from start to finish on turning a beautiful, functional pen. He asked for comments and other member's habits as he went along.

We all develop our own comfortable ways of doing things but to become better turners we must constantly look at other ways of completing the task. Dave has turned hundreds of pens and clearly has found a method that is very efficient and enjoyable.

Dave selects wood with a desirable grain pattern and uses a home made clamp to hold the blanks for drilling and another for assembly. He provided some good tips, for

example, do not drill through the bottom of the wood blank to prevent chipping. Instead stop 1/8" shy and cut the closed end off with the bandsaw.

Turn the blank down to just proud of the bushings which will determine the finished size. Use sand paper to finish sand to desired size. Apply your finish of choice, Dave prefers Myland's friction polish and applies it with a paper towel.

Pens are a great project for turners to make. They can be fairly inexpensive to make, they make great gifts and they sell well at craft shows and to friends. Lastly, they can be completed in less than an hour. There are as many different types and styles of pen kits as there are wood turners. The combinations are endless.

Pen kits are now offered in various finishes (gold, platinum, nickel, etc...), various styles (parker, cigar, cross, etc...), even various clips. Not to mention the thousands of possible woods to use. There are many vendors who offer supplies, jigs and wood for pen turning. Below I have listed a few of the companies that can be found on



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May 22, 2005 ~ 1-4pm

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the internet. Call them for a catalog if you don't already have one. Heck, even Ebay has a dedicated section for pen blanks. If your interested in more information on pen turning, ask one of our officers to point you towards some of our veteran pen turners who are sure to steer you in the right direction.

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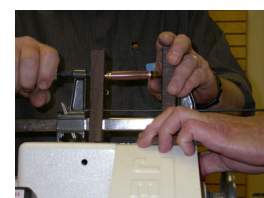
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APRIL SHOW & TELL



by Ernie



by Ed



by Jerry

Ernie - Beetle nut turnings. Beetle nuts are from India.

Carl - 2 mushrooms, one cane with mushroom.

Dan Schmoker - Power sanding disk holder, spalted ash bowl.

Walt - Walnut bowl turned from past door prize

Bob Goulding - Mushrooms with oak base, natural edge maple.

Ray Koeneman - Platters stained and burned, water base stain from art store.

Bill Rubenstein - Failed sycamore hollow forms, elm bowl.

Mark Penacho - Soft maple

Jerry Schroy - Bubinga and ambrosia maple lidded box, mushrooms

Ed Lisciandra - Segmented turning walnut, maple and ebony

John B. - Mushroom, Bradford pear, scoop and giveaway piece of English vine, box and acorn box maple with walnut top.

Jim McKenna - Mushroom, osage orange.

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RAFFLE

To raise additional funds for the chapter we will periodically hold raffles.

Currently there are 4 raffle prizes available.

Snakewood chances are \$1.

Blackwood chances are \$1 and the

Glass Hat (which was blown at our February meeting) chances are \$5 each.

Please come to our next meeting for more details!

TURNING FOR SALE

Anyone wanting to display vessels for sale at Krueger Pottery should bring them next meeting. Labeled, and priced. 60% goes to the turner, 40% to the store. We are looking for vessels only, so they fit in well with the pottery displays. Questions, call Mike Marxer.

* MAY *

DEMONSTRATION

For our May meeting John Buehrer will demonstrate "How to make a Lidded Box". He will show us techniques involved in planning the project, hollowing, and fitting the lid. If we are nice to him, he may even show us how to make an "Acorn Box".

COLLABORATIVE

This year's collaborative is really coming along. See the great pictures!



Kansas City, Here We Come!

TOP 10

Ten things you don't want to hear as a woodturner from a relative you don't really know.

1. I broke my broom handle, can you make me another one?
2. I've been saving a large cottonwood tree in my front yard for you. You can come cut it down and have it whenever you want.
3. I saw a great set of nested bowls at Neiman Marcus for \$1,000. If I give you \$25 for the wood and time can you make me a set?
4. Wow, that wood thing on your mantle is beautiful. I can't believe you made it. Can I have it?
5. My little league team ran out of money. Can you make us a dozen bats?
6. My forth grader is learning how to play chess. You should make him a set.
7. I've taken up billiards and really like those beautiful cues at the store. Can you make me one?
8. I saw this great turning at the Smithsonian Institute.....
9. I bought an old bed at a garage sale last week. Unfortunately the turned feet are rotted. Can you turn me new ones?
10. I'm building a deck, the spindles are really expensive. Lowes wants \$3.50 each. Can you turn me 400 of them if I buy you a sample?

DEMOS

Do you have an idea for a demo?

Is there a professional you would like to come to one of our meetings?

We are currently seeking ideas for future demonstrations...Your input is important as we schedule the demos for our upcoming meetings.

If you have ANY ideas or suggestions, please call or email John Buehrer - Conference Coordinator, Mike Marxer - President, or Micki Keim - Editor.

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