



Newsletter

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

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Win-One Turn-One – Rod Stabler

Club Tours – Bob Robinson

Christmas Toys – Lloyd Benedict

Auction – Lester Dice

Greeter – Nelson Zullinger

November's Club Meeting

The club met on November 5, 2015 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg, PA, 17202. The social began at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm.

Prior to the start of the meeting we collected dues for 2016. We want to thank everyone for making this a smooth process.

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

Elections for the 2016 officers were held, and this will be the line-up for 2016:

- 1) President – Jim Stottlemeyer
- 2) 1st Vice President – Joe Wertner
- 3) 2nd Vice President – Bob Robinson
- 4) Secretary – Beeler Caldwell
- 5) Treasurer – Rod Stabler

(The competition was tough for secretary, but I managed to win the nomination. "Big Thanks" goes out to everyone who voted for me.)

We also got confirmation that Ken Walker will chair the raffles, Lee Burkholder will chair the Audio Visual, Nelson Zullinger will chair shop greeter and Carroll Stottlemeyer will chair the photographers. Please thank these folks for chairing these committees.

Our club has a lot of gifted demonstrators, and tonight was no exception. At a blink of an eye I thought I was in France. In from the other room walks in this guy with a funny hat and talking with an elevated voice in French. (That is, I think it was French). At this point I figured out that it was our demonstrator for the night, Maury Mahan, and he was holding the tree of learning in his hand. Of course I didn't find that out until we came back to the U.S. and Maury explained what he was holding. The tree of learning was an accumulation of different projects that went wrong. So instead of putting the pieces in the wood pile, he used them to make a tree. He started with a base, added a dowel rod, then drilled holes at different angles through his pieces and placed them over the dowel rod. So now what you see is a piece of art. For him it's a reminder of what doesn't work. He had a story for each piece on the tree, and what went wrong with that particular turning.

Maury then talked about what makes a turning a piece of art. There are three major categories you need to consider 1) Embellishments 2) Shapes and 3) Proportions. He showed the club samples of turnings that he had previously accomplished highlighting the different

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.

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bmconthego@comcast.net

***Wood Sale** - Members have the opportunity to purchase wood at the club meetings. See Rod Stabler.

categories. Then he went to the lathe which had a blank mounted, and demonstrated how to make something in proportion.

This was a very interesting demonstration with a lot of pointers. It's like taking your turning to the next level. You can make a bowl, add some decorations, and maybe a handle and some feet. It sure opened my eyes. Please [Click here](#) to review some photos of the demo. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Maury for a great demo.

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 November was a Christmas Toy.***

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 December is to bring an ornament to the Christmas party. (Ornaments will be used as door prizes)

Membership Dues

We will not be collecting dues during the Christmas Party this year. We will be collecting dues January through March. If you're not going to be able to make a club meeting during these three months, please make arrangements with the treasurer, Rod Stabler, for payment. Dues are \$40.00 for self, and \$50.00 for family.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

The club is now selling raffle tickets. The prize will be a \$500.00 gift certificate. Tickets are being sold for \$5.00 a piece, or five for \$20.00. We still have tickets available, and if you haven't had a chance to get yours yet, you will have an opportunity at the Christmas Party. The drawing will be held at the annual Christmas party.

Toys

Once again we would like to collect toys for underprivileged children in the area so they will have a Christmas gift this year. Lloyd Benedict is once again heading up the collection and

delivery of the toys. Your challenge is to make some toys for the children. Please bring them to the Christmas Party so they can be collected.

The deadline that Lloyd needs them is December 10, 2015.

Shop Tour

The next shop tour will be at Larry Miller's shop during the Christmas Party. If you would like to open your shop for a tour please contact Bob Robinson.

Safety

Joe Wertner offered this safety tip. If you use a sandwich bag with a magnet to catch metal shavings while sharpening your tools, "Beware". Joe sharpened some tools using this method, then stepped out of the shop for a minute and when he came back in he saw that the bag had caught fire. Joe suggested using the magnet without the bag.

Officer's Meeting

The next officer's meeting will be December 21, 2015 at 1200. The location will be at Bollinger's Restaurant, 210 North Church Street, Thurmont, Maryland 21788. All are encouraged to attend.

Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart

The Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart will be held in Gettysburg PA on December 4th and 5th. The club has obtained an area at the Gingerbread Celebration to introduce the art of woodturning. Bob Robinson will chair this club event, and if you can give him a hand please contact him. He is hoping to have two mini lathes going to teach folks (mostly youth) how to turn a pen. Fifty pen kits were purchased for this event, and he will need some support from our members to make this a successful event for the club.

Next Club Meeting

- December 3, 2015
- Challenge is to bring an ornament and Christmas toy
- This meeting will be our annual Christmas Party.