



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

November 2008

Pre-meeting Program

Come with your quandary, question or conundrum and team up with others who can instruct, illuminate or explain. It is hoped that two goals will be simultaneously achieved. That is, a mentoring program will be initiated and individual members will find solutions to their riddles or remedies for their dilemmas. So, if you have knowledge to share or confusions to be clarified bring them to the pre-meeting any time after 11am. Lathes will be available. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for those interested in being a part of the mentoring program.

Next Meeting

Wine & Cheese Party



**Christmas Ornament
Exchange**

AUCTION

ELECTION

**November 23, 2008
1pm**

at

Woodcraft

2077 Congressional Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Schmoker and Hinegardner Demonstrate Chainsaw Ways

Dan Schmoker, with assistance from Gary Hinegardner, presented a chainsaw program for the October meeting. Safety, maintenance and achieving the desired blanks within a log were the topics of the day.

Dan reminded everyone that safety comes first, "Wear safety equipment: hard hat, face shield and ear protection." He also stated that many chainsaw accidents occur by falling onto the saw, so when placing the saw on the ground, lay it on its side rather than setting it on its bottom. And always start

it while it is sitting on the ground.

Maintenance of the chain is highly important. As Dan stated, "Learn how to sharpen the chain so that the saw works instead of you." Both presenters showed their sharpening stands. Consistency of sharpening the teeth makes for easier cutting, so holding the saw stationary in a position that is comfortable for you to approach while sharpening can make a difference in the end. Information about the types of chains available and the proper tension on the chain were also provided.

Dan and Gary both demonstrated approaches
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Dan Schmoker, above, demonstrates the proper tension of the chain on his Stihl.

Gary Hinegardner, right, gives pointers on sharpening using his made-from-a-log vise.



Wine and Cheese Party

This month's meeting will be our holiday party and the last time the club meets until January 2009. That seems like a long time from now. So, come join the fun. Bring your favorite wine and some finger food to share. If you don't care for wine, bring whatever drink you prefer. Your spouse, friends and family are invited.

In addition to the election (see box to right), we will have a fund raising auction. The maple bowl made by Kyle Feldmann and Dave Endres at the August meeting will be sold, as well as, beautiful pieces by three of the clubs most skilled turners: Gary Johnson, Joe Emons and Matt Keim. Remember, this is to raise money so that our club can help to keep the art of woodturning alive.

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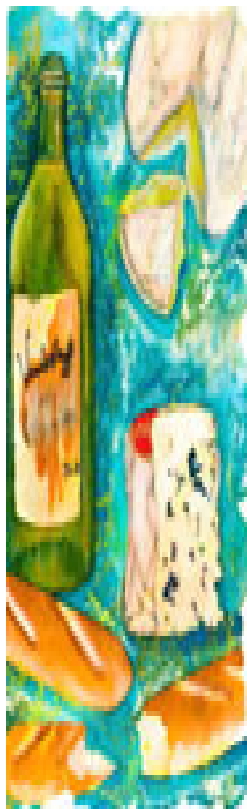
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November Elections

November is the month to elect officers for our club. All positions are one-year terms except for the presidency. This is Dave Endres first year, so we are not looking for a president. Gary Hinegardner, VP; Dave Baer, Secretary; and Walt Ahlgrim, Treasurer have all agreed to hold the same office again. However, nominations will be taken from the floor at the next meeting. None of the officers would object to relinquishing his position if another member were to show a desire to participate.

Although not an elected office, the Conference Coordinator position remains unfilled. Please step-up and volunteer. You're never alone. Other members are always willing to help.

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to cutting up logs to achieve a variety of blanks for bowls, hollow forms and platters. A cedar log and a walnut log were "dissected" and given away at the end of the demonstration. Dan reminded everyone that the club library has the Oregon chainsaw books that hold a wealth of information on chainsaws. Thank you to Dan and Gary for the program.

Announcements

Dan and Gary would like to organize a group order for chainsaw parts and pieces. So, bring the specifications for your chainsaw to the next meeting along with a list of the pieces you wish to order. The order will probably not be placed until after the January meeting to give everyone a chance to get their order in.

From the editors:

There have been more than a few glitches this past week, so all the changes to the mailing list have not been made as we had hoped. Because of that you are receiving your newsletter as you have been for the past few months. We are hoping to have the changes made for the December issue. Yes, we are planning on a December issue even though there is no meeting.

Thomas Simon

Katy Hinegardner

Opportunities for 2009

Programs —The club officers have some excellent ideas for programs for the coming year. However, they sincerely want input from club members. What suggestions do YOU have? What obstacles do you face when you're standing at your lathe? What new techniques are currently piquing your interest? Do you have a skill you'd be willing to share this year?

Make yourself a note and bring it to the next meeting. Or better yet, call or write one of the officers right now with your ideas. (See page 2 for contact information.) If they can't come up with someone in the club who holds that knowledge, they will do their best to bring in an expert in that area. Your board wants to bring programs to you that are of interest to everyone but they cannot do it without hearing from you.

Mentoring — Do you need help with basic skills? Sign-up to be mentored. Do you have particular skills that you want to share with others? Sign-up to be a mentor. This program keeps getting lost in the shuffle. Not this month!

Here's the idea. Mentors need to have:

1. A minimum of two hours to share with a mentee;
2. A specific plan;
3. Flexibility.

You never really know what a student needs until you see their skill level and they communicate their wishes or frustrations.

Mentors and mentees will not be tied to each other. That is, mentees/novices will call whoever they like to work on a technique or problem or specific project.

Gary Hinegardner will collect names and pertinent data for the Mentoring Program during the November party. He may need reminding but HE WILL DO IT.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Woodturners of St. Louis extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

**Charles Sapp of St. Charles and
Bill Mitchell of St. Louis.**

Treasurers Report October 2008

INFLOWS	
Uncatego. Rec.	5.00
Demonstrations	
Dairy	
Demo Expense	1,749.02
Demo Income	732.00
Workshop Income	802.00
TOTAL Dairy	-399.02
Klein	
Dinner	135.33
Workshop	-345.59
TOTAL Klein	-210.26
TOTAL Demonstrations	-579.28
Drawings	
Ticket Sales	29.00
TOTAL Drawings	29.00
End Sealer	
End Sealer Sales	285.00
TOTAL End Sealer	285.00
Members Dues	
2008	2,340.00
2009	165.00
TOTAL Members Dues	2,505.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,239.72
OUTFLOWS	
Club Expenses	
Flyers	51.22
Gifts	100.00
Government Fees	20.00
Picnic	160.00
Postage	16.40
tools	67.74
Other Club Expenses	3.16
TOTAL Club Expenses	418.52
Library	1,054.41
News Lertter	
Postage	68.09
Printing	422.08
TOTAL News Lertter	490.17
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,963.10
OVERALL TOTAL	276.62

**Bank Account Balance
11/9/08 = 4,325.27**

Library Notes

Our club library has grown by 32 new DVDs this year, thanks to the thoughtful purchases of our Librarian, Rich Hinkebein. He is working diligently to obtain a variety of DVDs and books to meet everyone's needs.

The next purchases will be the latest videos by Cindy Drozda, Chris Stott and Rex and Kip. If there is something you are interested in learning about, let Rich know so that he can work it into the 2009 purchases.

If you haven't explored the library lately, take a peek during the November meeting. When you check-out items, please return them at your earliest convenience. If you can't make it to a meeting, just drop them by Woodcraft when you're in the area. They will let you into the locked cabinet and you can replace the cards and return the items yourself.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

NAME _____ DATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-Mail _____

Check applicable boxes below:

Please consider receiving newsletter by email only. It saves a little paper, costs less, you'll receive it sooner and it's in color.

Bring this application to the next meeting along with your check . Or mail to:

Woodturners of St. Louis
c/o Walt Ahlgrim
10 Ramblewood Ln
St. Louis, MO 63141

Make check payable to: *Woodturners of St. Louis*

New member ☐

Renewing member ☐

Individual Membership (\$30) ☐

Family Membership (\$45) ☐

I would like to receive the newsletter by email ☐

I would like to receive the newsletter by snail mail. ☐

Applications for membership in the American Association of Woodturners are available at each chapter meeting.

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Next Meeting:

November 23, 2008

1pm

At Woodcraft

Pre-Meeting Workshop

Illuminate Perplexities

11am

