

MARCH 2019 NEWS FROM CUMBERLAND VALLEY WOODTURNERS

Our next meeting is this Thursday, MARCH 7th. The meeting will be at 1773 Warm Spring Road Chambersburg, PA 17202. The meeting starts at 7:00 but come early and share your work and insights. Nelson Zullinger will be showing us how to make an offset bowl. Nelson is an organized presenter that occasionally will tell a good story in the middle of the demonstration.

Next Shop Tour: March 16th at 9:00 will meet at the shop of Chris Manikaf which is located at 580 Broad Street in Chambersburg. Chris has been associated with the Capital Restaurant for many years. He is self-taught and probably has 1,000 bowls including segmented ones. If you need a further inducement to come, there will coffee and homemade pies that Chris likes to make. Should be an interesting morning.

Drawing and auction items: In February we made \$142.00 from the drawings and auction, which helps us buy supplies for pen turning classes and to bring in regionally and nationally recognized demonstrators. We could use interesting wood, tools, books, favorite pieces etc. Make sure you buy tickets and when it comes to auction bidding do not let it go too cheap. We also held a mentor auction whereby members with winning bids have the opportunity to spend shop time with a mentor. This auction brought in \$190.00. When we do this again next year make sure make you bid.

Last shop tour: Saturday February 16th, Larry Witmer hosted a tour of his shop with 13 members in attendance. Larry has a 36'x14' shop in a free-standing building. One of the interesting things was that he has an extensive dust collection system with the vacuum unit in a shed next door to reduce noise and dust. Another interesting item was how he had his mini lathe set up. He has it mounted on a stand at sitting height that is tilted slightly toward the chair. This might be a good thing to keep in mind when we get tired of standing at a lathe. The coffee, donuts and conversation were great and thank Larry for opening his shop.

While we were at Larry's shop, Jim Stottlemeyer brought some wood and tools that were part of Craigslist purchase of used mini lathe for the club. A number of items were sold to help cover the cost of the lathe. More will be available at the meeting.

Upcoming symposiums:

Saratoga Springs N.Y. March 29-31 See Jim Stottlemeyer for more information.

American Association of Woodturners Symposium July 12-14 in Raleigh, N.C. This is our big national meeting that alternates between the east and west so this is good year to go. There are lots of excellent presentations and displays. It is good place to expand your skills. For more information check out www.woodturner.org.

Officers meeting: The officers met on February 25 at Brothers Pizza.

- The treasure reported a club balance of \$2554.14, with all bills paid.
- Lee Burkhold reported on the usage of our YouTube channel (Cumberland Valley Woodturners If you have not subscribed, you should!). We have 662 subscribers, had 8,498 views last month resulting in 199,230 minutes watched. There were 24 likes, 2 posts and 19 shares. Good job Lee and demonstrators.
- Jim Stottlemeyer reported on the pen turning with the Boy Scouts at the Greencastle Railroad Station. Nine members participated in the turning and assembling of 24 pens in two hours. The Scouts range from new cubs to Eagle. It was fast passed, hectic and good fun. Thanks to all. (See the pictures below.)
- Jim also suggested three new projects in addition to pen turning; spinning tops, duck quackers and Christmas ornaments using bottle stopper mandrels.

