

Newsletter September 2014

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

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Christmas Toys - Lloyd Benedict

Auction - Lester Dice

August's Club Meeting

August's Club meeting was held on August 07, 2014. The big event for the night was our annual fundraising auction. This is where members donate items to be sold, and purchase items to take home. Lester Dice was our auctioneer for the night, and as usual did a great job.

Jim Stottlemyer started the meeting by announcing that there wouldn't be a raffle for the night, and continued with the following announcements.

Announcements

Library - There's a lot of good material in the library for our members. If you would like to donate something to the library, your donation would be appreciated. Something new added, we are now offering members the opportunity to sign out tools from the club. Good chance to try a tool before going out to purchase one.

Shop Tours – Currently looking for members to open their shop for a tour. This is a great way for members to see how other folks are set-up, and can lead to ideas for them to improve their process. If interested in opening your shop, contact Carroll Stottlemyer at estcar2014@gmail.com.

Hats and Shirts – Hats and shirts are still available. The cost is \$12.00 for a hat, and \$30.00 for a shirt. Both are real nice items to have.

Tips for Joe – During the September club meeting Joe Wertner will have the floor, and will share some tips and techniques. We did this last year, and a lot of good ideas came up. If you have a tip or technique to share, talk to Joe about it so he can include it in his presentation.

Committees – Every good club relies on its members to keep things running smoothly. If everyone contributes, it tends not to over task other members. We are asking members to volunteer as needed to support their club. Please get with Carroll Stottlemyer to volunteer to be on a committee. Remember, you don't have to be an expert, you just need to be willing to help out.

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

http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/

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

If you would like to post an ad on the website, contact Grant Wheeler (304-947-7511). Cost is \$5.00 in classified tab, and \$10.00 to get on the Home Page. Wood or shop related items only.

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. This way, you can see the wood that you are going to purchase, and maybe get a better price than purchasing it elsewhere. This is a club fundraiser, and a great way for some members to obtain wood.

Christmas Toy Project – Christmas toys are needed again this year. Toys are geared towards 2^{nd} to 5^{th} graders. Only restriction is the use of lead paint. It was a success in 2013, let's see if we can do it again in 2014.

Pippen fest – This event will be held in Fairfield PA., September 28, 2014. Some members of our club will be doing demonstrations on the lathe throughout the day. Bob Robinson and Rod Stabler are heading this up, currently looking for volunteers to help with demos. Please let them know if you're interested in helping.

Virginia Symposium – The Virginia Symposium will be held September 13^{th} and 14^{th} . For more information you can review this link. Click Here

Safety

Mold was the topic of discussion for the night. It seems that if you don't pull your wallet out and remove some of that old cash sitting in there, you can develop mold in your wallet which is hazardous to your health. So to help prevent this from happening to our members in attendance at the auction, it was suggested to remove the cash from their wallets, and get rid of it by purchasing items at the auction. What a great way to keep mold from settling in.

Show and Tell

The challenge for August was to turn a tool handle or an inside-out turning. We had several members who participated in the challenge, and brought some projects to share with the club.

We would like to thank Larry Miller for donating his tool handle with chisel installed, and Lloyd Benedict for donating a bird house turning to the auction. To see these and other wonderful pieces of art; please click here to view the club's website.

Club Auction

There were a lot of items brought in for the auction. We had wood, tools, chain saw, lawn thrasher, edger, containers, and many more items to choose from. It was great to see such a variety of items.

Our auctioneer, Lester Dice, got things started with some ground rules. Then mentioned something new for this year. We had Larry Miller, Bob Robinson, John Hough, Ruth Niles, Jim Mills and Jim Stottlemyer donate four hours of their time as mentors to the highest bidder. You could go to their shop, or in some cases, they would come to your shop to help you with a project. [This seemed to be a big hit, all mentors were sold.]

At the completion of the auction, a rough tally was taken, and it looked like the club earned around \$400.00. So I believe this year's auction was a success. A "Big Thanks" to all the members who brought something in for the auction, and a "Big Thanks" to the members who emptied the mold out of their wallets and made some good purchases.

Shop Tour

We had a Tour of Larry Millers shop on the 9th of August. It's always exciting to see Larry's shop. When I walked down those stairs to his shop it was a little breath taking. Everything was so clean and perfectly placed. If I didn't know better, I'd say an industrial cleaning crew came in prior to our arrival, and Larry didn't touch anything until we arrived. But of course we know Larry wouldn't go a day without being in the shop so that wasn't the case. I just know it was impressive.

While there, we were able to take a good look at his equipment, and he was willing to share stories with each item. For me, I learned a little more about sharpening tools.

I think we had a good turn-out for the tour, and we would like to thank Larry for opening up his shop, and sharing some good information.

Apple Valley Woodturners Club

Grant Wheeler is also a member of the Apple Valley Woodturners club, located in Winchester, VA. He's invited our club members to join him at the Apple Valley Woodturners club on September 20, 2014 which is the third Saturday in September at 08:30 a.m. to see professional guest turner Molly Winton. Then again on November 15, 2014 same time and place to see professional guest turner Jimmy Clews.

Apple Valley Woodturners gather on the third Saturday of the month at McFarland's Mill in Winchester VA about 8:30 am to have social time with others and the meeting begins with Show and Tell and a raffle at 9:00 am. The address is: **587 Round Hill Road, Winchester, VA** (540) 667-2272.

Any questions, you can contact Grant Wheeler at wheel22@earthlink.net or 304-947-7511.

2015 Demo's

Bob Robinson is putting together ideas for demonstrations and challenges in 2015. If you have any suggestions, please let him know. Bob can be reached at popswoodshop@comcast.net or at 717-642-6131.

Philadelphia Museum Trip

There is going to be an overnight club trip to the Philadelphia museum. The dates will be 29-30 September 2014. Jim Stottlemyer and Bob Robinson are making arrangements, so if you're interested in joining in on the trip, please contact Jim Stottlemyer at jim.stottlemyer@yahoo.com or at 717-762-8488.

Officer's Meeting

The next officer's meeting will be September 22, 2014 at 1200. The location will be at Brothers Pizza in Greencastle PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting

- September 4, 2014
- Challenge is to turn a candle stick
- Demo Joe Wertner will be sharing some tips and techniques of the trade.