



Newsletter

May 2013

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

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*2013 Christmas Toy Challenge –
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*Please don't forget to check-out the
club's web site.*

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

April's Club Meeting

Due to illness, our President Jim Stottlemeyer was unable to attend the meeting. The Vice President Jim Kline did a great job filling in for the night.

The demonstration was changed to turning bracelets, and we would like to again thank Bob Robinson for jumping in at the last minute to do this demonstration for us.

There were eighteen members in attendance, and we had three guests join us for the night.

The challenge for the night was to turn a "Yo-Yo". We had seven members who met the challenge. We also had five members who brought in some nice items for show and tell.

Announcements

The question and answer program is underway. If you have a question that you would like answered, just write your question down and slip it into the "Question and Answer" box. There is no need to include your name if you want to remain anonymous. Your question will be answered that night if possible. Some questions may require research, and in that case it will be answered at the following meeting.

Insurance has been purchased for the club. After thorough research by Bob Robinson, he believes the AAW Optional GL Policy Plan will work for us for now, at a cost of \$425.00. We will need to become a 501(C) 3 club.

Quiet Water Gallery 2014 is going to be an opportunity for you to sell your turnings as an individual, and hopefully, you can donate items to the club to sell as well. This will be a good fund raiser for the club and a chance for our members to earn a little extra income as well. Bob still needs folks to send him pictures of their work so he can submit the application.

Toys for Christmas, this is the December challenge. We are asking members to turn or make toys so they can be donated to needy children. Please remember that if you use a finish, it needs to be certified as lead free. Check with Lloyd Benedict if you need additional information.

North Woods coupons were handed out which will help a little if you purchase wood from them. They may be donating some wood to the club to help with our Toys for Christmas challenge.

The club's website has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take the 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. This is a great way for folks to learn a little about you.

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 video's, or other material that you would like to loan or donate to the library, that would be appreciated as well.

Shop tours are usually scheduled for the second Saturday of the month 0900 - 1100. This is a great way to see how other folks have their shops set up. You may find an idea or process that you can use in your own shop. Any questions on this program, talk to Carroll Stottlemeyer.

Club hat's are here. We started handing out hat's to the folks that ordered one. If we order more hats the cost may go up a little. We still have Club Shirt's for \$30.00. Talk to Jim Stottlemeyer if you are interested in a hat or shirt.

"Win one- Turn one" program has been around for a while. To make sure club members were still interested in continuing the program, we took a vote, and it was decided to continue with the program.

Safety

Well the test from last month was rounded up and graded. We had one member that got all the correct answers with most members only missing one or two questions. This test was developed by a High School teacher, and had a lot of good questions.

If you remember a couple of months ago, Bill Fordney had a tool break while he was using it. Last month the same thing happened to Jim Kline. For Jim, the end of his roughing gouge broke off. This is just a reminder that anything could happen while turning. Please ensure you "Think Safety" before you start your project, and during the process of completing it. Wearing safety gear sometimes can be uncomfortable, but it could protect you from some serious injuries, or the loss of limb or life.

Challenge/Show-and-Tell

April's challenge was to turn a Yo-Yo. There were a lot of different types on display. Some folks used kits, while others turned them as a one piece item. One of our members not only turned a beautiful Yo-Yo, he was also a champion in using one in his younger years. Yes, that was Bob Robinson; is there anything he can't do?

We also had some nice projects come in for Show-and-Tell. Jim Kline brought in a very nice goblet and his first attempt at a square bowl. Barbara Palastak made a remarkable Chest Set, crafting each piece, and even making the playing board. Bill Fordney completed a bowl that someone started in 1999. Grant Wheeler had us wondering; how in the world did he hollow those pieces out? He did share the secret; but I won't tell.

Check all these projects out at <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show%20&%20Tell.htm>

Club Demonstration

The demo for the night was how to turn a bracelet. The demonstrator was Bob Robinson. Bob stated that before you start, you need to think about the size of the bracelet that you are going to turn. Take in consideration the thickness, width and the size of the opening for a hand. The opening is where the size is gauged, and the size usually runs in 1/4" increments.

Bob prepared his project at home by attaching a face plate to a piece of pine and gluing a piece of Black Walnut for the bracelet to the pine, he then rounded the glued pieces to the same size.

At the meeting he started the demo with his scraper, and ensured everything was round. Then, he moved the tool rest to the open end to start shaping the bracelet. After marking the thickness that he wanted the bracelet, he began cutting away the material all the way down to the pine making sure everything was square. He then used his skew to round the front side of the bracelet.

Then he proceeded to the back end, and cut out a little of the pine allowing him some room to start shaping the backside of the bracelet. After he was satisfied with the shape, he sanded the area's that was completed thus far. Then he parted off the bracelet.

At this point, he leveled out the front section of the pine, and started shaping a hub to allow him to place the bracelet over the hub. He did this so he could shape the back side of the bracelet. The trick is to ensure that the bracelet sits tight on the hub. If you take too much off, you can wrap some masking tape around the hub to make a tighter fit. You also need to make sure the bracelet sits flat against the back of the hub. This will keep everything square.

Now all you need to do is finish shaping the back of the bracelet and sand smooth. Dismount the bracelet and there you go, you now have one of Bob's famous bracelets.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Bob Robinson for filling in for Jim and completing a very interesting demo for us.

Norfolk Island Pine



Bob Robinson introduced us to a bowl blank that he picked up called Norfolk Island pine. One of the nice things about these blanks is the knots are symmetrical. To learn more about this wood, go to this website: <http://www.woodturningblanks4u.com/norfolk-island-pine-turning-wood.html>.

Shop Tours

April's shop tour was at Bob Daniels Shop. Unfortunately I found his mail box but not his house. Luckily, everyone else figured out that you needed to go down a side road to get to his house. Anyway it sounded like everyone had an enjoyable visit. Thanks Bob for opening up your shop for a visit.

The next tour will be at Ruth Niles Shop on 18 May 2013. The tour will be from 09:00 – 11:00 am at 49 Leeds Rd, Newville PA, 17241. Ruth's contact number is 717-486-5232. There should be some coffee and donuts ready to go when you get there.

Raffle

The raffle has been an on-going fund raiser for the club. We really have to thank the folks that have donated items over the years for the raffle, especially Ruth Niles who has really donated a lot of items.

With the club needing to cover the cost of insurance now, the raffle is more important than ever. So please continue supporting the raffle each month.

Refreshments

In the past we have been able to supply some items like barbeque, pizza, sandwiches, and drinks at the club meetings. Everyone agrees that it's nice to come to the meeting and chat with friends, have a drink, and something to munch on.

To keep this tradition going, we are going to ask folks for a donation to help purchase food items. We will do this by putting a container at the food table for you to put your donation in. The money collected will purchase items for the following meeting.

Club Picnic

Bob Robinson has invited club members/families over to his house for a club picnic on the 1st of June, beginning at 1:00 pm. Bob has hosted picnics in the past and they were very enjoyable events. He will be providing ham and chicken, and will ask everyone else to bring a covered dish. He'll need to know by the 15th of May if you are planning to attend. If you can make it, please give Bob a call at 717-642-6131 or you can email him at popswoodshop@comcast.net. When you contact him, he will let you know what type of dish to bring. (We will also be able to get a tour of Bob's shop during the picnic.)

Bob's address is 585 Friends Creek Trail, Fairfield PA, 17320. Hint: While going down his road you will come to a creek. You will need to go through the creek and continue up the road.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be May 2, 2013
- Challenge is to turn a Captured Ring/Ball
- Program is Effective Turning (Larry Miller and Bill Fordney)