



Newsletter

September 2013

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

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*2013 Christmas Toy Challenge –
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*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/>

August's Club Meeting

We had another great meeting. The theme for the night was tool usage. This was a great opportunity to use some unique tools.

We had 21 members in attendance, and one guest.

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 so they can be donated to needy children. Please remember that 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 some wood if you need some to make your toys. The wood will be given out during the September's club meeting. 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 club voted to increase the amount we pay for dues each year. This increase is needed so we can pay the additional cost needed for insurance. As of 2014, the club dues will be \$40.00. The requirement to be an AAW member was also lifted. The only members required to be AAW members are four officers. Since this is an insurance requirement, these memberships will be purchased by the club.

The club is looking for a fund raising chair, and additional folks to help out with the audio. If you can help with one of these tasks, please see Bob Robinson or Jim Stottlemeyer.

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. Jim Stottlemeyer suggested that if enough folks would like to attend, we could set up a car pool. Should be more info on this at September's club meeting.

Kirsta Jennings has a Turncrafter (Penn State) variable speed pen turning lathe, a Craftsman bench drill press, hundreds of pen blanks, pen kits, and brass tubes that she would like to sell. If interested contact Jim Stottlemeyer for her contact information.

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

Safety

Jim Kline gave a safety presentation on using a chain saw. I thought this was a good topic since a lot of turners use them. Some of the key notes were to keep the chain properly tensioned. If you pull up on the chain and it lifts out of the groove, it needs to be adjusted. You need to make sure your oiler has oil in it, and is working properly. If your chain is smoking, chances are your chain is not being oiled properly.

Bottom line, when using a chain saw, ensure you have protective equipment on for your personnel safety, and be observant of your surroundings. Ensure your chain is sharp, well oiled, your bar is properly secured, not bent or damaged, and you have the proper tension on the chain.

Challenge/Show-and-Tell

This month's challenge was to turn something using a multi-axis. We had four members who accepted this challenge. Barbara Palastak made a nice goblet and off centered the stem. John Hough made a handle for a home-made screw driver. Larry Miller also did a goblet creating an interesting stem. My favorite was Jim Stottlemeyer's duck bottle stopper.

We had four members bring in a show-and-tell item for the club to see. Bill Fordney did a beautiful bowl, Larry Miller did a unique threaded acorn. (I think it would be interesting to have a demo one night on how to add threads to your project.) John Hough made a really nice scoop. My favorite was Barbara Palastak's box with katalox lid and foot.

If only I had some of the talent these folks have. 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 use a Ring Tool, (demonstrated by Larry Miller), Hollowing Tool, (demonstrated by John Hough), Tompkins V-Skew Tool, (demonstrated by Bill Fordney), and a Knurling Tool, (demonstrated by Jim Stottlemeyer).

There was four lathes set up, and members were split up into groups which rotated between lathes. The instructor demonstrated how to use the tool, then allowed members the opportunity to use the tool, answering any questions members had.

I'll try to share my experience with you:

The first station I went to was the Ring Tool. Basically this was a tool with a circle at the end of it. Larry had several different types to show us. This is a good tool for cutting out the curve of a bowl. The tool runs on center and as you rest the tool on the wood, you need to find the "sweet spot," this is where the wood begins to cut away.

The second station was the Tompkins V-Skew. It was designed to help prevent catches. The nose of the tool was shaped into a point. This tool is good for cutting V-grooves, rolling beads, planning cuts, cutting into end-grain, and using it as a negative-rake scraper. I can see with a little practice this could be a very useful tool.

The third station was using a knurling tool. The tool used was a Wagner Texturing Tool. This is a good tool for leaving a knurling design in your work. The trick with this tool is to leave a two to three inch gap between the wood and tool rest. Then put the tool down through that gap and apply a heavy pressure towards the wood. This makes a nice shaped design in the wood.

The fourth station was how to use a hollowing tool. This tool had an angled cutting bit at the end of it. The tool is held straight (level) on center. Put tool in hole, rest against wood, and with slight pressure pull the tool out of the hole. This tool really works great.

We would like to thank all the demonstrators for taking the time to share their knowledge and experience with us. There's nothing like a "hands-on" experience. Great Job!

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

Shop Tours

Dan Long hosted a tour on August 24th at his shop on Bain Rd near Mercersburg. There were four club members in attendance; Joe Wertner, Maury Mahan, John Hough, and Jim Stottlemeyer. Dan's wife was also there. She commented that she had never seen his shop so clean. If nothing else, hosting a tour does prompt some serious cleaning. Dan showed the folks his machines, and some interesting antique hand tools. He uses a General lathe that he seems quite pleased with. One comment shared by the members was the wish for slower speeds on their lathes. The slowest speed is often too fast for bowl blanks, and other out of balance objects. Dan has a nice 18" Jet band saw, and several Craftsman power tools. He also had a table displaying many of his turnings.

Everyone had a good time with plenty of coffee, water and donuts. They also enjoyed good conversation and discussed their solutions to the various challenges we face in our shops. All in all it was a great tour. The only thing missing was more people. Please consider attending or even hosting a tour in the future. It is a well spent Saturday morning. Contact Carroll Stottlemeyer if you are interested in opening your shop to a club tour.

The next tour will be October 12th at Rod Stabler's shop.

Yard Sale

We had three participants at the yard sale on Friday; Carroll Stottlemyer, Jim Mills, and Jim Stottlemyer. On Saturday Rod Stabler joined them to make four. I think all the participants were happy with the sales made. The club collected \$80 for the spaces and sold \$27 in donations. The newspaper ad was quoted at \$28 but we did not receive the bill yet.

There is a lot of potential in this activity for the club and members. It is a great location, and we all need to thank Evon for allowing us to use his property.

During the September club meeting, we will see if there's an interest in doing another yard sale this year in October.

Next Meeting

- September 5th 2013.
- Challenge is to make a Top.
- Demonstration will be how to make a compact mirror (Demonstrator; Joe Wertner)