



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners

Prez Notes

I know, it is July, but there are only 111 more turning days until November when we do our annual club display and sale at the main public library downtown. What do you think will be the hot seller this year? Last year it was bird houses so we will make them just in case, but often what sold last year doesn't sell this year. I bet Karl's piggy banks and pig salt and pepper shakers would be a hot item. Maybe we could experiment with some of Tony's embellishment ideas?

The latest issue of *American Woodturner* has a great article for beginning woodturners entitled "Things I Wish I Had Known When I

Was a Beginning Turner" by Jim Echter that has 30 great tips. Here are a few:

Cut sheets of sand paper into small pieces, use them only a couple of times and then throw them away. This seems sensible, but sometimes it is tough to move that worn out piece of sand paper from the bench to the trash barrel. Using small pieces makes it easier.

Smooth your toolrests and soften the sharp edges of new turning tools. File, sand, and wax your tool rest, and grind or file the sharp edges on the shafts of turning tools so they don't ding up the tool rest.

Remember your ABCs. Ancor the tool to the tool rest. Brub the Bevel of the

tool before you start your cut, then start the Cut.

Tape your pockets closed with blue painter's tape. Well, duh! I should have figured that out.

Learn to turn a spindle first. Mastering spindle turning makes it easier to learn to turn bowls.

Family and friends only need so many bowls, so try turning something different. That's why we have the November sale, to foist our bowls on other families!

Anyway, there are many other good ideas in the article. (Advertisement) That's another good reason to join AAW.

Don Baker

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 - *Vice President: Bob Fain*
 - *Secretary/Newsletter: Jeanette Baker*
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June Meeting Highlights

Don Baker called the meeting to order and introduced guests Jim Reed and Tom Snyder.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved. Jeanette gave the treasurer's report for Don Barnes. She reported the club had received \$44.35 from the raffle bringing the total in the treasury to \$3,346.82.

Everyone who attended the

Jimmy Clewes demonstration in Prescott reported it was well worth the trip. So much can be learned from these demonstrations. Lin indicated she had videotaped the event and members were welcome to borrow the discs.

Don Baker reported that the exhibit at the East Flagstaff Community Library was up and en-

couraged everyone to go by and look at it. He also reminded the group that it wasn't too early to start making items for the November exhibit, which has been a good money-maker for the club.

There was considerable discussion about summer programs for kids. Six to 18 year olds will be the target audience. Three

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Members

Members in attendance at the June 2010 meeting were:

- Don Baker
- Jeanette Baker
- Lin Kwis
- Steve Van Ooteghem
- Carl Smith
- Rollie Kohl

Guests:

- Bob Fain
- Andy Fox
- John Giovale
- Karl Doerry
- Mike Dries
- Tom Snyder
- Jim Reed
- Amy Dries

New members and guests are always welcome. Annual membership dues are \$30.

Library Display Contributors

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| Bill Dooley | John Giovale |
| Don Barnes | Lin Kwis |
| Steve Van | Kathy Moore |
| Don Baker | Jeanette Baker |

Pride and Practice



Walnut box, osage orange sugar dish, and juniper box — John Giovale



Aromatic cedar bowl with turquoise inlay—Jeanette Baker



Laminated redwood and pine mama piggy bank with ash and walnut salt and pepper shaker piglets — Karl Doerry



Close up of Steve Van's whistle

JUNE DEMONSTRATION

Steve Van demonstrates turning a whistle and a pen



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workshops are proposed in July, August, and September. Workshops will be held at either the Bakers' house or Steve Van's. Those who are AAW members will be needed to help at each workshop.

Amy Dries came to thank the club for agreeing to donate hand-made pens for the Forest Highlands Fundraiser July 31. All money raised goes to Flagstaff charities. Pens can be received any time before July 31. Lin noted that she has pen blanks and anyone interested should contact her.

Don asked Jeanette to distribute information about the Desert Woodturning Roundup

which will be held in Mesa in February. The first registration deadline is September 7. Several club members who attended this event two years ago reported that it had been a valuable experience. Mike Mahoney and Mark Sfirri, who were at the Albuquerque Symposium, will be there. For more information, go to

<http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com/>

There was discussion about establishing a scholarship which would pay AAW dues for one year for a club member who isn't already a member of AAW. This would be a way of demonstrating the value of AAW membership as well as gaining another member who could

give demonstrations and help with club-sponsored workshops. There was interest in this idea. The details still need to be worked out.

Lin announced that someone from an artists' coalition had asked to come and speak briefly to the club next month about representing artists.

Jeanette Baker

Upcoming Demonstrations

July 17	Hands-on pen making	
	At the Bakers at 1:00PM	
Aug 14-15	HOW	Stuart Batty
Sept.	Basket—like turnings	Shermane Frei
Oct.	TBA	Jason Clark



COMING IN AUGUST

Saturday August 14

Sunday August 15

Stuart Batty

Hands on Weekend

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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 3503 West Kiltie Loop in Flagstaff.

www.peakswoodturners.org

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How to get to the Bakers:

From Rte 66 downtown take Elden or Verde north to Cherry. Turn right on Cherry and go to the top of the hill. Turn left on William and then left on David. The house is about a block and a half down on the left. 333 E. David Drive.



PEAKS WOODTURNERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Confirm e-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Membership (\$30/year): New _____ Renewal _____ Are you an AAW member? _____

Make Checks Payable to: PEAKS WOODTURNERS

Send completed form and check to:

Peaks Woodturners
c/o Barnes
4077 Broken Rock Loop
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Willing to give a demonstration? _____

Topic _____

Demonstrations you'd like to see: _____

