

UTAH WOODCHIPS



Message from the President

January - 2007

We had a great crowd for our Christmas party at Woodcraft this year. The potluck was great with many selections to choose from. After the potluck we held our gift exchange and then enjoyed a demonstration on pen making and marketing by Jerry Henson. Of course there is more about the demo inside. We finished off the night with a drawing for some great prizes including gift certificates and two mini lathes provided by Timberline, MacBeath and Craft Supplies. Thank you to all who supported this event.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007, we will gather at Craft Supplies where we will be privileged to have Mike Mahoney demonstrate. This is a don't miss event as Mike always does a fabulous job. I can't think of a better way to begin the new year.

Keeping up the pace we will be meeting at Ben Lomond High School in February where Mike Hyer will demo. This young man does some beautiful work and is very knowledgeable about trees and their structure. Then coming up in March Jim McBride will demonstrate a threaded box at MacBeath. Jim has been doing incredible threading on his Jet mini lathe for quite awhile. Next we will meet at Timberline in April where Lynn Jacobson will demonstrate how he does the segmented vessels. I for one am awed by them. All in all the first four months are going to be great.

December's third Thursday meeting, still a few days away as this is written, will be about a bowl gouge. I hope we saw you there since you are likely reading this after. We will continue the third Thursday training meetings at Woodcraft in the coming year. My gratitude to them for their support. My hope is to spend these training opportunities learning more about what we see demonstrated during our regular meetings. For instance I expect to spend the third Thursday after Jim's Demo doing threading so everyone is prepared for the threaded box challenge that will follow.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have opportunity to spend time with loved ones this holiday season.

Remember to do the turners' challenge each month. It's a great way to practice what we learn in the demonstrations and hone our skills. 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)

Jan 2nd - Craft Supplies

1287 E 1120 S

Provo, Utah—6:30 p.m.

Feb 6th - Ben Lomond High

800 Jackson Avenue

Ogden, Utah—6:30 p.m.

Mar 6th - MacBeath Hardwood

1576 S 300 W - SLC



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club meeting, they are available for
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Jerry Henson

Turning Pen and Pencil Sets

Jerry Henson has been turning for about two years. He turns pens, likes to read woodworking books, and brought several of his favorite wood turned pens and pencils and passed them around for us to see. Jerry also keeps a record of what he makes and who gets them.

Jerry sells his pen and pencil sets for \$45.00, and can sell more than he can make. He also likes to turn rolling pins and other things. Jerry has turned pens in many kinds of wood, from exotics to cherry from the neighbor's yard. He uses storage bins to organize his wood. He likes red palm, but prefers the stabilized version so when he is ready to work he can just get to work! He puts his sets in a nice box with some information about the wood the writing instrument is made of.

Tonight he is tuning a piece of teak. He cuts his blanks on a table saw and is careful to keep the pieces together so he can turn them together to make sure the grain stays aligned. He glues the tubes in place using a Bic pen as a tube insertion tool. After the glue sets, he uses pen mill dress the face of the blank. The mill is a reamer which he turns in a cordless drill. Jerry uses a piece of rubbery shelf anti-slip mat as a "grip pad" too hold on to the blanks. He brought several of his pieces as an example. After dressing all of the faces, he mounts the pieces on a pen mandrel equipped with appropriately sized bushings, making sure he keeps the original grain aligned. He roughs blanks with a 3/8" spindle gouge. After the pieces are turned to size, the sanding process can begin. Jerry likes Norton paper which he buys in quantity at Home Depot. He cuts his paper into a 1" wide strips and starts with 150 grit. Jerry cautions that you must be careful not to reduce the size of the bushings with sanding or your finished parts will be too small. He sands through 220, 320, and 400. Jerry uses Hut turning finish bar, but also likes Deft, which he says gives a higher gloss. He showed us several different styles of pieces and parts to show the variety. He buys extra tubes in quantity so he can do lots of blanks ahead of time and then he replenishes those tubes when he opens the kits. He presses them together using a pen press. Great job Jerry!



Dave-
ready to
get the
party
started



Cut layers ready to start
Some came early, others
got caught in Traffic!



Lots of smiles at the gift
exchange!



Lots of Great Food!



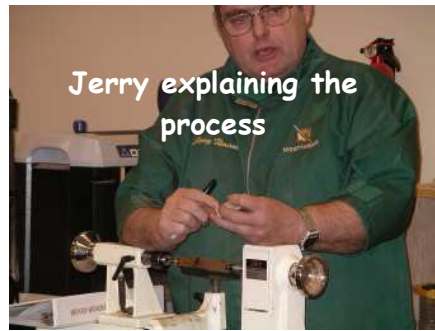
Drawing prize tickets!



Dave passing out prizes
from the drawing



One of Jerry's many books on turning



Jerry explaining the process



"Milling" the blanks



Mounted and now we are making shavings!



Sanding...

Note narrow strips of paper



Applying the finish



Arranging the parts for assembly

Parts organized in bins!



Using a pen press to put the parts together!



Beautiful finished product!



December's Challenge—Ornaments!

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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.
 Salt Lake City

Tip of the month - Bob Carter covers the tips of his double ended caliper with plastic caps that he buys at Lowes to avoid scratching the piece!

Turners Challenge

Dec (for Jan. meeting)

Decorative bowl

Jan (for Feb. meeting)

Rolling pin

Feb (for Mar. meeting)

Large salad bowl



Thank you to all who donated the toy tops to Bruce Bassett for his South American Children's Christmas Project!

We want your input! E-mail Dave your ideas for future demos and training topics.

Don't forget to return your DVD's if you have any checked out!