

UTAH WOODCHIPS



Message from the President August - 2008

Our regular meeting for July was held in Harrisville at Clark Farm where I demonstrated four simple spindle projects. It was a little bit on the warm side but we all got through it okay. There is more about it inside. Thanks Ray and Shelly for hosting the club.

Joe Wagner took care of the third Thursday training for July and as expected the feedback was great. Thanks Joe for all your help.

For the August meeting which will be held at Timberline in Orem, Joe is going to demonstrate a baby rattle. He will show us the jig used to make the halves and share his knowledge on rattle medium as well as child safe turning.

We spent this past Saturday at Mike Mahoney's shop where he showed us some of his daily routine and shared his experience and vast knowledge with us. Some of the things he showed were bowl roughing and coring using the McNaughton system, bowl finishing using a vacuum chuck, hollow form and a natural edge nested bowl set from a burl. There was plenty of time for questions and answers throughout the day. We also got a tour of his drying room and shipping room. We also saw a number of beautifully finished turnings. It was time well spent. Thank you Mike for taking time out of your schedule.

One of the guys brought up a good question during lunch at Mike's and it is worth sharing. What is the possibility of using the club website for selling turnings by club members? Well I know that the webserver that is donated for our use is not configured for this purpose so we would have to cross that bridge at some point down the road. Some things that came out of that discussion and maybe my own head since then are; Who decides what pieces are allowed on the site? Keep in mind that the "club" would be providing the web site so the pieces would have to be up to par so as to maintain a professional image to visitors who purchase pieces. Would this be a revenue stream for the club? If a piece is offered for sale on the web site how does the club keep the inventory? Photos of pieces for sale need to have common backgrounds. What are your thoughts?

The Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium is coming up on September 13 and 14 in Loveland, Colorado. More information is available on their website at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

Remember to do the turners' challenge each month. Not only are the challenges a great way to practice what we learn in the demonstrations and hone our skills, they are a great way for me to see how you are doing on your turning as I am ever looking for new people to demonstrate. The best few (judged by me) will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies, USA. Any current member can enter.

- Dave Best

AAW Board message,

The 2008 Symposium in Richmond, Virginia, is now behind us - and what a great symposium it was! Were it possible for each member to be there, I'm sure everyone would have been excited about his or her experience. I find that just being with and talking to the fine people that make up the woodturning community is in and by itself inspirational and something to feel really good about, plus there are so many top notch demonstrators to see and study.

There were 164 rotations to choose from, where various aspects and techniques of contemporary and basic woodturning were demonstrated. Attendance at this year's conference was almost 1,600. Here are some of the symposium highlights:

- . The Instant Gallery showcased almost 1,000 outstanding pieces.
- . The Sphere exhibition had 47 truly amazing pieces on display that in total went for over \$84,000 at auction. The spheres can be seen on the AAW website and in the show catalog which can be purchased from the AAW Store.
- . The Banquet and EOG Auction are always a highlight of the weekend and \$64,000 was raised for use in educational grants.
- . Turned for Use II, our theme exhibition, provided a rich display of functional items at the Richmond Gallery5. These pieces can also be seen on the AAW website and in a catalog available at the AAW store.

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Regular Monthly Meeting (first Tuesday)

Aug 5th - Timberline

1402 W. Center - Orem

Sept 2nd - Macbeath Hardwood

1576 S 300 W - SLC

Oct 7th - Timberline

1402 W. Center - Orem



Kirk DeHeer demonstrates for us

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We also have CD's back to 1999

The CD is compatible with PC and Mac

Cost \$35.00 each and includes shipping

If you would like to buy a DVD or CD at the club meeting, they are available for \$30.00 by saving shipping costs

(Con't. from page 1) . The Trade Show had 60 vendors displaying and selling their latest woodturning tools, equipment, . The Artist in Residence exhibit featured two artists over the weekend demonstrating how they create and make their items. Their display of finished work was truly wonderful. Sponsored by the Professional Outreach Program (POP), Artist in Residence was a symposium first. . The Youth Turning Program, in its fourth year, had 66 young people who were given woodturning training, and 25 of those students were lucky enough to take home a mini-lathe and workstation ensemble. . The raffle for Phil Brennon was a huge success and the proceeds reached \$28,000. Those proceeds will go for health care support for our good AAW friend Phil, who was tragically disabled and is working hard to become rehabilitated. A Powermatic Lathe, a Jet mini-lathe, and a four-jaw chuck were raffled off to lucky winners. . The Return to the Community project received over 600 donated toys, which were given to a local children's hospital. It is not too early to start thinking about next year's symposium, which will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 26-28. Here is a great opportunity to come to the symposium and visit exciting nearby cities like Santa Fe, Taos, and many other popular southwest areas. The themed exhibit for this symposium will be Spirit of the Southwest, which will be on display at the symposium site. Here is a chance to start thinking about ideas for something you can come up with to enter in the competition for this exhibition. The more entries we have, the better the exhibition can be. Go ahead and get involved and give it a try!
 Bill Haskell - AAW Board of Directors

David Best

Tonight Dave Best did our demo by making four projects in one session. The man is amazing! He started out by making a traditional mallet for the shop or kitchen. He mounted up a rough blank approximately three-inches square and ten inches long of good sound hard wood between centers. Tonight Dave chose silver maple. He brought the blank to round with a roughing gouge and continued with a roughing gouge to form the basic shape of the handle and head. This whole process took just a minute or two. He made the final cuts on the head with his absolute favorite tool, the skew. The handle was finished with a small spindle gouge and after decorative cuts were made he sanded through the grits, then applied a finish, parted it off the lathe and passed it around.

The next project was a gavel and sounding block. First he mounted the blank for the head between centers and turned it round. He then drilled the hole for the handle with a Forstner bit in a shop-made V-block. Dave had brought his V-block that he had made with rare earth magnets mounted into its base to hold it firmly on the drill press table. The blank was then remounted in the lathe and the rest of the head features turned symmetrically using the handle hole as the center. As he worked down the diameter he faced off the mallet faces leaving just a small tenon on each side. He sanded through the grits, applied a finish and parted off the head. The other tenon was cut off with a hand saw and the faces were hand-sanded and finished. Next, Dave mounted a matching piece of wood for the handle and turned a right fancy spindle using a rouging gouge and then a small spindle gouge. Again, the process did not take long, as Dave sanded, finished and parted off the handle ready for assembly. The sounding block was turned on a face plate of matching wood to finish out the set.

Dave also showed us two small projects that allow you to use up little left-over bits and pieces of exotic woods we all have laying around our shop. First he made a kid's whistle and then a wooden refrigerator magnet. Dave glues in rare magnets he procures from an internet source at a great price.

Great job Dave! And thanks for christening Dave and Shelly Clark's new shop with a nice pile of wood shavings!

...Article by Jay Brown



Great crowd to watch Dave's demo



Dave is ready to turn



Blank rounded with roughing gouge



Basic shape coming out



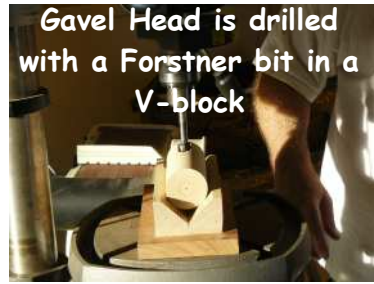
Finish cut on mallet head with Dave's favorite tool, the skew!!



Examples Dave's mallets



Gavel head is turned round



Gavel Head is drilled with a Forstner bit in a V-block



Finish cuts on Gavel head



Gavel Handle is a fancy spindle with a tenon



Head and handle nearly ready for assembly...



Dave also showed us how to make a kids whistle...



Fridge magnet blank on a faceplate mandrel



Finish cuts on the Magnet handle



Finished magnet



More samples of Dave's cool magnets!

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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—7 pm
 Woodcraft Supplies
 9891 S. 500 W.

We kind of left Dave hanging for the turner's challenge for the month with the lidded vessels. Let's commit to do better!



Show 'n tell

If you haven't yet paid your 2008-2009 membership fee, it was due by July 1. Please press hard as you fill out the form completely because the bottom sheet is your receipt. If you have already paid for the coming year, use the form to recruit a friend.

Turners Challenge

Jul (for Aug meeting)

Spectacular Spindles

Aug (for Sept meeting)

Clock

Sept (for Oct meeting)

Lidded Vessel

For Sale or Trade Rough turned bowls, platters, etc. Call Kirk DeHeer 801-735-7858

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