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Next Meeting

23 January 2011

1:00pm

Turning Burls

NO Pre-Meeting

WoodWorking Show

11-13 February 2011

Gateway Center

Collinsville Illinois

cms.thewoodworkingshows.com

Jimmy Clewes

STL Missouri

6 - 8 August 2011

Details TBD

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Club Demos at the WoodWorking Show

We will be sharing a booth at the Woodworking show in Collinsville with the Lincoln Land Woodturners. We will be doing 3 demos each day, 15 minutes in length.

Proper Use of woodturning tools
Turning a Finger Bowl
Turning a top.

If you can help at the booth please contact Carl Hacker.
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An Interview with Chris Weiler

By Greg Works

Below is the transcript from an interview I conducted with Woodturners of St. Louis president Chris Weiler. Chris has just completed his first one-year term as president. In addition to providing insight into what might be in store for the club in 2011, Chris provides some interesting information about himself as a woodturner. I hope you enjoy learning about Chris as much as I did.

Q. What does the woodturning club mean to you?

It has given me the opportunity to attend several demos and workshops, provide good material from the library and to meet new people.

Q. Why did you volunteer to be president of Woodturners of St. Louis?

I don't consider myself to be a person that takes the lead very well. I would rather have been V.P. But sometimes you get called to do things that will stretch you. This happened to be one of those times. I have a very good group of Board members to work with. This makes my job a lot easier.

Q. What has the first year of being president taught you?

I am learning, not only from being president, but from other groups that I am involved with that whatever you undertake in life, even if you are very knowledgeable in that area you will always learn something. It seems the more you put yourself out there in an uncomfortable position the more you will learn.

Q. Do you have a vision for the chapter?

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Q. What has the first year of being president of the local AAW chapter taught you?

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Are there any changes you would like to make to the club this year?

To finally have the new website up and running. Also to make progress toward a mentoring program.

Q. How and when did you get started in woodturning?

It was by accident. I had no interest in woodturning. I ended up in a basic lathe class that Shopsmith had. I really enjoyed it. This was about 7 years ago.

Q. What type of woodturner do you consider yourself... professional, hobbyist, serious amateur, etc.?

I turn for fun... someday maybe becoming a production bowl turner.

Q. Do you have a favorite style or styles of woodturning?

I like bowls but will try anything.

Q. Who are some woodturners that have influenced you?**How have they influenced you?**

I have had 5 day classes with Richard Raffan, Mike Mahoney and Kirk Deheer. I have also had 1 day workshops with Ray Key, Allan Lacer, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, and Molly Winton. I get something from all of them. I have not had enough time to practice to take what I have learned from them and then come up with my own style.

Q. What is your most memorable woodturning experience?

Having dinner with Mike Mahoney, Richard Raffan and Kirk Deheer.

Q. What woodturning have you not yet done that you wish to do?

Off-center turning

Q. How much time to you spend woodturning?

Very little in the last 2 years. Maybe 3 hours a month.

Q. What is your shop like?

I have a 2 car garage that is used solely for woodworking. It is very cluttered. I have a Powermatic 4224 Lathe, Jet mini lathe, bandsaw, drill press, and a Shopsmith. It has several half-logs and rough turned bowls in it. Also, anything that I bring home and don't have time to put away gets thrown in there.

Q. What is your favorite woodturning that you have completed and why?

A wood hat. It was challenging and unique.

Q. If you were limited to one woodturning tool which one would you choose?

Bowl gouge.

Where do you see yourself heading as a woodturner?

Hopefully a production bowl turner

Is there any piece of advice you'd like to share with the club members?

The more you get involved with the club, volunteering to help with an event or hold and office, etc. the more you get out of the club. You get what you put into it.

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Submit application by mail or during the next meeting.
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