



# Newsletter April 2016

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

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## **March's Club Meeting**

The club met on March 3, 2016 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg, PA, 17202. The social began at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm.

The president opened the meeting with a few announcements that have been incorporated throughout the newsletter.

The demo for the night was turning a platter, presented by Jim Stottlemeyer. If you didn't make it to the meeting you missed another good demonstration. I'll try to give you a recap of the demo which should give you an idea on what you would need to do.

Jim started out by mounting a faceplate to a 12 inch round blank. He used 1 ¼ inch #14 screws with a #3 Phillips head to secure the faceplate to the blank. Then he mounted the faceplate to the lathe. He started with the bottom side of the platter.

The first step was to decide on how he wanted to shape the taper. He shared some examples, and picked the shape he wanted to use. Next, he marked the top edge and center. He explained that it's best to start from the center and work out. Then he marked and cut out the taper. Then he finished forming the bottom leaving a little concaved shape. At this point Jim cutout an area to mount the chuck. He likes this area to be a convex shape.

He was then ready to sand the bottom of the platter. Jim likes to wet sand using mineral oil or walnut oil. This really cuts down on dust, and provides a nice finish. He usually starts at 120 grit and works up to 220 grit using a cloth-backed sandpaper. Jim noted not to sand in the dovetail area where the chuck will be mounted.

After he completed sanding the bottom, he removed the faceplate and mounted the platter to the chuck to start working on the top side. He marked the outside edge for the bead, and then marked the width of the rim.

He was now ready to start hollowing the center. He removed some material, but didn't complete it this point. He wanted to complete the rim and bead prior to finishing the center. He turned down the rim to form a step for the bead. After the step was complete he formed the bead on the outside edge of the platter. Once the bead and rim were finished he went back to hollowing out the center. He used a caliper to ensure he didn't go too deep.

Now that the shaping of the platter is complete, it's ready to sand and finish. Due to time, Jim decided to do the finishing touches at home.

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Please don't forget to check-out the club's web site.

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com>

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**\*The club's website** has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take time to check it out. If you have something you would like to post on the site, send your request to <mailto:secretary@cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com>

**\*The library** is for your use, please take advantage of it. If you're not sure what we have to offer, you can check our website, or talk to Joe Wertner. If you have some videos, or other material that you would like to loan or donate to the library, that would be appreciated as well.

**"Tool Sign Out"** is available for our members. This is a way to try out some tools that you don't have.

**\*The newsletter** is here for you. If you would like to post something to share with others, please send your information to:

[bmconthego@comcast.net](mailto:bmconthego@comcast.net)

**\*Wood Sale** - Members have the opportunity to purchase wood at the club meetings. See Rod Stabler.

**"Hats and Shirts"** - We still have hats at \$12.00 ea. and shirts at \$30.00 ea. See Jim Stottlemeyer if you're interested.

So there you go, my interpretation of how to turn a platter. There are some pictures posted on the website that may help in understanding the process.

Jim was covered from head to toe in wood chips at the end of the demo, but the result was a great looking platter and demo. I'm sure the club appreciated the demo as much as I did. So a "Big Thanks" to Jim for putting this last minute demo together for us.

[Click here](#) to see some pictures taken during the demo.

## Show and Tell

Our challenges are geared to take our members out of their comfort zone by having them turn a designated item, or perform a certain task. **The challenge for March was to bring in a turning along with a picture of it.**

We also enjoy projects that members are willing to share with the club. This gives other members ideas on what they may want to turn.

Turnings are photographed at the club meetings, and are usually posted on the club's website for all to see. **To see these and other great turnings please [click here](#).**

**The challenge for April is to turn a platter.**

## Win-one, Turn-one

The Win-one, Turn-one program is where the drawing winner will receive wood to turn anything that they would like, and will have the option to take last month's turning, or donate it to the club. Then, they will bring in a turning for the next club meeting.

They are not required to use the wood they receive for the turning if they have something else that they would rather use.



No, you're not seeing things, Bill Krofft once again won the win-one- turn one. Ken Walker presented him with a wood blank. Congratulations Bill.

## June's Club Meeting

In June we are going to have professional wood turner, Bob Rosand, as a demonstrator. He will be demonstrating salt and pepper shakers for us. The day after the meeting (Friday) there will be a workshop with Bob Rosand. The workshop will be on how to turn a lidded box. He is going to make the lidded box more challenging for members that currently turn lidded boxes. The cost to the club will be \$400.00 which will be split between attendees. We currently have our eight students needed for the class, however if you would like, you can be placed on a standby list in the event of a cancellation. If you're interested in the class please contact Jim Stottlemeyer.

## Shop Tour

There was a shop tour on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Nelson Zullinger's shop. I didn't get to make it this year but I've been there in the past. He really has a nice shop, and I understand we had a good turnout for the tour. We have lots of pictures on the website so you can take a peek at some of Nelson's turnings and shop. Please [click here](#) to see the pictures.

Next tour will be Rod Stabler's shop. The tour will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April at 0900. The shop is located at 320 Topper Rd., Fairfield PA 17320. For more information you can contact Rod at 717-642-5156.

If you are interested in opening your shop for a tour, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer at [estcar2014@gmail.com](mailto:estcar2014@gmail.com).

## Hands on Training - *Courtesy of Jim Stottlemeyer*



### **Who is that masked man?**

errrrr.....woman. None other than our own Bonnie Fox. Bonnie spent a few hours in Jim Stottlemeyer's shop recently. Sharpening tools and as you can see turning. Bonnie is finishing a wine glass stem in the photo. This month's tip is to learn from other members. Joe has often mentioned this in his popular "Tips" presentation. All of our members have something they can teach, and all of us have certainly something we can learn. Our club has a list of "Mentors". Please contact any of the Officers if you want to learn more or want to have your name added to the list.



## **Meeting Ideas for 2017**

As Vice President, Joe Wertner is charged with putting together the schedule for 2017. This is a rough process, and takes a while to put together. First thing he will need is ideas from members on what they would like to see. He will also need volunteers to do demonstrations. So, if you can help please get with Joe.

## **Pen Blanks**

Earlier this month you received an email asking for help making pen blanks. Please bring any you have completed to the club meeting. Also give some thought to a day or evening that would work to glue and trim the blanks. Thanks

## **Upcoming Events**

Saratoga – 2-3 April – [www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com)

AAW 9-10 June – [www.woodturner.org/?page=2016Atlanta](http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2016Atlanta)

Lancaster- 24-25 September – [www.mawts.com/about-page/](http://www.mawts.com/about-page/)

## **Officer's Meeting**

The next officer's meeting will be April 25, 2016 at 1200. The location will be at Brothers Pizza restaurant in Greencastle, PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## **Next Club Meeting**

- April 7, 2016
- Demonstration, the "Alternate Ways To Hold Material On The Lathe", presented by Larry Miller
- Challenge is to turn a platter.