



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners

Kwis' List

Hopefully we are finished with shoveling and ice chipping for a spell and have some free time to make chips now. I have high hopes for the Peaks Woodturners in 2009 which leads me to a few questions I hope you will think about before the next meeting Feb. 10th.

1. How do you feel about having a demonstration/learning session on one day during a weekend once a month or once every two months open to all (especially young people)? We must check with John or think of other places to use. This will take several members each time who could rotate turns, develop programs and help

mentor.

2. Think of the *Big Thing* you would like to learn or receive during 2009 from the club.. This could be in the way of a demonstration, visiting artist, procedure, library additions (located in the bathroom at The Shop), road trips, whatever.. We are a club for our members and you all have read our mission on Peaks Woodturners.org web site under About Us. If you want to bring it up under new business at a meeting or contact Don, John, Dan, Jeanette, or myself privately just e-mail us or call with your idea or wants.

3. We want to thank John for allowing us to use his ma-

chines the last meeting for making our new tools-*golly* where else could you make 17 tools in two hours. Thank you John! If anyone needs help making their handle please get with me or Don and we can make arrangements to help you out.

4. Don't forget the Desert Woodturning at Mesa this coming weekend. It should be very interesting. Several of us are attending and hope to return with information and tidbits for you all. The rest of you keep saving your pennies for June and the national symposium in New Mexico- registration is still open.

Lin Kwis

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Board of Directors

- *President: Lin Kwis*
- *Vice President: John Giovale*
- *Secretary/Newsletter: Don Baker*
- *Treasurer: Jeanette Baker*
- *Program Coordinator: Dan Liggett*

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January Meeting Highlights

We had two new members join and two guests visit.

It was decided that advanced notice of who is supposed to bring snacks and drinks will be sent prior to each meeting. Kathy and Lin will bring food and drink for the February 10th meeting.

Lin was reelected president

for 2009 by voice vote of the members.

Dan Liggett was nominated for the position of program coordinator and he accepted. He was elected by voice vote of the members.

The 2009 executive board is as follows:

President: Lin Kwis

Vice President: John Giovale

Program Coordinator: Dan Liggett

Secretary/Newsletter: Don Baker

Treasurer: Jeanette Baker

Lin thanked Bill Dooley for serving as founding secretary of
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Members

Members in attendance at the December 2008 meeting were:

Lin Kwis
John Giovale
Bill Dooley
Don Baker
Jeanette Baker
Jill Farrell
Brodie Brickey
Andy Fox

Don Barnes
Kathy Moore
Chelsea Johnson
Dan Liggett

Guests:

Janet Brickey
Bill Burke

New Members:

Cindy Runyon
Mike Dries

New members and guests are always welcome.

Pride and Practice

Lin doesn't like to brag, but it's important to acknowledge when our members are recognized for their work. The recognition of others should be an inspiration to us all.

In any case, Lin received the Juror's Choice Award for one of her pieces in the 9th annual fine crafts exhibition, *It's Elemental*, at the Coconino Center for the Arts. The exhibit celebrated the talent and creativity of regional craftspeople, as well as the beauty of materials traditionally associated with fine craft work.



One of Lin's ornaments was selected for the award. Congratulations, Lin!

JANUARY DEMONSTRATION

DAN LIGGETT—MAKING AN ARIZONA TOOTHPICK STYLE HOLLOW FORM TOOL



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the club. She also thanked Don Baker for building our website which is www.peakswoodturners.org.

Lin had contacted the AAW symposium organizers and determined that we don't have to attend the Albuquerque AAW Board meeting on January 31st. We can still volunteer to help with the symposium. We must identify who is going to volunteer before by January 31st so Lin can let them know. At present it looks like only 4 members will be attending, Don, Lin, and Kathy for sure and possibly Bill Dooley. Don and Lin will be volunteering.

Lin asked the club to consider holding

periodic demonstrations for young people on a Saturday to introduce them to woodturning. John Giovale indicated that he could make The Shop available for the demonstrations. Don Barnes said Willow Bend Environmental Center might be another possibility as they always were looking for programming and people are familiar with the location. He will look into the possibility further and report back at the next meeting.

Jill Ferrell asked if a representative from the club would be interested in being interviewed on Channel 4/59 (NAU TV) as a way of increasing awareness of the group. Lin indicated it might be a good thing to do in July

to publicize the display we will have in East Flagstaff Community Library in August.

Bob Fain was unable to attend the meeting, but sent information he had gathered from the internet on do-it-yourself light boxes for photographing your work.

For our demonstration this month, Dan Liggett led us in building an Arizona Toothpick turning tool. First he explained how he makes tool handles and then we broke into groups to form an assembly line for building the tool. The process went very well and we built 17 straight bit tools, only breaking 2 taps in the process. Very little blood was shed.

Upcoming Demonstrations/Events

FEBRUARY— Making a Tool, Part 2

6-8 Desert Woodturning
Roundup, Mesa, AZ

MARCH—Roughing bowls—Kathy Moore

APRIL—Inside/out turning—Lin Kwis

JUNE 26-28—2009 AAW Symposium, Albuquerque Convention Center

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The Peaks Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The purposes of the Peaks Woodturners are to (1) provide a meeting place for local wood turners, (2) share ideas and techniques regarding wood turning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster the art of wood turning. Membership is open to anyone interested in wood turning.

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month and begin at 6:30 p.m. The location is The Shop at 450 S. River Run Road.