



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners

Kwis' List

1. Among woodturners there is honesty!!! Update...I am happy to tell all that the ordering of burls from California turned out fine. The shipper, Dennis, not only waited until my friend in Pa. and I received our burls but then also followed up with a call to make sure I was happy with the burls. At that time I sent him a new check (as I had stopped payment on the original check) for the burls and thanked him.

2. Gentle reminder that the big symposium in New Mexico is the end of next month, June 26, 27, and 28. I encourage all to attend if they possibly can. There may still be rooms available. Kathy Moore and I will definitely be going. I have talked with several lathe manufacturers about the possibility of purchasing a mini lathe as another loaner for the

club.

3. I hope all members of Peaks Woodturners are open to meeting new woodturning friends. I had a call the other night from a fellow woodturner from Texas saying he would be in town for three months while his wife was working in the area. He had brought his jet mini with him and wanted to get together and visit. He (I will not use his name as I have not talked with him about putting this in our newsletter) will be coming to our meeting at The Shop on next Tuesday. Fortunately I had aspen and oak in my pile to offer him, thanks to Kathy's fall wood cutting adventures. I think we always must be open to meeting new people and pass on our spark of passion for turning. While he is in the area he is open to helping with kids'

workshops, etc., and offers the use of his lathe and expertise. Since he will be here for three months maybe we can get a couple of events planned. Come with some ideas Tuesday!!!

4. Remember to keep turning those eggs! I would love to have at least one egg from each member of our group for the Public Library display in August.

Lin Kwis

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April Meeting Highlights

Don Barnes told us that some boys that he sponsors through Big Brothers/Big Sisters were interested in trying their hand at woodturning and they will be available next Thursday evening, April 23rd. Lin, Don and Jeanette Baker, John, and Don Barnes will be there to help them in pen-making. This will take

place between 6:30 and 8:00 pm. We will prep blanks with tubes before the event.

Lin would like us to buy a mini lathe for the club. She is contacting vendors for discounts and likes what she sees of the new Steel City mini lathe. The Steel City uses granite for the headstock and bedways. Some

thought this was gimicky though it might make sense if rust is a big issue.

Future programs were announced, but have subsequently been modified. Shermane Frei's demonstration has been moved to Saturday, July 18th. Our May

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Members

Members in attendance at the March 2009 meeting were:

- Lin Kwis
- John Giovale
- Bill Dooley
- Don Baker
- Jeanette Baker
- Bob Fain

- Brodie Brickey
- Andy Fox
- Don Barnes
- Cindy Runyon
- Mike Dries
- Rollie Allen
- Jill Farrell

Guests:

- Gene Balzer

New members and guests are always welcome. Membership dues are \$15 per calendar year.

Special Event

On Thursday, April 23rd, Don Barnes brought four young men sponsored by Big Brothers/Big Sisters to The Shop to learn how to turn and build a pen. Everyone, especially the club members, who helped out enjoyed themselves. Thanks to John G. for making the shop available.



Angelo gets a few pointers from Don Baker as John and Jesus look on.



Lin helps Mason turn a pen.



Close up of Mason turning.



Don Baker helps Jesus turn a pen out of cherry.



Lin works with Tristan.



Mason and Angelo enjoy trying out their new pens.

APRIL DEMONSTRATION

DON BAKER ON PEN MAKING



Drilling the blank



Turning the pen



Assembling the pen

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demo will be on hollow form turning by our own Dan Liggett and will be on Tuesday, May 12th. Brodie Brickey, Jr. will demo his travel mugs in June. Bill has gotten Hans Finsterwalder to come in August. This will be another Saturday meeting on August 15th. We apologize for the frequent adjustments in the demonstration schedule, but chips happen!

Wayne Wolfe from Prescott Area Woodturners contacted Don Baker in late March about having a joint meeting with PAW in Flagstaff, possibly in July or August. When Don contacted members of the PAW board at the PAW

April meeting, there was not a huge amount of interest in this on the part of their members. At our meeting we voted to offer to attend one of their meetings in the fall as a joint get together.

Justin Erickson had a graphic artist who worked for him create a logo for the group. It was presented at the meeting. There was about an even split between those who liked the new logo and those who preferred the old. Mike Dries and Bob Fain both offered to have their artistically talented spouses take a shot at producing logos for us, so next meeting we will have at least four choices to vote on.

There was discussion about moving our meetings to Saturday afternoons permanently to better accommodate out of town demonstrators and so Don Baker wouldn't have to stay up past his bedtime. The feeling was that we would lose a lot of people who have family commitments on Saturdays, so we decided not to permanently change the meeting day.

Upcoming Demonstrations/Events

MAY 12 — Hollow form turning — Dan Liggett

JUNE— Travel Mug—Brodie Brickey, Jr.
26-28—2009 AAW Symposium,
Albuquerque Convention Center

JULY 18 *SATURDAY*— Basket illusion
turning — Sherman Frei

AUGUST 15 *SATURDAY*—Hans Finsterwalder

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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.

Pride and Practice



The Egg Challenge so far



Goblet—Brodie Brickey



Bubinga bowl—John Giovale



Aspen bowl —Jeanette Baker



Big leaf maple burl bowl —Lin Kwis



Pens — Lin Kwis
