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The Prez Sez...

Hi

Spent most of the day in the shop. Some days I do better work than others, this was not a good day. One of those days when everything I do is a struggle. I felt like I was back in turning 101. Spent a lot of time working on a 22" spalted maple bowl for a friend - Out side finished and sanded. Inside finished except for that optional last pass for a little more cleanup. Started an easy even shallow cut halfway down the side and across the bottom - I never got to the center. I misjudged the thickness (which turned out to be a strong 5/16") and the bottom blew out along one of the spalt lines. I now have a 22" spalted lampshade. I also have several missing patches of skin on my left arm. I wear a turning smock, glove on left hand and a respirator / visor/ helmet normally when I turn , this outfit is sometimes is hot and confining but saved my face from several orbit bound parts of bowl, the respirator also did something equally important. It kept the bacteria from the maple spalt out of my lungs, wood bacteria loves warm , moist dark places - Lungs- Other than being rather upset at the loss of the project and the embarrassment of explaining to my wife why I was washing off blood in the kitchen sink to get a better look at the damage. I live to turn another day

Who would have thought that one snowy chilly morning in January that we had 58 Bodies enjoying the meeting, several guests and several new members, there are aprox 68 members with paid up dues and about 30 more or less who have not paid up for the coming year. We have potential of 90+ members this year which gives us so many good minds to draw from.

I know I sound like a broken record, but no dues = no news letters and no membership. Give treasurer, John a break and get it done. Last night in talking with Jim Frank this season demo schedule is almost full. Again thanks for those who come early and stay late for Sat up & cleanup. Keep those cookies and donuts coming

See you in February Clyde

Something else new for this year Time permitting at the end of the planned demo of each meeting there will be a short tool demo by a club member for those who are interested. This will show a new tool and brief usage of the tool. Each month will be a different tool. If you have a questions on a particular tool , let us know.



News From The Board

Your 2012 Dues are due! If you are not a currently paid member, please see John Griffiths or contact him 608-248-2782 to get current. Dues are still only \$35, with checks payable to CRW. Don't miss out on access to our growing library and collection of loaner tools!

From Treasurer John Griffiths: Thus far for 2012, total income from dues and other sources is \$2415, and total expenses are \$927.32. See John if you need more details.

Tomah VA Turning Adventure

Feb 13th at 3:45 PM we plan to meet at the Sherman Tank in the park at Tomah (Main Street North). We should get to the VA turning room at 4:00 PM, set up and expect vets at 5:00 PM. We will have two Mini Jets and two sit down Delta Mini-Lathes. Phil will be bringing one and I will be bringing one. We should bring along with us the wood you want to turn, a face shield and your favorite tools. All turned items will be given to the troops. Sanding should be at a minimum.(Dust Concerns) Turning time is 2 hours +/- a little.

You can choose to make anything you want to; Pens, Small Bowls, Pen Cups, if you want to use a chuck, bring your own. I will bring the plastic guards for the lathes. Vet interaction is welcome with your assistance. Jim Frank.

Members presently signed up are

:

Phil Miller

Jim Frank

Duane Hill

Clyde Cassell

Calendar

Topics for Meetings:

Feb - Tool Sharpening with Duane Hill. Bring your problems for a pointed discussion.

March - Jamieson hollowing system with Jim Frank.

From the Des Moines Woodworkers

Craig Timmerman Turning Demo & Workshops

On Saturday, March 31, noted turner Craig Timmerman will be putting on a day-long demonstration at the Woodsmith Store from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Projects to be covered will include torus vases, 3-legged display stands, "double-take" vase-turning a multiaxis vase, spheres, and, if time permits, a 3-sided bowl. the cost is \$25 for Des Moines Woodworkers Association members and \$40 for non-members (includes lunch). Additionally, Craig will be offering a limited number of all day, hands-on classes for a fee of \$110/day on April 1, 2 & 3. All class reservations are first come/first served. DMWA Members will have priority until March 1st. On-line recipients should complete the included form and post office receipts should contact Paul Miller at 515-276-6943 or e-mail: miller-pem@gmail.com to register.

Notes From Your Editor

Thanks very much to Dan Erickson for a fun demonstration making snowman head ornaments at the January meeting! Thanks also to all who brought refreshments for the meeting. My brother-in-law Jim was there as a visitor, and he was very impressed with the beautiful works this group brings in for display in our instant gallery.

Our February topic will be about tool sharpening, presented by Duane Hill. Duane will demonstrate the use of the One-Way Wolverine Grinding system, as well as free-hand grinding. Members are invited to get help grinding their problem tools. There will be extra grinders available for members to use, and members can bring up to two tools to the demonstration. There will also be mentors to assist with grinding. Please bring your eye protection.

I struggled for a long time with grinding, and it wasn't until I got my grinding equipment properly tuned up that I realized just how essential that is to successful turning. This should be a good demo for novice and experienced turners. Duane promises to keep discussions to the point and on the cutting edge.

Kevin Vossler could use a hand during meetings photographing our instant gallery.

Please note the item about some club members traveling to the Tomah VA on Feb 13th, and contact Jim Frank if you want to go along. You don't have to turn, and extra help is always appreciated.

One of our members, Ansel Heram, is recovering at an area care center. I understand his spirits are good, and he is doing well. Phil Miller and Jim Frank can provide more details. Please keep Ansel in your thoughts.

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"A Turn For the Better"



**Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
Feb. 18 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.

