



# As the Wood Turns

## A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners

### Kwis' List

What a great time we had at the Desert Woodturners Roundup in Mesa in Feb. We (Don, Jeanette, John, and I) all saw so many wonderful demonstrations and talked with vendors and got all excited about trying some new ideas.

We are sorry about the cancellation of the February meeting but with snow levels etc., we were concerned about safety.

To whet your interest in our next meeting I was able to get some nice donations for our raffles ...I am talking about some really nice tools, D.V.D.'s, auto-graphed books by Dale Nish, a tee shirt, and other things plus many new catalogs for our library (in the restroom).

Save your dollars for raffle tickets the next couple of months and also for signing up for the

New Mexico Symposium in June.

1. **Kwis Challenge** to be open to all members and interns of Peaks Woodturners. As we heard many times in Mesa, learning to turn an egg really enhances your tool skills!! I am offering a prize to the best turned egg. The prize will be announced at the Flagstaff East Library exhibit opening and the eggs from **all** our members will be displayed in a bowl .

I think it will be fun and what a great way to use up scraps ...you don't even need a chuck to make them. They need to be sanded and finished and the size of a normal egg. I have been known to make quail eggs that were supposed to be chicken eggs. Just keep working on shape until you get there!! I REALLY WANT TO SEE EVERYONE

TURN AN EGG!

2. I have many things ready for the library and will show them at the next meeting. I hope people are making use of the library; it is pretty good for such a young club. It really is on the honor system; take what you want to look at and just please remember to return it the next meeting.

3. We need to know.....Not only is John G a real giving guy in letting us use his shop /tools for our meetings plus encouragement, he and his wife have also been giving in a good way to the educational system. The January 15 issue of our local paper announced their \$75,000 donation for a position in fund raising benefiting Camp Colton. Thank

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### Desert Roundup Highlights



Jimmy Clewes demonstrating



A beautiful Jimmy Clewes turning

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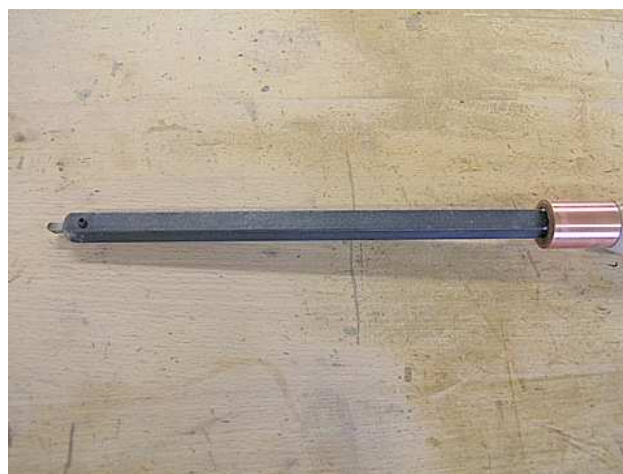
you John for being such a good guy!

4. Jeanette has developed letterhead stationery for our group along with some business cards. I have used the paper to thank all the vendors for their kind donations for our raffles. It might be a good idea for all members to have a couple of business cards when, in our travels, we meet interested souls. I will check into the price of cards. You can write your name on the back. These would have been nice for all the friends we made and vendors we dealt with in Mesa. Thank you again Jeanette for your good work!

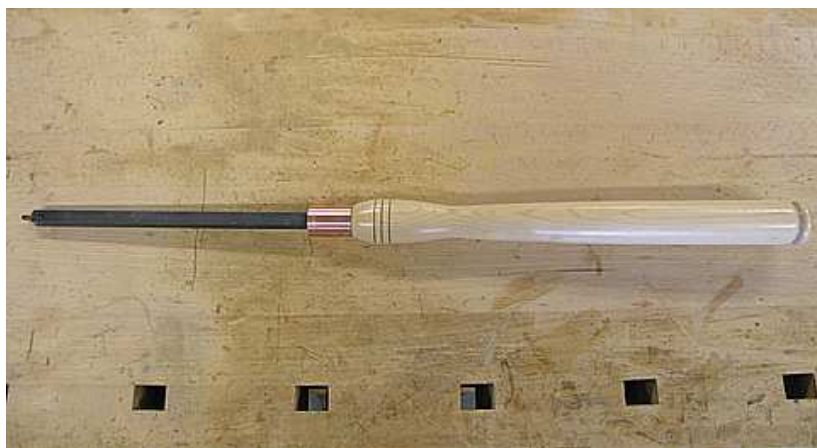
Lin Kwis

## Pride and Practice

At the January meeting Dan Liggett led us in the manufacture of an Arizona Toothpick boring bar style hollowing tool. Tool-making is common among woodturners. It's a good thing because commercial high quality tools are very expensive.



Arizona Toothpick—materials costing \$2.00 (less handle)



Arizona Toothpick with home-made maple handle



Business end of the tool

## Desert Roundup Highlights *Continued from page 1*



Alan Lacer turns an egg.



Hans Finsterwalder turns a “spider” box.



One of Hans Finsterwalder’s “spider” boxes.

## Upcoming Demonstrations/Events

MARCH—Roughing bowls—Kathy Moore

APRIL—Inside/out turning—Lin Kwis

MAY 14-16 —Utah Woodturning Symposium

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.*