

UTAH WOODCHIPS



Message from the President

August - 2006

First of all I want to thank Bob Carter for his great example and service. I look forward to the next three years with enthusiasm. There have been many in the relatively short time I have been involved with the club that have taught me much. I hope the future holds many opportunities for us all to grow and develop our skills in this rewarding (and very addictive) form of woodworking.

We were privileged in July to have Dave Bouwhuis demonstrate. He produces some of the best small-lidded vessels around. He also turned a fabulous finial on the ebony lid. His demonstration included a discussion about fitting the lid properly and the shape of the vessel so that you can chuck it up for the various steps successfully. He used three chucks for the project including one that had custom-built nylon jaws that wouldn't mar the wood. (I feel a third Thursday coming up on this subject.) Dave also provided a tour of his shop while Phyllis showed us around their beautiful yard. There was much we learned from his shop design and wisdom. Thanks Dave and Phyllis for your hospitality and your homemade root beer.

Our third Thursday training at Woodcraft was about spindle turning. I showed the various features commonly used in spindle turning and then others came up for a little hands-on practice. Thank you to all who participated and assisted with this meeting.

For the first Tuesday in August, which happens to be the 1st, I will be demonstrating segmented turning at MacBeath Hardwood. There have been a number of requests over the past several months so I will demonstrate cutting the pieces for the staved vessels and segmented bowls so many have seen me do. I will also show glue up steps for the various segments that will greatly simplify the process.

On the third Thursday in August, we are going to work on end-grain turning. This is an important skill that is used in many projects that come from the lathe. Again this will be hands-on.

In September, Joe Wagner, will be demonstrating Christmas ornaments at Timberline Woodworkers Supply in Orem. As everyone knows Joe is very talented and always willing to teach. He is getting us started early so we don't run out of time for making these highly prized items. We will follow up with some additional training on the third Thursday for anyone needing a little more help. Hope to see you there.

Also coming up on Saturday the 23rd of September, will be another club picnic and "turn-a-thon". We will be gathering in Mt. Green at the same park we met at in May. Lunch will be furnished so bring your midi lathe, turning tools and wood for a great time. If you don't have a small lathe, come anyway. There are always extra lathes available.

If by chance the summer has slipped by unnoticed, club dues were due on July 1st.

Remember to do the turners' challenge each month. The best one (judged by me) will receive a \$15.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA. Any current member can enter.

— Dave Best

Regular Monthly Meeting (first Tuesday)

Aug 1st MacBeath Hardwood

1576 S 300 W - SLC

Segmented turning with Dave Best

Sept 5th Timberline

1402 W. Center - Orem

Christmas Ornaments with Joe Wagner

Oct 3rd - Yet to be determined



Dave getting ready to
turn the finial

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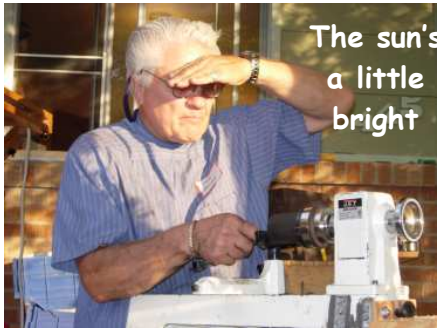
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Fancy Lidded Boxes by Dave Bouwhuis

Dave and Phyllis Bouwhuis welcomed us to their home where, for a nice change of pace, they had set up an outdoor demo. We started with a tour of Dave's new shop, which is a nice sized room at the side of his garage. Dave showed us how he has very thoughtfully made a great use of space, maximizing the useable area. He has enclosed his dust collector and compressor to reduce noise and showed us the ingenious way he made a three phase collector work on single phase power. Dave has his table saw, band saw, and miter saw carefully positioned to allow lots of in-feed space. We all learned a lot! Dave was demonstrating the turning of one of his famous small lidded boxes with a tight fit lid, complete with finial. He started with a very nice square of myrtle burl. Dave owns a large lathe, but does most of his turning on a Jet mini lathe. He showed us some unique tools including a "covered" spur drive. Since this was a very nice piece of wood, Dave showed us how to preserve a ring section from the base that would have been turned off as waste to be saved to use later as a decorative element on another project. He has a drawer full of them! Dave rounded between centers, cut a spigot and mounted the box body on a small chuck. He hollowed using a spindle gouge and a homemade hook scraper tool. Dave took time to carefully perfect the inside and remove any imperfections before moving to the outside. He refined the shape until he was satisfied, and then moved to sanding. He showed that on small boxes, if the top is a little more flat than rounded, you will have less trouble with splitting when expanding the chuck inside to turn the back. Dave finished the body with a homemade mixture or shelawax and Mylands friction finish applied with a rag and polished. Dave uses a "Zoom spout oiler" to dispense just the right amount or finish. Dave likes to keep the box on the same chuck so he turns the lid material between centers and then uses a different chuck for the lid. Dave is very particular about the fit of the lid tenon, and never sands that after it fits. After the tenon fits right, he rough turns the material left for the finial and begins its design. He then remounts the chuck that has the box body, and puts on the lid and brings up the tailstock to actually turn the finial. Dave is really talented at turning those fine finials, and the result was a great looking box. Thanks Dave and Phyllis!





The sun's a little bright



Umbrella to the rescue!



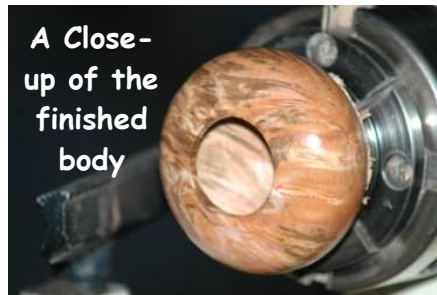
Refining the fit of the lid



Making the finial



Almost there



A Close-up of the finished body



Finished finial



A great job Dave!



Dave cuts rings from turnings to use as inlays in future projects



The finished product



July turner's challenge

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The Utah Association of Woodturners was formed in 1988 and is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Meetings - first Tuesday of each month at various shops or wood stores that support our club

Refreshments 6:30

Meeting 7:00 - 8:45 pm

You are invited to attend and become a part of the group. For more information contact any club officer.

Dues begin July 1st of each year:

\$25.00 full year

\$20.00 three quarters

\$15.00 half year

\$10.00 last quarter

Spouse \$10.00

Training Meeting
3rd Thursday
Woodcraft Supplies
9891 S. 500 W.
Salt Lake City
7:00 - 8:45 pm

Turners Challenge

Jul (for Aug. meeting)
 10 inch wall platter

Aug (for Sept. meeting)
 Do some good Surface
 Embellishment (texture,
 burn, paint, carve, inlay...)

Sept (for Oct. meeting)
 Halloween Decoration

Mt Green— Sept. 23rd

May's Saturday woodturning in the park was such a success we have scheduled another one!!! It will be held Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. at the Kent Smith Memorial Park on Old Highway Rd. In Mt. Green.

Christmas is Coming!

Don't forget our club's commitment to help Bruce Bassett supply toy tops for his South American Children's Christmas Project. If we all bring 3-4 each month we'll make our goal.