



Newsletter March 2016

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

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February's Club Meeting

The club met on February 4, 2016 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg, PA, 17202. The social began at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm.

The president opened the meeting with a few announcements that have been incorporated throughout the newsletter.

The demonstration for the night was "Photographing Your Turnings" presented by Kristen Mowery. Kristen is a local schoolteacher as well as a photographer. There is a lot involved in being a photographer, however, she focused on the aspects that would help us showcase our work.

Kristen started by identifying some reasons why you want to photograph your work. She mentioned things like the time, hard work, and energy that you put into your project. You will also create an historic record for grandchildren, and future collectors.

Setting up to take your pictures could include a large and small light tent and two lights like shown in the photos on the demonstration tab on the club's website. Think about the backdrop that would work best for your work. Backdrops come in many different colors or designs. You could also use different items for your backdrop like a blanket for example. Tripods are great tools to use to hold your camera. This can help with keeping things in focus. Cameras come in many shapes and sizes along with a wide variety of price ranges. Fortunately, for what we are photographing most cameras will work. This includes the camera on a cell phone.

When setting up at home try to use similar lighting, backdrop, angles, and settings. Position your item the same way each time. (Example, all your photos favor the left hand corner for the item you're photographing). These suggestions will help give your item a signature appeal.

When taking your pictures take multiple shots using a 90 degree, 45 degree, and a 5 degree angle. You should also move your focal points as well. The automatic setting on your camera is usually the best setting to use, especially if you're just starting out. Eventually you'll learn to use the different settings your camera has to offer.

Editing your photos is important and fairly easy to-do on your computer. If you don't have an editing program on your computer you don't need to go out to purchase one. There are plenty of free editing programs out there that work great. [Click here](#) to see some of the top free editing sites.

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 <mailto:secretary@cumberlandvalleywoodturners.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.

"Tool Sign Out" is available for our members. This is a way to try out some tools that you don't have.

***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" – We still have hats at \$12.00 ea. and shirts at \$30.00 ea. See Jim Stottlemeyer if you're interested.

Kristen set up two light tents so those in attendance had the opportunity to practice taking pictures. [Click here](#) to see some pictures taken during the demo.

Big thanks goes out to Kristen for sharing this valuable information with us, and for keeping the demo focused on our needs, and making it easy to understand.

Show and Tell

Our challenges are geared to take our members out of their comfort zone by having them turn a designated item, or perform a certain task. ***The challenge for February was to turn a weed pot.***

We also enjoy projects that members are willing to share with the club. This gives other members ideas on what they may want to turn.

Turnings are photographed at the club meetings, and are usually posted on the club's website for all to see. ***To see these and other great turnings please [click here](#).***

The challenge for March is to bring a turning, and a photo that you took of it.

Win-one, Turn-one

The Win-one, Turn-one program is where the drawing winner will receive wood to turn anything that they would like, and will have the option to take last month's turning, or donate it to the club. Then, they will bring in a turning for the next club meeting.

They are not required to use the wood they receive for the turning if they have something else that they would rather use.



The winner for February, 2016, was Bill Krofft. Ken Walker presented him with the wood blank and a finished turning. Congratulations Bill.

June's Club Meeting

In June we are going to have professional wood turner, Bob Rosand, as a demonstrator. Not sure what he will be demonstrating at this point, but we wanted to give everyone a heads up. The day after the meeting (Friday) there will be a possibility of a class with Bob Rosand. There is usually a cost involved, which usually depends on the number of folks that sign up. More information to come as the time gets closer.

Safety

Sometimes folks will use CA glue to repair a nail that has pulled off a finger or thumb. The word of advice is not to use an accelerator with the glue. You may find that the burning under the nail is unbearable.

Meeting Ideas for 2017

As Vice President, Joe Wertner is charged with putting together the schedule for 2017. This is a rough process, and takes a while to put together. First thing he will need is ideas from members on what they would like to see. He will also need volunteers to do demonstrations. So, if you can help please get with Joe.

Shop Tour

The next shop tour will be Saturday, March 12, 2016. It will be at Nelson Zullinger's shop at 1916 Johnson Road, Chambersburg PA. 17202. The tour will start at 0900.

If you have any questions about the tour, or if you are interested in opening your shop for a tour, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer at estcar2014@gmail.com.

Tip - *presented by Jim Stottlemeyer*



Try running your tail-stock up against the face of your bowl when mounting the tenon in your chuck. This will apply even pressure to the turning and make it run truer. Always remove the center. A center can enter the grain and pull the blank to the side. Snug the jaws first. Then slide the tail-stock against the wood and tighten the wheel. You do not need a lot of pressure just a firm push to seat it against the face of the jaws. Finish tightening the chuck and check the results.

Officer's Meeting

The next officer's meeting will be March 21, 2016 at 1200. The location will be at Brothers Pizza restaurant in Greencastle, PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Next Club Meeting

- March 3, 2016
- Demonstration, TBD
- Challenge is bring any turning and a picture of it.