

UTAH WOODCHIPS



Message from the President

January 2009

Our Christmas party at MacBeath Hardwood was a huge success. Excellent food for the potluck and we had great support from MacBeath Hardwood, Timberline Woodworkers Supply and Craft Supplies for our prize drawing besides the gifts provided by the club. I saw a lot of great turnings from the gift exchange as well. Bob Carter did a fabulous job demonstrating a French rolling pin and you can see more about it further down in the newsletter. Thank you Bob for a great demo and thanks to all who participated in the Christmas party.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and completed all your turned gifts ahead of schedule. Our first meeting of the new year on January 6th will be held at Craft Supplies in Provo. Lane Phillips will demonstrate for us. Hope you all can make it.

I have all the club demonstration videos available. They are now \$7.50 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

Our final monthly third Thursday meeting at Woodcraft revolved around a lidded box and we had good participation from those in attendance. For some time there has been a significant amount of discussion about the third Thursday training meetings. These meetings have been a great success and I have been reluctant to change anything. Woodcraft has graciously been our host since before I was a member of the club. However, it is difficult to continue with the decreasing meeting space and provide a good experience for the number that attend. So, December was our last monthly third Thursday meeting, and instead we will have a quarterly third Thursday training meeting at MacBeath Hardwood. At this time it is scheduled for March, June, September and November but we will keep you updated with any changes to the schedule.

It is time to renew or begin your membership to the AAW. It is a worthwhile membership with many benefits. I'll have some forms available at the meeting.

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

Regular Monthly Meeting (first Tuesday)

Jan 6th - Craft Supplies USA
1287 E 1120 S - Provo

Feb 3rd - TBA

Mar 3rd - TBA



Bob Carter shares his talent

NOW AVAILABLE: The 2008 Utah Woodturners Symposium DVD

2007 Utah Woodturners Symposium DVD or CD is still available

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

Bob Carter — French Rolling Pin

Tonight we welcomed Bob Carter as our demonstrator. Bob is a well known turner from our area and the past president of the club. His turning skills are quite good and he is known for his tool control and sharpening skills.

Tonight he demonstrated a French rolling pin in a demo shortened a bit by our Christmas festivities. Bob likes to turn locally available woods such as Silver Maple. Tonight he used a lovely Padauk blank. Bob starts with a 2 x 2 blank, 21 inches long. He mounted the blank between centers and roughed it round with a one inch roughing gouge at about 2500 RPM. Bob always uses a face shield when roughing for the sake of safety, and he did so tonight setting a good example for all of us. Bob suggested that while roughing you take small scallop shaped cuts rather than one large cut to avoid breaking off large chunks as the corners come around. It is always fun to see the nice long shavings coming from Bob's always well sharpened tools. Once the blank is round, Bob puts his "story stick" next to the piece and sets up where the ends will be and makes a parting cut there. He then made pencil marks at 3" intervals. These are the spots where he will make specific depth cuts with his parting tool using an outside caliper. Bob reminded us to never allow your fingers to get between the caliper arms and to make sure that the sharp edges have been removed from the tips of the caliper before using them in this fashion to minimize the risks of a "grab or catch" with the caliper. The diameter Bob begins with is 1 7/8" at the center, dropping an eighth of an inch in diameter for each 3 inches toward the end, where the diameter will be about 1 1/8". Bob emphasized that these are just his preferences and you can make them however you like them. As we all know, we sometimes get new "design opportunities" as we turn. Bob then returned to his roughing gouge to bring down the ends to near the diameters of the parting cuts.

Bob reminds us to set the tool rest so we are cutting at or below the center line of the rotating stock, and to avoid raising the tool handle too much. He repeated that if you never raise the tool more than two degrees above the bevel angle, you should never get a catch, Bob roughed out the whole length, starting at the tailstock end and working towards the center, and then the headstock end, again working to the center. Next Bob showed his considerable skill with his skew to clean up the surface. Bob mentioned that he normally begins sanding at 400 grit or higher, but today, "just for demo purposes" he started at 240. Bob taught us a bit about sanding technique, reminding us to always keep the paper moving. He also reminded us of the rule to never go higher than 150% of the previous grit as we sand up through the grits. Bob sanded up through 400 and then applied a bar wax finish made by Hut. He then turns up the speed to create enough heat from friction to melt the finish into the wood using a small rag to remove the excess. He then went to paper toweling to buff it to a nice polish, Bob finished by cutting off with the point of his skew, leaving a nice rounded surface which required very little hand sanding. He finished the ends using a shop made sanding mandrel applying some deft to finish it off. Great Job Bob!

...Article by Jay Brown



Good Food!



Great crowd



Fun Presents for gift exchange



Dave getting the meeting underway



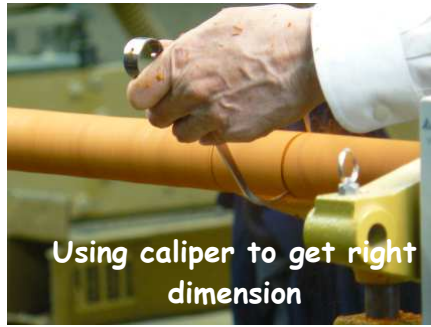
Blank for rolling pin



Roughing the rolling pin



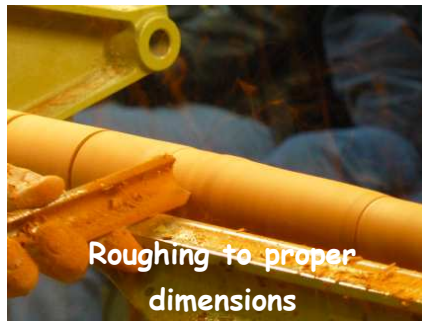
Measuring from story stick



Using caliper to get right dimension



Dimensions marked



Roughing to proper dimensions



Wonderful surface a properly used skew can leave



Sanding



Shop-made madrel to finish ends



Finished Rolling Pin



Gift exchange booty



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Be sure to look at our club shirts, hats
and videos on our Club Website:
utahwoodturners.org

Dear Utah Association of Woodturners:

We have several exciting announcements to pass along to you and your members.

*Free Pen Blanks - Bell WoodTurners ("BWT") was given over 5,000 pen blanks cut from various north Florida hardwoods. There is no charge for the pen blanks to AAW members. However we do need \$20.00 a box for shipping and handling. Each box contains over 100 blanks (from 109 to 120 depending on how well they are stacked). Each box contains one type of wood. Types of wood include black cherry, camphor, red ash, magnolia, maple, pecan, etc. If interested, please send a check payable to Bell WoodTurners and include a shipping address, telephone number and email address. We will try to fill requests for a certain type of wood. Orders will be filled and sent on a first come-first served basis. BWT is a Florida 501(c) (3) tax exempt corporation founded for woodturning education. We are the AAW club for five counties in north central Florida. Please send check and shipping address to:

Tony Forneris

With our new format we have plenty of news space. If you have a newsworthy article, please email Jay Brown at vermama@comcast.net before the third Saturday of the month.

Utah Association of Woodturners

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



Turners Challenge

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Dec (for Jan meeting)

Dyes in Turning

Jan (for Feb meeting)

Hollowform

Feb (for Mar meeting)

Platter

Training Meeting
3rd Thursday—7 pm
 Woodcraft Supplies
 9891 S. 500 W.

For Sale or Trade
 Rough turned bowls, platters, etc. Call Kirk DeHeer

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<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>
<http://www.timberlinetools.com>
<http://www.macbeath.com>
<http://www.woodcraft.com>