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Thanks for the “a-lure-ing” presentation in March with Mark Palma! Good notes on lathe safety as well. Larry Gehl will be our presenter this month, revealing the secrets to those beautiful segmented vessels! Don’t miss it!



Mark Palma



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The Prez Sez...



Hello Members, I have to take my mind off fishing for a while to talk woodturning. The boat is ready to go, my reels have been greased and oiled, line replaced and I just have to tie some lures on, gas up the boat and hit the water when we get a decent day.

I want to take this moment to thank a few people for their contribution to the club. Duane Hill is the obvious choice. A charter member, a very skilled turner who has forgotten more than I will probably ever know. He wears many hats in the club and helps keep the business of recording or demos going. Along with Bob Raasch, Adrian Novak and a few others. I will also mention the contributions of Ginie Wintersteen and Gary Friemann in their roles of Secretary and Treasurer. They keep the nuts and bolts of the club sorted and counted. They are invaluable. Be sure to take a moment to thank them in person.

So, how about the demo we had in March? Always important to talk about the unpleasant stuff like turning safety. Mark Palma, our demonstrator did a masterful job of approaching the topic. Our thanks to Adrian for getting him on the schedule and to him for his demo. As a fisherman, I'm here to tell you those lures he makes would have an extremely subtle action. Just the ticket for very gun-shy bass. (There I go talking about fishing again.)

Our April meeting will feature our own Larry Gehl talking about segmented work. Who knows, that may be what it takes to get me to do segmented work. It was our demo on pen making a few years ago that got me turning Sierra pens. I bought a bunch of kits, a mandrel and bushings, and the rest is history. Now I create some cool stuff for writing too. So make sure you show up for the meeting, bring something for the instant gallery and enjoy the morning.

We have mentioned a time or three over the past few months that the library case is getting a little crowded. TMI as some say, too much information being crammed in too few shelves. Jack Fitzpatrick built a fantastic case a few years ago that was more than adequate but we have outgrown it. It just cannot be expanded. The board decided to build a new case that will increase the feet of shelf space by 50%. Phil Miller and Adrian Novak will build it, it will be two sided and not increase the overall footprint of the case. That is important since we have a lot of stuff we have to keep in the cage. The old case will be auctioned off when the new one is complete and our very capable auctioneer/program director will do the auctioning at an upcoming meeting. So sooner or later the case will be complete, the switch will take place and some lucky member gets to take a pretty cool case home with them.

Bob Patros has been kind enough to set up a display of turned pieces in the display case on the third floor of Gundersen Clinic near the walkway over the street between the East and Founders buildings and the main clinic. He will be taking items at the next couple of meetings and Jim Frank will be creating the name cards for each one. My contribution will be a couple of mid sized walnut bowls and I will bring them to the April meeting.

Those who attended the last meeting noticed some improvement in the video quality. Rich Egan, Adrian and Bob made some changes in cables and camera placement that helped but the sad truth is, one camera is failing. Cheap video cameras are available but do not produce a clear picture. Quality used cameras are available on internet auction sites for a small amount but if they work or how long they will work is problematic. The board is not inclined to gamble with members money by buying a pig in a poke. So we are going to do some improvements over time with the long term goal to be using high definition cameras and big screen TV sets but that takes moola so the improvements will be piecemeal. We decided to set aside the income from the meeting auctions to pay for the equipment.

Upcoming meetings promise to be interesting. In May we meet at A Line and Phil will demo. He is just not certain yet what he will present. June we go to Stevenson's for a trip through their museum and will be treated to a pot Luck and John Frawley's demo.

See you on April 16 at the Onalaska Community Center. John

Dan Check



CRW March Instant Gallery

Bob Patros



Wendell Ziegler



Steve and Carol Stevenson



Bob Raasch



Ken Critzman



Duane Hill



Dan Wilson



Wendell Ziegler



Dan Check



More March Instant Gallery

Bob Patros



Dan Wilson



Carol Stevenson



Wendell Ziegler



Ken Critzman



Jim Johnson



Dan Check



Opportunities

At the club's request, I will be setting up a display of your work at GHS-La Crosse in June. The display is located on the third floor near the bridge over South Avenue.

That was the soonest date that would allow us a whole month to display our work. Also, this will hopefully give you time to turn a piece by June.

As we have grown to be a large club, I would like to collect either 2 small pieces or one larger piece from individuals. I would need, taped on each piece, just a legible name, the type of wood, and your city and state. I will be asking Jim Frank to create labels.

In April and May, I will be collecting the pieces. You can either bring them to the April or May meeting or drop them off at my home.

As in the past, I will treat your pieces like my own, though I will not take any responsibility for their loss or destruction. Don't worry too much, nothing has ever happened before (knock on wood!!).

Please consider participating.
Bob Patros

We will be traveling to the V.A. in Tomah, WI on
April 30 building 455

Set up at 8am will quit at 11:30am

We will have the 2 club lathes and a third one from A-Line

Please contact me if you would like to help.

If you would like to turn, keep it simple, and bring what you like to do.

E-mail me or call.

Phil Miller

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Badger Woodturners
 Are hosting professional woodturner John Jordan in
 Madison. John will be there April 23-25. There may be
 space available yet to reserve a seat. Contact:

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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting
Saturday,
April 16 2016 at 9 am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center 515 Quincy St Onalaska, WI. 54650 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.

