



# Newsletter

February 2013

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

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## **Club Officers**

*President – Jim Stottlemyer*

*1st Vice President – Jim Kline*

*2nd Vice President – Bob Robinson*

*Secretary – Bill Caldwell*

*Treasurer – Grant Wheeler*

## **Chairpersons**

*Web Site Liaison – Ruth Niles*

*Photographers – Ruth Niles, Carroll Stottlemyer*

*Turner of Year Coordinator – Bill Caldwell*

*News Letter Editor – Bill Caldwell*

*Library Manager – Joe Wertner*

*Audio Visual – Tom Harple and Donald Rink*

*Raffle – Rod Stabler and Bob Daniel*

*Shop Tours – Carroll Stottlemyer*

*Lloyd Benedict – 2013 Christmas Toy Challenge*

*Please don't forget to check-out the clubs web site.*

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

## **January's Club Meeting**

The meeting started with a social period giving folks some time to share stories as well as some pizza. Raffle tickets were sold and some nice prizes were given out to the raffle winners. *(Just a note, the raffle money collected goes towards off -setting the cost for food and drinks at the meeting.)* There were 27 members in attendance with one guest.

The new President, Jim Stottlemyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After welcoming guests, new members and members, Bill Caldwell took roll, *(something new we are trying this year)*. After roll, Jim continued with the following agenda.

Elections – The office of Treasurer, Grant Wheeler will continue holding this office. For Secretary there was only one nomination, Bill Caldwell, and he was voted in as Secretary. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position is automatically filled by the former President Bob Robinson. There was one nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jim Kline, and he was voted in as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The President's position is automatically filled by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jim Stottlemyer (who served as Secretary/alt Vice President in 2012). Thanks to all for accepting the challenge of leading the club into the future.

Gallery 2014 – The Club will be participating in a gallery at Quiet Waters County Park in 2014. You will be able to sell your work as an individual and/or you can donate items to the Club to sell as a fund raiser. You set the price you want for the item. For each item that sells, the park gets 25% of the profit and you get the other 75%. Once the club is officially signed up there will be more details, so for now, start putting some of your turnings aside so you have items to sell. You will need to tag your item with artist name, date and some info about the piece (e.g. type of wood). This is a great way to make some money for yourself as well as the club.

Toys – A reminder that throughout the year, we would like to folks make some toys. The homemade toys will be distributed to needy kids for Christmas. These items don't have to be turned; and spouses, kids, and friends are welcome to join in. Please contact Lloyd Benedict for any questions about the program.

Turner of the year – An incentive program that recognizes an individual who participates the most in club selected activities, which is measured through a categorized point system. See page five for categorized point system.

Dues – If you were unable to pay your dues in January, Please be ready to pay in February or make arrangements with Grant Wheeler to get your dues paid. In 2012 the club voted to increase the dues to \$20.00, which is now in effect.

Shop Tours – Carroll Stottlemeyer volunteered to be the director for this program, and he will be looking for volunteers to open their shops for club members to come and visit. The key is that whether you have a large shop or a very small shop, you may have a process that someone else could benefit from. Contact Carroll for more information.

Pictures – Ruth Niles built a web page for the Club which has been up and running for awhile at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com> . She is currently looking for pictures of your projects to post. Please send her some pictures, and if you haven't visited the website please do so. It's there for us.

Dust Collector – Jim Stottlemeyer provided the ducting needed, it just needs to be installed.

Club Shirts – There are still some club shirts available. We have button down shirts, as well as polo shirts with our club emblem on them. See Jim Stottlemeyer if interested.

Officers meeting – Meeting is held on Mondays, ten days prior to the club meeting and all are welcome. Time and location information will be sent via e-mail beforehand. Since the meeting is usually held at a restaurant we do need a headcount, so please let Jim Stottlemeyer know if you are planning to attend.

After the announcements, we continued with a safety tip for the month. Bill Fordney provided a safety tip for us, and I was really surprised that this could happen. While turning with one of his newer tools he had a catch, and about three inches of the metal part of the tool actually broke off. Another incident happened when he was using a band saw, while cutting the blade drifted and put a serious cut in his finger which required a hospital visit. These are unfortunate things that happened to Bill, but are great examples of why you need to prepare for the unexpected while turning. **“Think Safety”** and wear protective equipment when doing any project.

The challenge for January was to turn a pen. We had seven folks that participated in the challenge and what a verity of pens we had. Some were so nice I'd be afraid to use them in fear of leaving finger prints. Take a look at some pictures at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show%20&%20Tell.htm>. Great job done by all. The February challenge will be to turn a bottle stopper.

We had five presentations for Show and Tell. I'm always impressed with the talent we have in our club. As a beginner I just gaze, shake my head, and wonder how they did that. Lester Dice displayed a Christmas Tree Ornament. Maury Mahan had a box of spindle turnings. They were turned using different centers, which made some very unique effects. Ruth Niles displayed a Natural Edge Vase made from mesquite wood. Rod Stabler displayed a large Segmented Bowl. Joe Wertner displayed a Catalpa Bowl. We didn't capture pictures of all items, but we did get the bowls. You can see them at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show%20&%20Tell.htm> .

Joe Wertner announced that the library is open, and we would like to thank Carroll Stottlemeyer for donating a cabinet to the club to store the library material.

## **Demonstration**

Ruth Niles was the demonstrator for the night showing us how to turn a natural edge vase from a tree limb. She had two pieces of mesquite wood precut to length. Using a band saw, she had the corners precut and a straight cut on the end to mount the center. Usually you would see a cross cut for the center; however Ruth ground two of the four blades off her center which makes it faster to mount her wood. The first piece she turned was mounted with the grain going parallel with the lathe. Ruth likes to turn green wood, and the tool of choice was a bowl gouge to round and shape the vase. While shaping, she left some bark at the end for that rustic look. After she shaped the outside, it was mounted in a chuck where the center of vase was cut out.

The next piece of mesquite was mounted with the grain going against the lathe. The same steps were taken, however for this piece the bark was at the top of vase where it was cut out. The wood markings changed giving it a different effect as well. It was suggested to fill in the center core area of the wood with CA glue to help keep it from cracking.

As a bonus, Ruth showed us how she made her well known Ski Hat bottle stoppers. After mounting wood she drilled a 1 3/8" hole in the center at a predetermined depth. Came back with a 9mm bit and drilled in center where threads will be made. Then she rounded and shaped the wood. She dismounted the piece, and put a mandrel in the chuck which will cut the threads. By hand, she twisted the piece until the threads were cut. She then removed the piece from the mandrel, and removed the mandrel from the chuck. At this point she put the piece into the chuck with the hole side towards chuck, and brought the tail stock up against the piece. Then she finished the top of the hat. She didn't have sand paper so she used a skew to make the piece smooth. Looks like Ruth is ready for the bottle stopper challenge.

The Club would like to thank Ruth for demonstrating, and sharing her expertise with us.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Totally Turning 2013 will be presenting their annual Symposium on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 & 24, 2013. The Symposium will be held at Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs NY.

Visit their website, [www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com), for details.

The 27<sup>th</sup> International Symposium will be held in Tampa Florida Jun 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2013/index.htm>

## **News Letter Inputs**

Members are encouraged to use this newsletter to communicate with the club, so if you have anything that you would like to include in the newsletter, please send me your article by the second Thursday of the month. Anything after that date may not make it into the next newsletter, however if the information still pertains it will be put into the following newsletter. Please try to keep articles short in length. Send requested article's to [bmconthego@comcast.net](mailto:bmconthego@comcast.net).

## **Wanted**

Jim Kline is looking for a used grinder preferably with stones. He can be reached at 304-947-5188 or email <mailto:heyjim@frontier.com> .

## **Great News**

One of our club members, Bill Dick, won the AAW membership drawing Grand Prize. He will get a Powermatic Lathe for his use and our club will also receive a lathe. Walter Meier Manufacturing Inc. is the donor of this prize and it comes at the most opportune time, since our club has been trying to replace our lathe for a long time now. So, congratulations to Bill and a big Thank You to Walter Meier.

## **Road Trip**

Jim Stottlemeyer invited club members to join him for a trip to Grizzly Industrial in Muncy, PA. , 24 January 2013. I decided to join in on the trip and it turned out to be a great day. Grizzly is a pretty impressive store that carries a lot of items. I'd suggest getting one of their catalogs or viewing them online at [grizzly.com](http://grizzly.com).

## **Please Note**

We love to see folks bring in projects that they created, so we can display and talk about them. We also like to post the items on our website. We are asking members to bring their item(s) to the display table when they arrive at the meeting. Then, we can take a picture and identify the individual that made the project, for posting on our website.

## **Next Meeting**

- Scheduled for 07 February 2013
- Joe Wertner will be discussing Turner Tips
- Challenge is to turn a Bottle Stopper

Turner of Year Program Point System

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Attend Club Meetings	1 per Meeting	12 per Year
Demonstrations	2 per Demonstration	4 per Year
Challenge	2 for an Entry	24 per Year
Show and Tell	1 for an Entry	12 per Year
Win one-Turn one	1 for an Entry	12 per Year
Club Office	3	Awarded for Term
Chairperson	3 per Committee	12 per Year
Committee Participation	2 per Committee	12 per Year
Attend Events	1 per Event	None
Organize/Host an Event	2 per Event	4 per Year
Contest Participant	1 per Contest	None
Contest Winner	3	None
Contest 2nd Place	2	None
Contest 3rd Place	1	None
Brought Guest	1 per Guest	2 per Year
Guest Joined Club	1 per Guest	6 per Year