



Newsletter

February 2014

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

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Raffle – Rod Stabler

Win-One-Turn-One – Rod Stabler

Club Tours – Carroll Stottlemeyer

Christmas Toys – Lloyd Benedict

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

Auction – Lester Dice

January's Club Meeting

We had fifteen members, and two guests in attendance at the meeting. Our demonstrator for the night was Grant Wheeler, and he demonstrated how to make a long neck gourd. Nominations for club officers were taken, and Officers for 2014 were voted in. Overall, I believe it was a productive and informative meeting. If you were unable to attend, we missed you, and hopefully you will be able to make the next meeting which is on the 6th of February.

Announcements

Q&A - there were no questions in the Question & Answer Box for the night.

Christmas - a special thanks went out to Larry and Nancy Miller for hosting the Christmas party, and Lloyd for taking care of organizing the toy drop off. Lloyd stated that the school was very pleased with the toys that were received, and they sent a "Thank You" card as well to the club. The card read "We wanted to thank you for your donation to the Christmas program at Fayetteville Elementary. Your generosity is greatly appreciated."

So once again, a big thanks goes out to all that participated in this event.

Shop Tour - Carroll and Jim Stottlemeyer will open their shops for a tour on the 15th of February. Since they only live a few miles apart, it was decided to have a two for one deal. (One trip, see two shops) Things will start at Carroll Stottlemeyer's shop at 0900. I believe his wife Esther and daughter Pam will be cooking a little something up for breakfast.

If you have any questions on re-finishing furniture this is the place to bring it. Carroll can take a broken-up piece of furniture that most of us would trash, and make it look brand new.

Next, you will head over to Jim Stottlemeyer's shop. Jim has a pretty large shop filled with a lot of toys. Jim's specialty is Stottlemeyer Rockers.

Address and directions will be given out at February's club meeting, followed by an e-mail message. Looking forward to seeing you there. We're looking for volunteers to give a tour of their shop. See Carroll Stottlemeyer if interested.

Announcements continued

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

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

Christmas toys are needed again this year. It was a success in 2013, let's see if we can do it again in 2014.

Shirts and Hats - we still have some club hats and shirts for sale. Hats are being sold for \$12.00 and shirts are being sold for \$30.00.

"Turner of the Year" - this year the program started with January's club meeting, and will run until November's club meeting. You will receive one point for participating in the challenge program, and one point for the "Show-and-Tell" program, for a maximum of two points per meeting. At the end of the period, the member with the highest point total wins. In case of a tie, the tie will be broken with a raffle type drawing.

Committees - there are a number of folks serving as chairpersons for committees. This helps to keep things running throughout the year. Please consider continuing your role as a chairperson, and for the members that don't play a role as a chairperson please consider helping out as a committee member. Your point of contact is Carroll Stottlemeyer.

Road Trip - several members attended the Wood Working Show in Timonium, MD. Sounds like it was a good event to attend. John Stewart shared two key points that he learned at the Band Saw Workshop that he attended. One was lining up your blade so that the bearing edge is right at the edge of the gullet. Second, make a cut in a piece of wood, flip over the wood, and then come in from the backside of the blade. The blade should go right into the cut that you made. If not, you need to make some adjustments.

Officer's Meeting - the next officer's meeting will be February 24, 2014 at 1200. The location will be at Brother Pizza restaurant in Greencastle, PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Club Dues - it's that time of the year. Club dues are due now for 2014. Single membership for 2014 will be \$40.00, and the family plan will be \$50.00. Remember there is no longer a requirement to be a member of the AAW to be a club member. Please see Grant Wheeler to pay your dues for 2014.

Elections - the floor was opened for nominations for the 2014 officers, and there were no nominations. Since this was expected by the current Officers, Jim Stottlemeyer presented a plan to move the club forward for 2014. Jim stated that Grant Wheeler will continue his position as Treasurer, Bill Caldwell will continue as Secretary, and Bob Robinson will take the Vice President position.

Jim Stottlemeyer will continue as President, and Carroll Stottlemeyer volunteered to hold the second Vice President position. The members present voted unanimously to this proposal. So as of January 9, 2014, this will be the officer line-up.

Safety

Rod Stabler brought in an example of why we need to wear a face shield while turning. He was turning a bowl with a dark line in it not realizing the line was a weak spot in the wood. Sure enough, the bowl flew apart. Luckily, Rod didn't receive any injuries. As thick as that piece of wood was, if it would have hit him in the head, it could have knocked him out. Thanks for sharing Rod.

Show and Tell

The challenge for the night was to turn a drinking vessel. We had four members who met the challenge. Carroll Stottlemeyer used a piece of cherry and decided to see how small he could go. Barb Fordney also used cherry wood and made a large goblet. Don Rink made a cup using walnut and Jim Stottlemeyer used a yellow wood and made a tall slender vessel. Great job done by all.

We also had six folks bring in their projects for Show and Tell. Sounds like Jim and Carroll Stottlemeyer challenged each other to see what they could make with a piece of lace wood. Rod Stabler brought in two bowls made with maple and cherry. Grant had two hollowed gourds, Don Rink had a lidded box made with maple and walnut, and Barb Fordney had a small vase made from yew. Please take a minute and check out all these nice items on our website.

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Show.and.Tell.htm>

Demonstration

Grant Wheeler demonstrated how to make a long neck gourd. This is a very interesting project, and if you haven't seen one before, there is a picture on the website under Show and Tell. The neatest thing for me is that it is a good conversation piece. If you have never seen it before, you will look, and look, and wonder how in the world it got hollowed out. It looks like an impossible thing to do. After seeing the demo I know it's possible, but not an easy thing to do. I really enjoyed listening to Grant as he was doing the demo. He can make some pretty funny comments, and never crack a smile.

Grant was nice enough to give me some detailed instructions on the whole process which you can find on page 5 of this newsletter. Check out some pictures of the demo on our website at: <http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/Demos.2013.htm>

Club Membership Card

New for 2014, having a club membership card can sometimes be beneficial at different events/purchases in some wood working stores. John Stewart volunteered to make some cards for the club. Hopefully they will be handed out soon to members who are paid up on their dues.

Turning Wood Blanks

Something new that we are going to try for 2014. Starting with February's meeting we should have some turning blanks available for sale. This will give you the opportunity to look at the wood that you are going to purchase, and get a better price than purchasing it elsewhere. The cost should be \$20.00 a blank. The monies received will pay the supplier, and give the club a small profit. This will be a good fundraiser for the club, and help some members out with purchasing wood.

February's Demo

A special note about February's demo. Jim Stottlemeyer will be demonstrating how to turn a lathe chisel handle. Afterwards, you may have the opportunity to turn a handle for one of the tools that you may have made in the past, and still haven't made a handle. If you would like a special wood for your handle bring it along, if not, Jim should have some wood and collars available to make a handle. Don't forget to bring the tool that you need the handle for. Should be a fun night.

Next Meeting

- February 6, 2014
- Challenge is to turn a Hollow Form (vase, weed pot, etc.)
- Demonstration – Tool Handles by Jim Stottlemeyer
- Collecting dues for 2014

Long Necked Gourd Hollowed From the Bottom

1. Turn rough cylinder and tenons. Then mount blank in chuck.
2. Drill 5/16 hole a little more than halfway through.
3. Mark $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch from the bottom. This will mark the bottom.
4. Rule of thirds – make a mark $\frac{1}{3}$ from the bottom. This is the start of the transition from the body to the neck.
5. Cut basic shape. Not too thin. The top is toward the tailstock. Leave a tenon on the top.
6. Mark grain if necessary.
7. With thin parting tool cut off bottom where it was marked.
8. Shape the bottom part that will go into the bulb. Set aside.
9. Reverse the blank so that the top tenon is in the chuck.
10. If you did not drill all the way through, drill from bottom with 5/16 drill to meet the hole cut earlier.
11. With 1-inch forstner bit cut hole in bottom to appropriate depth. Shape inside so that walls are up to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.
12. Shape hole in bottom carefully to match the taper of the bottom piece cut earlier.
13. Remove chips as you go.
14. Sand inside if necessary.
15. Glue bottom and hold in place with tailstock.
16. Finish shaping the neck and bulb, sand. CHECK CURVE.
17. Reverse blank in chuck. Trim top tenon off. Sand.
18. If you can, reverse blank so that the neck fits into the headstock. Any marks can be removed later with sanding.
19. Bring up tailstock and trim bottom shape, smooth glue line, part off bottom tenon and sand blank.
20. Reverse body so that the top fits into a live center and bottom is held to the headstock. Sand off any marks.