



Newsletter

April 2013

We are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

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*2013 Christmas Toy Challenge –
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*Please don't forget to check-out the
club's web site.*

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/>

March's Club Meeting

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with some good food and great conversations with fellow members. Raffle tickets were sold and our "Show and Tell" and "Challenge" items filled the table full of some great projects. The creativity and talent of our members are amazing.

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. We had 23 members in attendance, and 1 guest joined us for the evening. There were 20 members that participated in the Challenge/Show and Tell program. See all the wonderful items at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show%20&%20Tell.htm>. This month's participation was pretty impressive, and a lot of points were given out for the "Turner of the Year" program.

President's Announcements

Questions and Answers

The "Question and Answer" program is underway. If you have a question that you would like answered, just write your question down and slip it into the "Question and Answer" box. There is no need to include your name if you want to remain anonymous. Your question will be answered that night if possible. Some questions may require research and in that case it will be answered at the following meeting.

Insurance

Some portions of the insurance policy historically provided by the AAW are no longer included at no cost. With that being said, they are offering an add-on through Philadelphia Ins. Co. that will cost the club \$90.00 a year. The problem is that it doesn't cover a lot of items needed for the club. They also offer an optional plan that will cost \$425.00 a year. Even this plan raises some questions. Thankfully one of members, Bob Robinson, has some past experience with insurance policies. Even though he is in Florida, he took the time to review the policies and called during the meeting to

give us an overview, answer questions, and get some feedback from the members. It looks like this is going to be an expensive journey for the club.

Pictures for 2014 Gallery

Members were asked to send Bob Robinson some pictures of their work as part of the application process for the Gallery in 2014. Hopefully everyone was able to do that.

New Lathe

The new lathe is up and running, however we still need a shield to help protect folks watching demonstrations. Jim Mills said that the club had three shields made in the past. The question is, where are they currently located? An attempt will be made to locate them, and if they aren't located, Maury Mahan has volunteered to make one.

Work Day

Another work day will be scheduled to finish the duct work for the dust collection system. Members will be notified on the date and time.

Toys

Lloyd has made some contacts for the Christmas toy program. Currently the only restriction is lead based paint. So keep making the toys, just don't use lead based paint.

Website

Our website is really coming together thanks to Ruth Niles. Please take the time to thank her, she puts a lot of time and effort into it for us to enjoy. If you have any pictures to post on the site gallery, please send them to her. Also if you haven't put your blog together or filled in the Club Website Info sheet, please help us out and take care of it.

Library

Library donations are welcomed, and if you would like to see what's currently there, go to this link:

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Library.htm> . Checking an item out of the library is easy, just see Joe Wertner.

Dues

Club dues are currently \$20.00. If you haven't paid your dues for this year, please see Grant Wheeler.

Shirts & Hats

Shirts are still available, and there was an interest in obtaining hats for the club. The cost is going to be \$12.00 per hat, and members will have to preorder them. Jim Kline started a list and if you didn't make the meeting, please let him know that you are interested.

Note: Hats were purchased for those who signed up for one, so if you signed up for a club hat, please bring \$12.00 to the next meeting to obtain your hat.

Cancellation Policy

Something that rarely happens is the cancellation of a scheduled club meeting. As we know in February, due to an accident which took out the power in the shop, the meeting was cancelled. Due to this, a policy has been implemented. In the future, if a scheduled club meeting is cancelled, the officers will attempt to contact the members to notify them of the cancellation, and the meeting will be rescheduled for the following Thursday as a general rule.

Safety

The safety tip for the evening was presented by Jim Kline. The topic, "When are you too old

to turn". This was a topic in the AAW newsletter. Please take time and check it out, <http://web.mail.comcast.net/zimbra/mail?app=mail#2>. Jim also passed out a hand out with 17 questions. Due to time, we were unable to answer the questions during the meeting. Jim asked the members to answer the questions and bring them to the next meeting.

Challenge/Show and Tell

The Challenge for March was to turn a bowl, and to bring in your bottle stopper from last month. It was a wonderful site to see a table full of projects. Unfortunately, due to time we were unable to hear all the stories behind the projects. Thanks to all who participated. Next month the challenge is to turn a Yo-Yo. I think this is going to be an interesting challenge. I know they will look good, but I wonder how many will actually work.

New Item on Market

Well, this may not be new to the market, but if you have a Wolverine Grinding Jig, they sell a Skew Jig now that works great for sharpening your Skews.

Demonstration

The demonstration was titled "Woodturner Tips" presented by Joe Wertner. If you missed this meeting you lost out on a lot of tips. Joe got things started with his number one tip, and that was to attend the club's meetings. For me that was a great start. I know every meeting I attend; I always go home with a little more knowledge than I came with.

He went into talking about making your own tools, while encouraging others to share some tips. Before you know it, tips were coming from all directions. Here are a few of the tips.

1. If you cut a piece of PVC pipe and put it over your handle, it will extend your handle.

2. Make a #2 taper out of wood, and then install a drill bit into the end of it. Now you can drill a hole using your tail stock.

3. Cut a dowel to fit snugly in the center hole of your face plate, and then put a pin in the center of it. That way you can use it to find your marked center before securing your face plate to the wood.

4. Need to hang something up? Use a tab from a soda can.

5. Need a depth gage? You can make one by taking a piece of wood about an inch wide, then cut it to the length you need. Drill a hole in the middle big enough for a dowel rod, and on the top, drill a smaller hole for a knob. Then put a dowel rod through the hole, screw in your knob, and you have a depth gage.

6. Instead of buying sand paper to fit the little sanding discs, you can buy full sheets of sand paper with the felt back and cut them out. A good way to cut them out is to take a hole saw, grind the teeth off, and taper the inside. Then just cut them out. Keep in mind, that if you cut them out a little bigger than the pad that you are going to mount them to, it will help when sanding a curve in a bowl.

7. When you finish turning your project, ensure you turn your lathe down to the slowest speed. This will help to prevent mounting something, then turning the lathe on, and find out it was on a high speed, which could lead to an event that you may not want to see.

8. To help prevent your oil from curing on top, put a lid on it and store it upside down. Another way would be to add some marbles to bring the oil level to the top of the container.

9. A good blade to keep on your band saw would be a ¼" blade. This size can handle most of your sawing needs.

10. CA glue is good glue; however, if you want a stronger bond, use an accelerator with it.

Of course this is just a hand full of the tips that were given. Joe still had a list of items that he didn't get to because of time. We would like to thank Joe for doing the demonstration and all those that chipped in with their suggestions.

I think we should definitely plan to do it again next year.

First Shop Tour for 2013

Our first Shop Tour was at Joe Wertner's on Saturday, 16 March 2013. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the event, but from the feedback I got it was a successful event. There were 10 members and 1 guest able to attend the tour.

After some fellowship, coffee and donuts, the tour started with Joe speaking about his equipment and turnings. He had some of his turnings on display for the folks to review.

Joe shared some tips and ideas which were very informative and I'm sure our members learned a few things while there.

This was a great shop tour and I would encourage all club members to attend these events if possible.

Thanks' goes out to Joe for a job well done.

April's Shop Tour

Bob Daniels will be hosting the next shop tour. The scheduled date is April 13th and it will be from 0900-1100. There will be some coffee and donuts available for those with a sweet tooth. Bob's address is 3123 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA. 17325. His phone number is 717-642-9256. Should be an enjoyable event, hope to see you there.

North Woods, LLC

North Woods will be sending the club some brochures with the perpetual 15% off (AAW courtesy) coupon codes. If club members would like to get a 20% coupon code and be in the running for a \$100.00 North Woods Gift Card, just complete the 2013 North Woods Customer Survey at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dHNBdnNaN0tVNURsb2JLM2Y3UFdUSIE6MQ> . Both contest and survey end April 30th. With the Christmas Challenge, and the 2014 Gallery coming up, this may be a chance to save some money on wood.

Next Club Meeting

- Scheduled for 4 April 2013.
- Demo, making a Chatter Tool. Presenter will be Jim Stottlemeyer.
- Challenge is to make a "Yo-Yo".
- Please bring the safety sheet that Jim Kline passed out during last meeting.
- If you ordered a club hat, bring your \$12.00.
- Bring the blog sheet/blog info.
- Bring the website info sheet.