



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners June Meeting Highlights

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Mike called the meeting to order. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as presented.

Ernie gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$3,822.88. Expenses were \$428.02 to reimburse Bob for cabinet materials. Income included \$12 from the raffle and fifteen cents in interest resulting in an ending balance of \$3,407.01.

Members were reminded about the July pot luck at Carl and Debbie's. A map and more information will be sent later.

Don Barnes announced that his neighbor will be involved in an estate sale in August which will include a wood lathe. More information to follow.

Don Baker reported that he had received three phone calls from members of the public seeking someone to help with a woodturning project. One was time-sensitive and past, one Bob is going to follow up on, and no one knew of anyone who could help with the third project.

He also gave a preview of the August and September demonstrations and if there was any interest in having a hands-on class the summer. Last summer we had many open spots for the class. No great interest was expressed in a class for this summer.

Don also asked for suggestions for future demonstrations. John and Karel agreed to demonstrate making a Christmas tree ornament from cholla. Thread-chasing was another topic suggested.

Karl Doerry announced that the annual *Its Elemental* exhibit at the Coconino Center for the Arts would be December 3-4. Submissions for the exhibit were encouraged and the club was reminded that this was the big fund-raiser for the year and many volunteers would be needed for the demonstration and sale.

Jeanette Baker

Board of Directors

- *President: Mike Dries*
- *Vice President: Bob Fain*
- *Secretary: Jeanette Baker*
- *Treasurer: Ernie Kurmes*
- *Program Coordinator: Don Baker
John Armstrong*



- *Videographer: Bob Fain:*

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From the Editor

I recently came across a book called The Fundamentals of Woodturning by Mike Darlow. It's a pretty comprehensive overview of woodturning with many photographs and illustrations. Its brief section on *safety* reinforces some of what you've read in the column before but also has some general, basic points which always good to keep in mind.

1. Know what actions are likely to be unsafe.
2. Develop safe working habits and an awareness of the importance of safety.
3. Tools sometimes fall from your lathe. Wear sturdy shoes.

4. Keep your workshop clean and its floor clear.
5. Ensure that the floor is not slippery.
6. Provide sufficient working area around the machine.
7. Stack materials safely.
8. Ensure that the wood is free of defects which could cause it to split on the lathe.
9. Keep your hands away from the rotating wood unless you have a sound reason to feel or support it.
10. Contact with wood sometimes can be a problem. Some species with high levels of extractives can cause dermatitis. Avoid these rather than wear gloves or use barrier creams.

Jeanette Baker

Members

Members at the June meeting were:

- Ernie Kurmes
- Mike Dries
- John Armstrong
- Karel Armstrong
- Don Baker
- Jeanette Baker
- Joel Kefuss
- Harvey Cassidy
- Don Barnes
- Karl Doerry

Guests

- Jan Wee
- Daren Manley

New members and guests are always welcome. Annual membership dues are \$30. Family membership is \$30 for the first member and \$10 for each additional member.

Pride & Practice



Jeanette Baker

June demonstration - Jan Wee, basket-illusion plates



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Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities

July	12	Pot Luck	Carl & Debbie's	Sept	13	Jim Beaman	Camera system for hollowing
Aug	9	Walter Spencer	Sharpening techniques	Oct.	11	John & Karel Armstrong	Ornaments



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 woodturning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster the art of woodturning. Membership is open to anyone interested in woodturning.

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month and begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. The location for meetings is Local Works at 1926 N. Fourth Street, Suite 9 (behind Hunan East).

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