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Next Meeting

27 June 2010

1:00pm

No Pre-Meeting

THIS MONTH
Turning Miniatures
By
Dan Burleson

New Library Items

5 DVD's from Malcom Tibbetts.

Three are lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Getting Started; Tips, Tricks, and Feature Rings; and Exploring Possibilities. Volume four and five are about Functional Projects.

8 DVD's from AAW: 2009 symposium:

Instant Gallery, and two volumes of Techniques which are short sessions by the presenters on various topics. Also 5 skill building DVD's: Mark St. Leger on skill building projects; Rus Hurt on bowl turning; Robert Rosand on Turning Projects from Scrap; Myron Curtis and Ray Huskey biographies. Also included is a handout book from the symposium.

The June issue of American Woodturner,

Book

'7 great turning projects for the small lathe' by Bill Bowers,
'Turning Vintage Toys' by Chris Reid.

September Club Exhibit

The Board has given me permission to organize a public exhibit for the club. I am asking for members to donate examples of their work. The exhibit will run 1-30 September 2010, at the Saint Louis County Library, HQ. I need to collect the pieces at the August Club meeting. We can promote the club but we cannot use the exhibit to promote sales. In September, the Library is filled with all age groups from junior high to retirement age.

In general, I am looking for smaller pieces. I would like to see a variety of skill levels to encourage new membership. I think we should have some pieces which would pique someone's curiosity. I plan to present more information at this month's meeting. If you have questions, please free to contact me. James Payne jpayne.2011@gmail.com 314-226-3924

FOR SALE

Dan Burleson is selling pieces of zebrawood. \$4.00 / board foot
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COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

I am requesting help in gathering / collecting information on past projects. I would like to write a story for the website. Anyone with images, notes or stories please let me know.
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DAN BURLESON MINIATURES



DAN BURLESON BIOGRAPHY

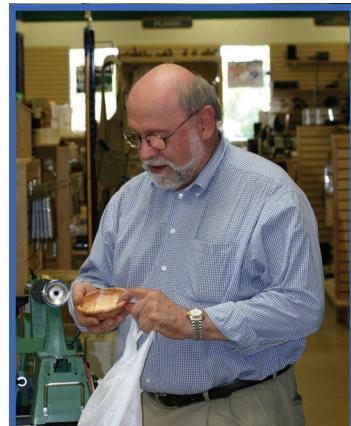
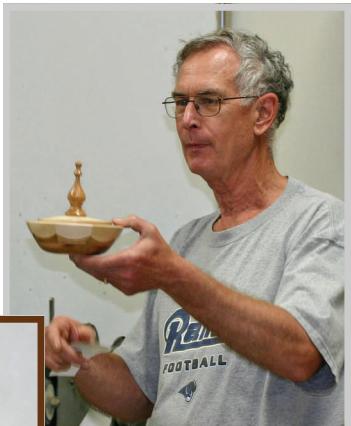
As with many of you I turned my first piece in High School. I made 3 pieces all with big scrapers. That was all our shop teacher knew about woodturning. But it fascinated me and I can still remember that big piece of wood spinning in front of me and ending up with a bowl, after allot of sanding. As instructed I sanded the bottom flat on a big belt sander and glued a piece of felt to the bottom to hide the screw holes. I was amazed that I had made that.

In 1983 I received a lathe as a birthday present along with a set of carbon steel tools. There were very few book and no videos then but I tried to teach myself how to turn wood. I made baby rattles, tops and small bowls. I even found an article in Fine Woodworking about a guy who ground old chisels and made small hollow vessels. Around 1989 I met Dan Ackerman who became my mentor, he was allot like Gary Hindergardner and he mentored many new wood turners especially kids. Dan Ackerman was heavily involved with AAW at the time and was AAW treasure for one of the early years and served on the board for a time. He invited me to a meeting of the Olympic Peninsula chapter of AAW where I was a member from 1998 to 2004, I joined AAW in 1992 and have been a member every since. I thought I knew a little about woodturning but realized I didn't know squat. After joining the club is when I really started to learn. I volunteered to be the club librarian so I could get first look at the books and tapes. We didn't have near the library we have here in this club but it was all gold to me. I was even voted in as president for a one term and again a few years later. The first time was exciting, the second time they had to talk a little harder. I salute every officer past and present for their effort and hard work, without them this club would not exist.

I retired from the Navy Region Northwest Fire Department in Washington State in 2004 and moved to MO to work for a company that writes software for Police, Fire, and E911 centers. I joined the St Louis wood turners club in Jan 2005 but because of the travel with my job I think I only made 2 or 3 meetings. The problem was I missed being around wood turners, that and with that economy thing I got laid off so since Jan 2009 I have been turning pretty much full time. The club in Washington State was great and I owe them more than I could every repay. The Woodturners of St Louis club has the same heart and I am proud to be a member. I have leaned something at every meeting here and made some great friends and contacts for wood. I figure you should pay it forward and that is why I like to do demos. I did quite a few for the Olympic Peninsula club and a couple for the Seattle and Tacoma clubs. I demonstrated for Powermatic in their booth making one piece pens and things out of recycled bowling pins at the woodworker's convention in Seattle for four years and at the AAW Symposium in 1999 with Rudy Olsnik, he was an amazing guy and I am glad I got to meet him. I figure doing a demo is giving back just a small margin of what I have received from being associated with AAW.

I will be doing a demo on miniatures. I like to do miniatures because you can practice shapes styles and if it doesn't turn out you have not wasted much time or wood. I like to do vases styled after Southwest Native American pottery and classic styles. I will also show you how to make a lamp with the shade made from that last little bit of wood held by the chuck jaws. I make most of the tools I use for making miniatures and I will show you how I do that. I hope to give a demonstration that will be informative, interesting and above all inspiring. I don't think they way I do things is the "way you have to do it". I will show you what works for me and you can modify it for the way you turn and come up with an even better way. Thank you for this opportunity.

SHOW AND TELL



Multi-Center Turning



May's demonstrator was Matt Keim. He used the Vicmarc-Escoulen Eccentric chuck to turn a small, toothpick holder. Matt discussed the limitations of the chuck, without its large number of accessories. While he was turning, Matt showed how he can plan his piece around a defect in the wood, such as a check or split.

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