



Minnesota Woodturners A s s o c i a t i o n

in association with the American Association of Woodturners

Happy Holidays To All

President's Corner



Happy Holidays everyone. We've wrapped up 2009 on a high note with a very fun Holiday Party/Annual meeting at the Woodlake Nature center. We had nearly 90 members and their guests at a dessert laden pot luck dinner. It reinforces the concept of eating

dessert first.

We had a great raffle with outstanding demo turnings from our pro demonstrators, Mike Stafford, Betty Skarpino, Mike Jackovski and Lyle Jamison. We also had two lovely boxes donated by Kip Christianson and Kirk DeHeer.

As is usual, we had elections and welcomed George Scott, Will Travis and Ron Meilahn to the board. George is taking over for Jeff Luedloff as the newsletter editor, Will is taking over the Secretary spot from Mike Hunter and Ron is rejoining the board as member at large. He is taking Scott Thornhill's spot. I do want to thank all of those both coming onto and leaving the board for their past and future efforts for our club. I am pleased to advise that Mike Hunter will continue his activities as coordinator of our professional demonstrations.

As we head into 2010, we have needs...as usual. We are looking for ideas to fill out two or three meetings. We are looking for club members to come forward and volunteer to do a meeting in July, possibly September and November. I've heard more than once that we do enjoy seeing what our talented folks do in their shops and I'm looking forward to ideas. Please let me know if you have any ideas for a club meeting. Also, we would like to have a general program coordinator. The entire board has been serving as the program committee for the last year, and have most of 2010 outlined, but we need someone to take the lead, work on 2010 and begin to flush out 2011. We would welcome a team of folks to help us out. I'd love to hear from you about this.

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Why In The World Would You.....



Want to edit a newsletter my wife asked me a few weeks back. Well it's certainly a valid question considering I'm a retired semi-hermit and family curmudgeon. I guess I've always thought that if you belongs to an organization such the "the woodturners" you should participate. Our members

make our organization what it is...a really fun and exciting group of men and women who share a common interest. And what is exciting for me is I get to play with them.

Since joining the Minnesota Woodturners a little over two years ago I have been able to meet and learn from several professionals in club sponsored workshops and also meet and learn from several of our members whose talents might well make them professionals but they choose to keep it a hobby. I'm looking forward to meeting many more now and hope to get into several shops (not studios).

I was a bit worried last week when I put out a call for articles for this months newsletter. Nothing happened. But in the last few days I have gotten some things to fill out the pages but in the future I am encouraging each of you to share with all of us you particular interests in turning be it pens, bowls, candlesticks, spindles, segmented turning or whatever.

Jim Jacobs has volunteered to write a regular article on turning tools. That's exciting. Bob Jensen has taken on an ongoing column on web sites to visit. If you have any sites you find usefull to members email Bob and let him know. I think we have a member who is going to give his take on natureal edge bowls. I am looking forward to that....

This newsletter is a little later than usual...bear with me as I am new at this and laying out the first one or two and building a permanent template takes time and experimentation. You will see changes in each newsletter

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President's Corner Cont.

Well, I'm just full of ideas today, so the other thing I want to throw out is this: One of the most fun things that happens in our group is what Bob Jensen does in his shop some mornings. He has sort of an open house. People gather and turn, share ideas, sharpen tools, try out new techniques and enjoy the company of other wood turners. They come when they can and stay as long as they can. It's casual (of course) and a lot of fun.

I would like to suggest that some of you try that in your shops. It's fun and easy to do, and no one requires that you have a fancy shop, or that you clean it...just invite a few folks that live on your end of town to come over for a few hours, put on the coffee pot...yes, turn on the heater in your shop, and have some fun. We would be happy to guide you to members in your area. It might be beneficial to everyone. Beginners will learn, more experienced folks can share, and great things can be made.

Thanks to all. We're looking forward to a great 2010. Turn well and have some fun.

Why In The World Would You Cont

for awhile until I get it where I want it. In the meantime think about submitting something for the next issue in February. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Some pictures with a brief explanation. Email them to me with a phone number so I can call you if I need more information.

Until then good turning.....George

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Mike Jackofsky's tool for finding the depth of his hollow vessels..

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“The New Yankee Workshop”

Norm Retiring from NYW – It was announced by Public Television’s WGBH in Boston that the famous New Yankee Workshop host, Norm Abram, is ‘retiring’ from production of new episodes of NYW after over 20 years of production since 1988. Norm will continue to co-host ‘This Old House’, and NYW episodes will be made available by video streaming over the Internet from www.newyankee.com. You will also likely continue to see Norm through re-runs of past episodes that will likely continue to ‘live-on’ over various public television stations. Norm undoubtedly influenced thousands, if not millions, of woodworkers over the past two decades, and the New Yankee Workshop likely contributed significantly to the rise in popularity of hobbyist woodworking in recent years. Norm has been a ‘hero’ of woodworkers throughout the USA, and is among the most well-known celebrities in woodworking.

MWA Wood Sealer Program

The MWA is currently buying sealer in 55 gallon drums, enabling us to sell to our members at a fantastic price of only \$10 per gallon. Our club could use a few clean, sturdy, empty gallon jugs, such as windshield washer fluid jugs for bottling; bring some to our monthly meetings. This super bargain sealer is available at our monthly meetings, or contact the following for other special arrangements:

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Sealer Coordinator-Blaine**

763-717-7282,
email: SpecialOut@aol.com

Bob Jensen – Fridley
763-572-0525,
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Bob Jensen’s website picks

I was asked to list a few websites I visit and others I use for materials and supplies. I will list 3-4 in next several newsletters.

My daily routine is still getting up a 5:00 A.M. in the morning.....its a hard habit to break after 35 or so years.

1st business in morning is feeding Mavis, no delays, no pitstops, feed Mavis because she is starving to death judging by the noise she is making. Oh and BTW my Mavis is not fat she is fluffy. After that its coffee and I have the 1st couple of cups of coffee at the computer to browse and learn.

Many know I power sand on the lathe and several have asked about the discs I use.

www.industrialabrasives.com

They sell velcro sheets in a 1 yard X 1 yard sheet for \$15 a sheet. I once figured it out and that’s a couple cents per disc. Many members after seeing them here have found someone to buy these with and share the cost. They have grits available from 60 thru 600

For any power tool purchase I always try

www.toolnut.com

I have found them to be the cheapest source for many power tools, if they carry what you are looking for they are hard to beat period. On most purchases there is no freight and no tax.

www.nationalartcraft.com

They have a large selection of musical movements that many of our members are currently experimenting with. I get many different items there including display racks, electrical items and various craft items besides the music box movements.

Ok that should hold you for a day or so, check back next newsletter.

bob



Native American Flutes At Charlie Prokops



In October about 16 people traveled down to Charlie Prokops home for a half day workshop on making Native American flutes. When Charlie proposed the workshop I don't think he expected the response he received. That response required that he run a morning and an afternoon session each about three hours long. And many from the morning session stayed into the afternoon session tuning their instruments. That's what Wade did as you can see in the picture at the left.

To speed the process Charlie provided pre-routed pieces, Steve McLoon is holding the two halves at the left. Once glued the flute has two air chambers. The flute is turned, and air hole chiseled, a totem made and attached, the blow hole drilled. Some sanding and then the tuning which is probably the most challenging step for those of us musically challenged

This was a very intriguing project and most importantly for me the group was fun, as usual.

If Charlie ever offers another class like this be sure not to miss it.



Mike Jackofsky



Mike Jackofsky a well known professional wood turner specializing in hollow forms, natural edge bowls, and other unique pieces gave two classes and a group presentation at the University.

Each person in Mikes class turned a bowl in order to get a feel for the tools. In the afternoon he had everyone turn a small hollow form. He demonstrated his line of tools and made sure that everyone tried them in order to see the difference between his hollowing tools and others.

During his Saturday demonstration he again demonstrated his turning tools and how they worked and turned two hollow forms that he signed and left for to be given away at the annual Christmas party.

The pictures at the left show Mike demonstrating his turning technique at one of the morning classes and the other shows some of the hollow forms he brought to show.



MWA Treasurer's Report

2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 YTD Actuals 12/14/09
Members \$268	Members 250	Members 276
Income \$8,530	Income \$10,690	Income \$8,636
Expenses [\$11,612]	Expenses [\$10,690]	Expenses [\$8,735]
Gain [loss] [\$3,082]	Gaine [loss] \$0	[Loss] [\$99]
		Cash balance 12/14/09 \$4,184

Our membership reached a record high of 276, surpassing our forecast by 26! New income since the last newsletter are sealer sales (\$270), wood raffle (\$85) and DVD rentals (\$186). Expenses include our Holiday Party (-\$177), Web site maintenance (-\$75), a new barrel of sealer plus transportation costs (-\$566), subsidizing professional turner Mike Jackofsky's demonstration and workshop (-\$1660) and paying for a professional demonstration on sharpening by Kirk DeHerr(-\$150).

Pam Johnson, Treasurer

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Danny Lundquist	Woodbury, MN
Scott Zima	Plymouth, MN
Bob Hanson	Maple Grove, MN
Jay Eggebrecht	St. Cloud, MN
Dan Costigan	Bloomington, MN
Guy Kight	St. Paul, MN
Aaron Bachman	Anoka, MN
Jim Lemere	Mahtomedi, MN
Craig Borgmann	Plymouth, MN
Gordy Rootes	Coon Rapids, MN
Dwight Pederson	Stillwater, MN

The Perfect Cut

Using the right tool...sharpened in the best way...with the ideal grip and stance...holding the wood in the lathe in the most appropriate way...and running it at the optimum speed...with a well shaped tool rest correctly positioned...and maintaining an ideal tool presentation as you traverse the tool at the optimum speed along the profile. The tip must remain 1) stable, 2) controllable, & 3) responsive.

I have been an inactive member due to health problems and in the last few weeks sold my equipment altogether. I will not be renewing my membership but wanted to offer one last goodbye that I kept near my lathe and maybe some others (especially new turners) might find useful. It is a compilation of the critical elements that I learned over the years:

Greg Grothe

Recycle Your Wine Bottles

Submitted by:
Lee Tourtelotte

I recently found a kit that allows you to cut cylinders from discarded glass wine bottles. I was a little skeptical that it would work well but the Amazon user reviews were all positive so I took a chance and bought one. (\$39.95) The first picture shows the very first cut that I made with



it -- you simply score the bottle at the point where you wish to make the cut by rotating the bottle on the supplied jig. Then you heat the score line with a candle flame and then quickly cool it with an ice cube. This hot-cold combination shocks the glass, creating micro-cleavage all along the score line. The bottle then separates cleanly on the score line with just a little hand pressure. -- I think this opens up a whole new area of items that can be made on the lathe



with different shaped glass parts that are obtained from recycled wine bottles. (It also gives you a great excuse to tell your wife as to why you are drinking so much wine!!)

I had a nice piece of American Elm that I shaped and hollowed out to fit over the bottle base, leaving about a 3/8" wall thickness. I established a window center point at three locations, 120 degrees apart, using the lathe's indexing system. I then cut three windows through the wall using my oscillating spindle sander,



with the turning's base set against a temporary fence. I turned a pedestal base from a scrap piece of Purple Heart and cut a captive recess for the glass bottom and also a slight recess to hold the turning captive. You can fill the glass with water and keep cut flowers alive for a long time. Light coming through the colored green glass gives it a nice effect. I'm happy with the way it turned out, since I was really "winging it" all the way through, this being my first attempt at combining a colored glass piece with a wood turning.

Member Helpline????

Do you have a woodturning question? Need help finding woodturning advice? Well, these members can help you!

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SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS to MWA MEMBERS

The following suppliers offer special discounts to MWA members. To receive a discount you must be a member in good standing, and show your current membership card to the merchant.

ABRASIVE RESOURCE

900 Lund Blvd #400, Anoka, MN

763-586-9595 or 1-800-814-7358

No showroom - Internet or catalog orders only.

Sandpaper, coated abrasives, rolls,

clearance items - 20% discount

www.abrasiveresource.com

ROCKLER WOODWORKING

Mpls, 3025 Lyndale Ave S 612-822-3338

Burnsville, 2020 W Cty Rd 42, 952-892-7999

Maplewood, 1935 Beam Ave

651-773-5285

Minnetonka, 12995 Ridgedale Dr 952-542-0111

10% discount on all regularly priced items, except power tools.

Wholesale lumber prices to MWA members.

www.rockler.com

WOODCRAFT

9125 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington

952-884-3634

10% discount on all items, except power tools.

www.woodcraft.com

YOUNGBLOOD LUMBER CO.

1335 Central AVE, MPLS.

612-789-3521

Wholesale prices to MWA members.

www.youngbloodlumber.com

Forest Products Supply

2650 Maplewood Drive

(NE corner of County Rd. C and Hwy 61),

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Featuring “BACK TO BASICS”

by our own Jim Jacobs

Overview Working safely...What to look for when buying a lathe and tools... Setting up the workspace, lighting, heating, dust control....Basic wood science....Catches and how to prevent them.... Sharpening and honing....Tips and some humor thrown in for good measure ! ! ! Jim will turn a candlestick which will demonstrate both spindle and faceplate turning

Location

Industrial Electric Company

660 Taft Street NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

Mapquest Locator-click here Map

DATE: Tuesday, January 5th, 2010

TIME: Social hour at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7- 9 PM

Library Update

PLEASE...PLEASE... All videos checked out in 2009 are now due back. Our Library is continuing to expand for your learning pleasure...but all members should have access to all videos every month.... If you can't make it to the meeting please arrange to get them back SOMEHOW!!! All our members will appreciate it.

Please Bring wood for the raffle.

Got some spare turning wood??? Bring some in, and share your wealth !!!

Wood Sealer

A great deal at only \$10/gal...we continually need empty jugs, but please only sturdy windshield washer jugs.[not milk jugs]

Other reminders

Bring a friend.

Bring something for “Show-n-Tell”.

Bring an extra chair.

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