



# Newsletter

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

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## **February's Club Meeting**

The club meeting was held on February 05, 2015 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg PA. 17202. The social started at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm. We had a pretty strong turn-out and several guests.

There was a small change to the raffle. Cups were placed in front of the prizes to put your tickets in. (This gave you a better chance to win something that you wanted.) The lucky winner of the Win one-Turn one was Larry Miller.

The demo for the night was green wood preparation and preparing wood blanks, presented by Rod Stabler.

## **Donations for Raffle**

We want to thank the folks who brought something in for the raffle. This really helps the club keep the raffle going, which supports the refreshments for the club.

We are asking for your continued support of our raffle "giveaways" by donating turnings, or other items of interest for Woodturners.

## **Safety**

When you venture out to find some green wood, chances are you're going to use a chain saw. The chain saw is a very handy tool, however, it can be a very dangerous tool to use. Please take into consideration the PPE equipment that you are going to use. Items like steel toed brightly colored boots not only show exactly where your feet are, but they will also protect your toes/foot. Kevlar is a good material to use over your boots, trousers, and gloves for protection. A good helmet with visor, goggles, and ear defenders should also be considered.

Take a good look at your chain saw to ensure everything is secure, especially the chain bar. Make sure your chain is adjusted correctly, sharp, and well lubricated.

When you're cutting your slabs, chances are you will be cutting in the direction of the grain instead of across the grain. When doing so, it's a good idea to build something to support your log (Butt) to keep it from rolling while making your cut. While cutting you will notice the wood chips will be longer, and will accumulate a lot faster than normal cross cut chips. These chips can clog up your saw pretty quickly if you don't keep an eye on them.

These are a few things that I hope you think about before starting your project. Please make it a safe experience.

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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 Ruth Niles.

ruthniles@gmail.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.

**\*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

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

**\*Hats and Shirts** – Hats and shirts are still available. The cost is \$12.00 for a hat, and \$30.00 for a shirt. See Jim Stottlemeyer.

## **Show and Tell**

The challenge for February was an Inside/Out turning. We had a few members that took on the challenge. Even though they were all nicely done, my favorite turning had to be Carroll Stottlemeyer's candle holder. I also thought Bonnie Fox's cardholder was pretty clever and nicely done.

We also want to thank the folks that brought some of their other turnings in to share with the club. I was really impressed with the pens Lee Burkholder made.

To see these and other great turnings please [click here](#).

The challenge for March is to make something from green wood.

## **Demonstration**

Rod Stabler was the presenter. He explained how to prep green wood, and how to prepare wood blanks. He started out with the pros and cons of dry wood verses green wood. Some pros for dry wood are that 1) it's more stable, 2) you can usually spot cracks, and 3) you can stop turning then come back later and continue. Con's, it's harder to turn, and it's expensive. Green wood pros would be it's easy to obtain, cheap, and easy to turn. Some cons of using green wood are that it's messy to turn, and can crack and warp as it dries.

Green wood can be found in firewood piles, or you may see some in someone's yard, if so, stop and ask if you can have a piece or two. Tree service companies are another good source, along with band-saw mills who will usually cut it up for you.

The best way to cut your wood is with a chain saw or band-saw. It's not a must, but you will find that it's a good idea to cut out the center pit. After you cut out your slabs, you should leave the bark on and seal the ends. You can use paint, wax, wood glue, Elmer's glue mixed with water, or use a product that you can buy called Anchor Seal to seal the ends. (For bowl blanks, you can take your slab to the band-saw, and with the bark side up, cut out a circle then seal it. An easy way to do this would be to precut a circle out of scrap wood, and drill a hole in the center. Then place a screw in the hole, and screw the circle down (bark side) on your slab. That will be your template at the band-saw.)

You should cut your wood in the late fall time frame, and keep it out of the heat, especially the sun. The wood should be in a dark cool area, and stacked so air can circulate around it. If possible, the use of a fan works great for good air circulation. You will need to check it periodically for dryness with a meter, or by eyesight.

If you want to turn something while the wood is green you can, and here are two ways to accomplish this. 1) Turn the item down so the wall is about one inch thick. Then set it aside for a couple months or when it dries, then put it back on the lathe and turn it down to the

size that you want then sand as needed and apply finish. 2) Turn your item down really thin. Chances are that it may warp a little, but it shouldn't crack.

A little trick that you can use if you want spalted wood. You can place your green wood in a plastic bag and seal the bag. This will keep the moisture in the bag. The dampness from the wood will start the spalting process. You will need to keep an eye on it until it gets the markings that you like. The time line depends on the wood.

Sounds like Rod has had a lot of experience prepping green wood, and on behalf of the club, I would like to thank him for the great demo.

## **Club Banner**

The club banner has been purchased, and was hanging up during our February's club meeting. The banner will be displayed when the club is engaged in events to advertise our club.

## **Shop Tour**

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

## **Club Membership Dues**

All club dues should have been collected by now. If for some reason you haven't paid your dues for 2015, please do so on or before March's club meeting. The fee for a single membership is \$40.00, and a family membership will be \$50.00. Please see Rod Stabler to pay your dues for 2015.

## **2015 International Symposium**

This year is a great opportunity to attend the International Symposium. It is going to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, which is only a few hours away. The dates are June 25-28. This is a big event held each year by the AAW, and it's packed full of wood-turner demo's, information, plus more each day. Please click on this link - [Symposium](#) for more information. Use the dashboard on the left for specific information, like cost and hotels.

It was suggested that we should car pool up as a club. Jim Stottlemeyer will bring this up at the next club meeting in March to see if there is an interest. Should be a good trip.

## **Officer's Meeting**

The next officer's meeting will be March 23, 2015 at 1200. The location will be at Brother's Pizza in Greencastle PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## **Next Club Meeting**

- March 5, 2015
- Challenge is to turn something from green wood.
- Demonstration for the night will be a natural edge bowl, presented by Larry Miller.