

# UTAH WOODCHIPS



## Message from the President

*June 2009*

First off I want to remind everyone of the club picnic on Tuesday, June 2nd at Craft Supplies. Potluck will begin at 6 p.m. with Craft Supplies providing the burgers. Please bring something to share with a few others. Mike Mahoney will demonstrate following dinner. The rumor is that he will turn a Calabash bowl and core it as well.

The symposium at UVU was a success. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered the many hours it took to put it all together. Plans are already under way for next year, tentatively scheduled for May 6-8, 2010.

The May meeting had a large turnout where I demonstrated a footless bowl. You can see more about it inside. Thank you to MacBeath Hardwood for hosting us and Wayne and his wife for providing the refreshments.

We will have a training meeting on Thursday, June 18th at MacBeath Hardwood at 7 p.m. The training meeting will also include a photo op for members' turnings. We have a turn-a-thon Saturday event coming up on June 20th in Mountain Green (Kent Smith Memorial Park). The event will begin by 9 a.m. and the club will furnish lunch for members. Pack up your mini lathe and join us for an enjoyable day. Even if you don't have a mini lathe we hope you will join with us anyway. Take Exit 92 on Interstate 84, drive under the freeway and follow the Old Highway Rd. to the park.

It is time to renew your membership. Dues run from July 1st through June 30th. John will be available to accept your payment. Again, it will be \$25.00 for the year.

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)

June 2nd - Craft Supplies USA

**Club Picnic**

1287 E 1120 S - Provo

July 7th - TBA

Aug 4th - TBA



Dave Best shares his talents...

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### Dave Best—Salad bowls and Utility bowls

Dave started by passing around a number of bowls he has made ranging in size from small to large. He began his demo by mounting a rough pre-turned blank that was about one year dry, sealed after roughing with anchorseal. Dave placed the blank on the face of his chuck and brought up the tailstock. Dave told us that true up the spigot, he would use a “negative rake dovetail foot scraper”. Some of us call it a skew. After he trued up the spigot, he turned the bowl around on his chuck. He then used a ½” bowl gouge with fingernail grind with handle held low. He made a series of pull cuts to true up the outside of the bowl. He continued making his pull cuts until the piece was back in round and all of the anchorseal was gone. Dave switched to a scraper with a good burr raised to shear scrape. He held the scraper up on its edge and used a very light touch creating just whisper thin shavings. Dave left a very nice finish with just a couple of passes. Dave now switched to a pm tools M4 bowl gouge to true up the rim. His goal was to create a profile that would draw the eye into the bowl.

When he moved to the inside, he started with flute at 3:00 position, scraping a place for the bevel to rub. He then “opens” the tool to start the cut and follows the cut down the inside wall. He soon put the blow into round, dropping the handle a bit as he goes through the cut. Dave was working his way gradually down the wall. He made several cuts until he was happy with the thickness. Dave then went back to sanding the outside before he took out the support in the middle. Dave likes the new purple ceramic disks available from Craft and uses a thin adapter to allow a Velcro, using a power sanding technique rotating drill opposite lathe rotation. He sanded through 4 grits, 80, 120, 180, 220, then hand sanded with 320 paper, 400, 600 paper clearing dust with a paper towel between grits. He then wet the outside with water to raise the grain. He then turned his attention back inside removing the center. He made his final cuts with a smaller freshly sharp tool and then went to sanding at 80. Dave used a flex disk with a 3 ½” disk on it to get into the undercut, and then went through the grits as on the outside. Dave finished by doing the rim, Dave also discussed the reversing of the lathe between grits. He then hand sanded the undercut through 220. He broke the sharp edge on the rim and then did the rest of the inside. He hand sanded with 320, 400, and 600 as before. He sanded the raised grain on the back. He sprayed the inside with water and adjusted his Cole jaws while we waited for the grain to rise. He then sanded off the “fuzz” with 600 and did two grades of BearTex, gray and white. He turned the bowl around again on his Cole jaws. Dave went back to his bowl gouge and using pull cuts he eliminated his spigot and carefully continued the profiles making a smooth curve all the way to the center. Dave then sanded thorough the grits, being careful not to create a flat and going out to a slightly larger diameter with each grit to “blend in” the sanding. Dave went to hand sanding from 320, 400, 600 raised the grain with water and allowed it to dry.

Dave signs his work with a .4 mm ball tip on a Razur wood burner at a setting of 6 on the burner. Dave oiled his piece and suggested it will dry in about two weeks. Great job Dave!!!!

...Article by Jay Brown



Dave gets the meeting started



Great crowd at MacBeath



Two of Dave's blanks



The blank ready for mounting



Bowl on face of chuck



Cutting outside



**Cutting the rim**



**Removing the center**



**Finishing the rim**



**Turned around, pull cuts**



**Hand sanding the footless**



**Mounted on Cole Jaws**



**Finishing with Beartex**



**Signing with a woodburner**



**Beautiful work**



**Finished bowl**

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**Club Quarterly Training Meeting**

**June 18th—7:00 pm**

**Macbeath Hardwood**

1576 S 300 W - SLC

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**May (for Jun meeting)**

Utility Bowls

**Jun (for Jul meeting)**

Pens

**Jul (for Aug meeting)**

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