

UTAH WOODCHIPS



Message from the President

December - 2004

- Kip Christensen did a masterful job of demonstrating his skill as a woodturner for our November club meeting. He very quickly showed us how to make numerous items including a "colorwood" top, a desk clock, small platter, pen, bowl, "perfect" sphere and small refrigerator magnets. It was impressive and if you were not there...start "kickin yer butt". Be grateful we are recording these demos. You can get a DVD of his demo for only \$10. Thanks again Kip...

Our Third Thursday meeting as always, was held at Woodcraft. This was a "hands-on" training, teaching techniques on how to hold and cut with the spindle gouge, bowl gouge, roughing gouge and skew. It seemed very beneficial to all who participated. Additionally there were numerous requests to do another class on tool sharpening. We will probably accommodate this in January.

- Last reminder...our Club Christmas party will be December 7th at Woodcraft in SLC. We will be starting a 6:00pm...so be there early. Please bring your favorite "potluck" item to share. The drinks, plates and utensils will all be provided. Additionally, please bring a small exchange gift to be swapped and drawn for. Put it in a paper sack or wrap up.
- As a special Christmas bonus...all members who are current on their dues and in attendance, will be able to participate in a raffle in which we will draw for some terrific "items" donated by Timberline, Craft Supplies and Woodcraft, including a Jet Mini lathe and woodturning tools.
- We look forward to have Joe Wagner do the demonstration for us. He has more years woodturning than "he is". He promised to show us how to turn "some wood". We are all looking forward to see what he has to offer. This should be great...plan on being there.

Don't forget your turners challenge for the month...a \$15 Gift certificate from Craft supplies, could be yours...

For our 3rd Thursday in December, I thought it would be educational and enlightening to see various jigs, rigs and other tools we have made by hand to assist us in our woodturning or woodworking in general. Please bring anything you have made that you can share with us. This should be helpful to all in attendance.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Date Demonstrator @ Place

December 7

**Joe Wagner - Christmas Party
@ Woodcraft, Murray
A potluck dinner will start at 6:00pm
The demonstration will be at 7:00pm**



A great turnout for our November meeting.

2004 Symposium CD-Rom

Other Symposium Compact Disks Available
1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Unable to attend the Utah Woodturning Symposium at BYU? **Take heart!** The Club has produced a CD-Rom again this year that covers almost every aspect of the event. Video clips as well as photos of virtually every piece in the instant gallery. There is even freeware picture viewing software on the disk for you to use.

The CD is **compatible** with PC and Mac.
\$35.00 includes packaging and shipping.

If you would like to buy a CD at the club meeting you can take 10% off since we don't have to ship it (\$31.50). Call Bob Carter and let him know to bring one for you.

**The 2005 symposium will be on
June 16 – 18. Make plans NOW!**

Kip Christensen taught us about:

Spinning Tops:

Kip turned a couple of small spinning tops from prepared blanks. He turns them at as high a speed as the lathe will run. He sometimes likes to decorate them with a little chatter work. He sells them for about \$4.00. He often uses "color wood" to enhance the tops.

Desk Clock:

He showed us a desk clock turned as a cone with the clock set in the large end. The cone was then sanded flat on one side so it would not roll around.

Wall Clock:

He turned a platter-like disk and cut a recess in it to receive the clock. He mounted the piece to a face plate using double-stick tape. He then brought up the tail stock to put pressure on it to "clamp" it to the face plate.

He measured the back of the clock with dividers then put the left point of the dividers against the wood to watch the right point and tell when he had scribed the right diameter on the spinning piece. Then he cut the recess to the depth to receive the clock mechanism. After the recess was cut he brought up the tail stock and marked the center in the bottom of the recess so that he could re-mount the piece if necessary.

Pen of Kip's design w/o band:

Kip turned a pen using the usual pen mandrel. He used his own design which does not use a band in the middle. He likes this because he does not have to spend time fitting both ends to the band and his design allows more freedom in design. I think it looked great.

Small Bowl of Apricot:

The next project was a small bowl from a piece of apricot. He had taken a half log (cut down the pith line).

He noted that it is much safer to cut the piece on a band saw when you have a flat surface on the table and use the template tacked to the top of the wood to approximate the cut line. He mounted the piece (with the flat side toward the screw) on a screw chuck. He cut the outside shape and made a small tenon for mounting in a chuck. The outside followed somewhat of an ogee shape.

If the piece is to be used for food he often finishes it with Waterlox.

He then reversed the piece and mounted it in a chuck in order to take out the middle of the bowl.

Sphere:

Next he made a sphere about three inches in diameter. He mounted the work between centers and turned it roughly round (by eye). Then he turned the piece 90° and mounted it between a cup center in the head stock and another in a ball bearing center in the tail stock (see pictures). He then turned it again and rotated it and turned, etc.

Fridge Magnets:

The last project was some refrigerator magnets. He likes the rare-earth magnets that come in sizes from 1/4" to over 1". Kip prefers the 3/8" size. He suggests cutting off a 3/8" drill bit and using the part without the grooves as a chuck to mount a drilled piece of wood in the lathe. He shapes the piece to his liking and often adds a little chatter work. He finishes with French Polish. He prefers to glue the magnet in place with some epoxy. Apply a little epoxy about 3/4 of the way around the hole so there is a space for the air to escape, then press the piece on a flat surface to set the magnet in place.



Top Blank of ColorWood



Spinning top of crazy block



Desk clock out of a cone with a flat side



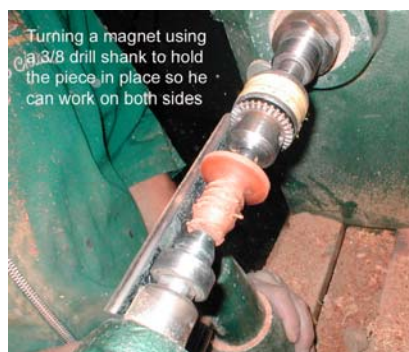
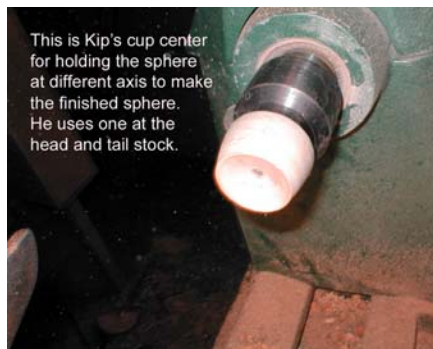
Note two sided tape to mount face plate.



The finished wall clock in Maple.



Kip's pen design without a center ring.



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The Utah Association of Woodturners is the local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

The club was formed in 1988.

Meetings - first Tuesday of each month at various shops or wood stores who support the club.

Refreshments 6:30

Meeting 7:00pm

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

Dues begin July 1st

\$25.00 full year

\$20.00 three quarters

\$15.00 half year

\$10.00 last quarter

Spouse \$10.00

**Training Meeting
3rd Thursday**

@ Woodcraft
767 E. Fort Union (7200 S.)

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Turners Challenge

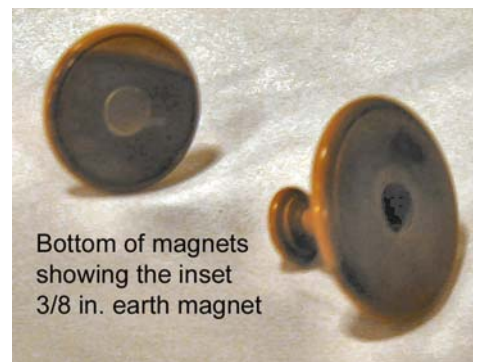
Dec (for the Jan meeting)
Goblet

Jan (for the Feb meeting)
Cat-tails in a vase

Feb (for the March meeting)
Picture Frame



Refrigerator Magnets



Bottom of magnets showing the inset
3/8 in. earth magnet