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THE PREZ SEZ

Prez Sez – Nov. 2011

Here we are in November. How many of us have been out in the woods enjoying the fall and looking for potential bowl turning material. We have been lucky, warm days and no snow.....Yet!

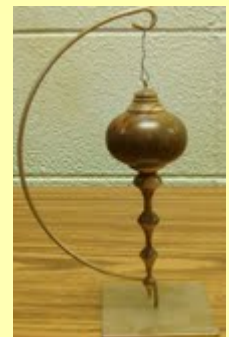
Many members have been busy as beavers turning pens thanks to Phil Miller who has organized and lead the charge. Dan Erickson and Duane Hill will be delivering pens to Operation Home Front at the Armory at Onalaska Nov. 9th, 2011 and Reading a presentation letter to the leadership. All club members are welcome to attend the presentation.

November meeting will have Paul Woelper demonstrating how to make utensils and Bob Patros will be presenting the meeting. I will be having foot surgery on Friday and hope to be at the meeting with my foot up, taking pain pills, eating donuts and watching the proceedings from a chair.

Per the announcement I made last week; we are looking for a Vice-President and a Program Chairman. Please offer your help to fill these important roles.

December will be a fun meeting. The premise is to bring your first turning and your latest turning to share the goods, bad and ugly of your days of being a wood turner. We will go around the room and if you want to share a story or show your turnings feel free, if not, enjoy the stories of others.

We will also share a pot luck lunch (Christmas Party). We will have a Nesco Roaster full of something. Please bring a small pot of something to pass or some of your favorite cookies, Brownies, or other goodies we can all enjoy. We will provide more details as we get closer to our December meeting.



The wood lathe is a reasonably safe tool, and it's fun to use ... but it will bite you if you're not careful.

Common Sense Safety

Anything that can wrap up in the lathe will do so sooner or later.

Start your turning session by removing your rings and watches, tying back long hair, and getting shirt sleeves out of the picture. A turning smock with a tight collar and half-sleeves is a good investment, and will keep chips and dust out of your street clothes. Wear a face shield and a dust mask whenever you turn wood (see Proper Equipment below).

Look everything over before you spin it. Check the rotation of any work piece before you start the lathe, and always check the lathe's speed setting before you flip the switch. Improper initial speeds and work hitting the tool-rest account for a lot of accidents. Also double-check your mounting job before trusting a bowl blank. Use the tailstock whenever possible to help keep work secure. When using a chuck to remount work, be sure you have aligned the new mounting concentric to the old axis and slow your lathe's speed before starting newly mounted pieces. Inspect all turning stock carefully for hidden flaws and cracks. Having a knot or a checked spindle or bowl blank suddenly letting go at 1,000 rpm can be like a shrapnel bomb.

An off-balance piece can jump out of the chuck and pay a call on your nose. Be wary of intentionally out-of-round or out-of-balance work as well. Many fascinating effects of turning are achieved by doing off-center or multi-axis turning, but these are techniques that demand extra attention to safety.

Irregular pieces are more dangerous, and deserve respect.

Keep your fingers behind the tool-rest. Many turning injuries are the result of a finger caught between the turning and the rest. Natural edges can be especially dangerous this way, as they are irregular, can drag stray fingers into the "gap" and then act like a saw blade! In this instance, what you can't see can really hurt you.

Sanding on a lathe can hurt you; don't take it lightly.

Sanding is another danger spot. Lots of jammed fingers and twisted wrists happen when a turner gets caught in jammed abrasive while working inside a bowl. Be sure you can let go quickly if the paper catches. Keep the tool-rest completely out of the way when sanding. Try using a foam rubber 'finger' to hold abrasives in bad spots; it may help you keep your real finger intact.

See that your chisels stay sharp.

A clean cutting edge creates less drag, and leaves a better surface. It's also less likely to catch and cause an accident. Use the right chisel for the job; don't fake it if it's not safe.



Open Shop Night - Since there has been no activity on Open Shop Night for the past several months, I am thinking it's time has gone. I will no longer have scheduled Open Shop Nights on Tuesdays. I will, however, be available should someone desire to have some one-on-one work. Thanks to all those who have attended. - Duane



Empty Bowl Dead line is the November meeting. Bring your turnings to help raise money for that great program. Any question contact Duane or any of the board members.



For Your Interest A few weeks ago, I attended the first meeting of some local artists, lead by Mike Martino, who are working to establish a local arts “event” to promote the arts and downtown. I see no reason good woodturning should not be included. They are having another meeting to plan and discuss this event further. Details are below if you are interested in providing some input. R.E.

You are invited to a casual gathering to discuss the ART BLOCK PARTY at the studio of Portrait Artist Margaret “Peggy” Carter Baumgaertner from 5pm to 7pm on November 19th, 2011.

Peggy’s studio is above the Monet Flower shop at 507 Main St. La Crosse. Use the door to the left of the Monet entrance and go up the steps and to the second floor, then go to the right.

The studio is very large and can accommodate many people. We will provide finger food and beverages. BYO if you like.

It will be fun!

Please forward this invitation to your friends and check the Block's website:

<http://laxartblockparty.blogspot.com/>.

See you on the 19th.





I want to thank all that helped with this project. The wood cutters, the hole drillers, the turners, the shops that were offered up, and the meals that were served. Without a team effort this final conclusion would not been possible. It was a great project, and to all for our Veterans thank you for your service. Thank you Phil

What is a Veteran? A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of up to and including his or her life.

Semper Fi! (1965-1974)



Club Calendar Events & Club Meetings For 2011

October Meeting 10/15/2011

Duane Hill Ornaments

Festival Of Trees

November Meeting 11/19/2011

Paul Woelper Kitchen Tools

Holmen Empty Bowls due

Veterans Day 11/11/2011

Pens For Troops

December Meeting 12/17/2011

Discussion and Show and Tell.

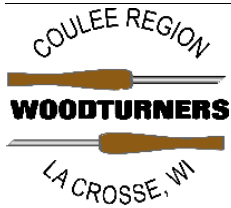
Items For Sale

Panel Pro model PRO 1 panel saw. In good operating condition. I purchased it for a project, and now no longer need to keep it, as I don't do that much cabinet work. This is very similar to a model on the website, www.panelpro.com
I'd like \$650 for mine. It should fit in a full-size pickup.

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"A Turn For the Better"



**Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
Nov 19 2011 at 9 am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center at the intersections of Quincy & 6th Ave North in Onalaska, Wisconsin. 608-783-9290

We'll start the program promptly at 9am, so get there early to avoid getting a Uecker Seat.

We'll have coffee, so
Chocolate donuts are
ALWAYS
Welcomed.

