



Newsletter

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

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Club Tours – Carroll Stottlemeyer

*2013 Christmas Toy Challenge –
Lloyd Benedict*

*Yard Sale – Jim Stottlemeyer, Carroll
Stottlemeyer and Evon Barvinchack*

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

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

September's Club Meeting

On September 5th, there was a Cumberland Valley Wood Turners Club meeting. The program for the night was how to turn a compact mirror. Joe Wertner was the demonstrator, and he did a great job demonstrating his technique making a compact mirror. There were 18 members, and two guest in attendance.

Announcements

The Quiet Waters Park exhibit isn't going to take place for the club in 2014. Since we didn't get a time frame that works best for us, it was decided to wait, and put an application in for 2015.

Toys for Christmas, this is the December challenge. We are asking members to turn or make toys to be donated to needy children. Please remember, if you use a finish, it needs to be certified as lead free. If you need wheels for your toy, contact Bob Robinson, he can supply you with some. North Woods has donated wood if you need some to make your toys. There's a limited quantity, so get yours before it's gone. Check with Lloyd Benedict if you need additional information.

The club's website has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take time to check it out at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com>. If you have something you would like to post on the site, send your request to Ruth Niles. If you haven't posted your blog, please consider writing one and sending it to her.

The library is there 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 in it, send your info to bmconthego@comcast.net.

Cindy Drozda will be doing a demonstration in Baltimore MD on the 16th of October. The cost will be \$10.00. The rough part is, it's on a Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Contact Jim Stottlemeyer through e-mail, <mailto:jim.stottlemeyer@yahoo.com> or by phone at 717-762-8488 if you're interested, and would like to car pool to the show.

The club is still looking for additional help with the Audio-Visual equipment in the shop. Please let Bob Robinson or Jim Stottlemeyer know if you can help.

The Christmas party this year will be on Thursday, December 5th at Larry Miller's house. A big thanks goes out to Larry and his wife for hosting the Christmas party again this year. More info will be coming.

New Officers, It's that time of year again. Our current vice president will not be able to hold the position of president next year due to other commitments. Grant Wheeler has agreed to continue as club treasurer for 2014. Therefore, we need to fill the following positions.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

Please consider one of these positions. For more information contact Jim Stottlemeyer through e-mail at jim.stottlemeyer@yahoo.com or by phone at 717-762-8488.

There are still some club hats and shirts available. If you are interested see Jim Stottlemeyer.

Safety

If you read the label on some medications, you may find a statement saying that the medication could cause drowsiness or dizziness, and they don't recommend driving or operating machinery. This is something to keep in mind if you take this type of medication and plan to work in your shop. Make sure you know how the medication affects your stability prior to starting any processes. I suggest if you take this medication for the first time, skip that day, or at least wait a few hours to see how it affects you. We all know how fast accidents happen, so don't enhance your chances. Know how your medications effect you.

Challenge/Show-and-Tell

This month's challenge was to turn a top. We had four members who accepted this challenge. Barbara Palastak, and Bill Fordney joined forces and turned a hand full of tops, and each one had its own unique look. Don Rink turned one, and it had a string to pull to get it started which was really nicely done. Jim Stottlemeyer went out of the box and turned one with a large disc attached. This one spun for a long time. These folks definitely met this month's challenge.

Seven members participated in show-and-tell. Colby Benedict created a nice flower pot. Lloyd Benedict turned his first platter, along with a pen light, seam ripper, and a tooth pick case. John Stewart turned a nice bowl. Bill Fordney turned a nice bowl and dish. Barbara Palastak had an interesting rice bowl which was very nicely done. Larry Miller once again showed us what

experience can do for you, with his beautiful piece with a threaded finial. Great job done by all. Thanks for your participation in the programs.

Check all the projects out at <http://cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show.and.Tell.htm>

Club Demonstration

The demonstration for the night was how to make a compact mirror, presented by Joe Wertner. I'm going to leave out the "oops", and hopefully I captured enough info to guide you through the process.

The first challenge was done prior to the meeting with the help of Jim Stottlemeyer. Different colors of wood with a thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ " and a little over 4" in length was mixed and glued together. After the glue dried and the wood became a solid piece, the center point was found and it was cut into a 4" circle using a band saw. This created the blank needed to start the project.

At the meeting, Joe had a scrap piece of wood mounted in the chuck that stuck out several inches. He mounted the blank to this piece using super glue with an accelerator. Then, he brought the tail stock up against his blank on the center mark and applied a little pressure. After a minute or so he was ready to go.

He removed the tail stock, put his tool rest in place and began turning his blank down to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Then he used his home-made gauge which helped to mark the 3" area that he needed for the mirror, and used a pencil to mark the spot. Joe stated that you can get a 3" mirror at Wood Craft for about \$4.00 or you can go to Hobby Lobby and get one for \$1.00. You will need to measure the mirror to get the exact size, so you know how big the opening needs to be. He took his parting tool and cut the inside area of the pencil line down about a $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then, he removed the center area with his scraper giving it a slight inward concave in the center.

Joe stated that you need be patient with this part of the process as he checked to see if the mirror would fit into the area that he cut out. Then a little bit at a time, he worked at enlarging the cut out until the mirror fit. Once the mirror fit, he then removed the mirror by tapping on the wood.

Joe then began to round the outside of the blank. Once that was completed he began finishing the front by sanding through several grits to get it smooth. Then, using a paper towel, he rubbed on super glue and sprayed on an accelerator. He repeated this step about eight times to give it a nice finish.

After finishing the front, he parted it off and set it aside. He removed the scrap wood from the chuck, and removed the jaws from the chuck. Then he moved the jaws to the outside hole securing them with just one screw. This allowed the chuck to open wide enough to allow the compact mirror frame to fit in the jaws. Once installed, Joe began cleaning up the back making a slight outward concave. Then, he finished the back of the frame using the same process as he did on the front. Once this was done, the frame was complete, all you need to do from here is to glue the mirror in place.

This is a great way to make a compact mirror and they really turn out nice. Thanks goes out to Joe for taking the time to share this process with us.

To see some photos of the demonstration in action, check out this link. Once the site comes up, scroll down to September: <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Demos.2013.htm>

Shop Tours

The next tour will be October 12th at Rod Stabler's shop. Rod's shop is located at 320 Topper Rd., Fairfield PA. There will be coffee, water and donuts to get things started. Any questions, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer at 717-762-9057 or e-mail him at carest2001@pa.net.

If you would be interested in having folks come to your shop, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer. Keep in mind that it's the simple things that can give others an ideal for their shop or processes. So whether you have a big shop or a small shop, there could be something you take for granted that would be beneficial for others to know about.

Yard Sale

The club is going to have another fund raising yard sale **October 18th & 19th, 2013**. The cost will be \$20.00 for a 12x12 spot, which you may use for one or both days. Evon Barvinchack has offered the club the use of his property which is on the Williamsport Pike, a short distance off route 11. This is a great location for a yard sale. Keep in mind that you will need to provide any tables, canopies, etc...you may need.

Please let family and friends know about this event, everyone is welcomed to purchase a spot. You can include anything legal to sell at a yard sale. This is a good way to sell some of your turnings, old tools, or items you no longer have a need for.

So mark your calendars, and start setting things aside for the sale. If you have any questions or if you would like to reserve a spot, you can contact Jim Stottlemeyer at 717-762-8488 or at jim.stottlemeyer@yahoo.com.

For Sale

A Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club member, Sherman Reeder, has a 1995 Shopsmith Mark 5 (Model 510) for sale. This machine has seen very little use and one attachment has never been used. He is asking \$900 for it. It includes a 10" circular saw, 10 1/2" bandsaw, 12" disc sander (never used), a router attachment, and of course it can be used as a lathe. Sherman has all the manuals for it, and there are instruction videos available on Shopsmith's website. Please contact Sherman directly if you're interested. His cell number is 301-712-8131 or you may email him at: Sherm2939@yahoo.com. Sherman is located in Jefferson, MD along Old Middletown Road.

Courtesy of Grant Wheeler

Next Meeting

- October 3th 2013.
- Challenge is to make a Stool.
- Jim Mills will be the demonstrator for the evening.