

# UTAH WOODCHIPS



## Message from the President

May - 2006

- Spring is really here (snow is normal) but we have a great summer planned for us already...
- First major event will be a Saturday Retreat on May 20th in Mt Green at 9:00am. Bring your lathe, tools and wood...we will turn, learn and have fun all day. Lunch will be provided - See directions on the back page...
- Next we will have our Summer picnic at Craft Supplies USA in Provo...June 6th at 6pm. This is a pot-luck so bring something to share. Drinks and condiments will be provided
- Utah Woodturning Symposium Jun 15th thru 17th in Provo...get your tickets early or you won't get in...
- Bruce Bassett did a terrific demonstration for our April meeting in Ogden (at Clead Christiansen's place). He showed us how he makes "lace bobbins" and his sweet wife Marie "out-shined" him (again) by making and showing us some of her hand-made lace. This was a super learning experience for small turning projects. Great job Bruce and thanks again.
- The Third Thursday training for April was a discussion and demonstration by Joe Wagner on the different types of finishes and why and when you use them...or not... Another excellence job Joe...everyone in attendance learned a lot... Our May Thursday event will be on scrapers...
- Our May demonstration has been moved as we are thrilled to have Mark Shelton showing us some of the special turnings with piercing and other surface treatments including sand-blasting. This will be held at the Joel P. Jensen Middle School in West Jordan, see directions on back page.
- We have also scheduled a Super Saturday training on June 24th at 9am, with Richard Raffan from Australia. \$25 each. He is one the World leaders in the woodturning field
- Remember to do the Turners Challenge each month. The best one (judged by me) will receive a \$15.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA. Any current member can participate. Show us what you can do...

## Regular Monthly Meeting (first Tuesday)

May 2nd Mark Shelton

Joel P Jensen Middle School

8105 S 3200 W - SLC

Jun 6th Club Picnic

Craft Supplies USA

1287 E 1120 S - Provo

Jul 11th Dave Bouwhuis

Home Shop

445 N. 725 W— Clearfield



Bruce giving pointers  
to a novice!

### 2005 Utah Woodturners Symposium CD is now 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 CD at the club meeting, they are available for \$30.00 by saving shipping costs

Note: 2006 Symposium Jun 15 - 17

Tickets now available at:

[utahwoodturning.com](http://utahwoodturning.com)

## Bruce Bassett on turning Lace Bobbins

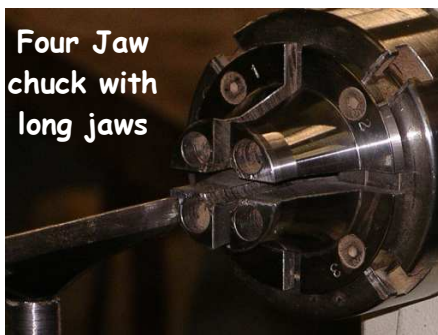
Bruce has been making Lace bobbins for his wife's lace making for some time now. They are a fairly quick project and are fun to make. Bruce says that you can learn the basics in a short time, and spend the rest of your life mastering them.

The bobbins are small, and take just a small amount of material, so they are economical to make as well. Bruce likes to use tight grain, closed pore, dense wood. The problem with open pore woods is that when you wind the lace thread on the bobbin in use, the small thread will catch in the pores or grain. Bruce's favorite is Mountain Mahogany, but any dense wood will work. He has also made some from composite materials such as Corian. Bruce places the stock in the chuck so that the jaws grip the corners of blank so it will center better. He also puts a dimple in the other end and uses the tail stock with very little pressure.

Bruce starts by "roughing down" the blank to a quarter inch diameter. Bruce turns his bobbins on his small lathe at about 1800 Rpm and does not change speed. The "Long neck" where the thread will be wound is about one inch, while the "short neck" where the half hitch is made to hold the thread is about a quarter inch long.

Bruce makes his own tools from cement nails, and holds them in a pin chuck handle. He sands with 320 wet or dry sandpaper. After the piece is "cut off" he buffs them to a smooth finish. He then uses a Dremmel tool to drill a 1/32" hole for spangle beads that are tied on with fishing line. He makes it look so easy, we suspect he has more than a few behind him!

He also took a few minutes to show us how his shop made eccentric chuck and face-plates hand threaded with home made taps. We were also treated to a lace making demonstration showing the use of the finished product. Super job Bruce and Marie...and thanks !!



Four Jaw chuck with long jaws



Bruces' tools - note the handmade mini skew in pin chuck at bottom



"The blank ready to go in the chuck



An example bobbin turned 4 times scale



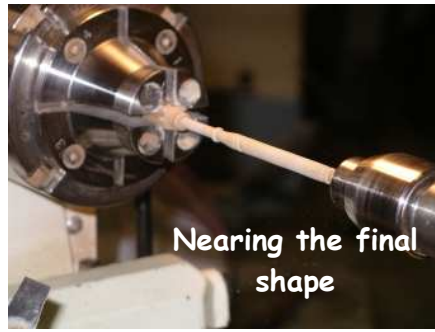
"Roughing down"



Laying out the transitions



Beginning the "necks"



Nearing the final shape



Even Bruce has to sand



Finished turning



Buffing for a smooth product



Drill hole for "bangles" with Dremmel tool



Bobbins by other turners



A selection of various woods



Marie and her Lace Making pillow with bobbins in use



The "real" finished product

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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 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

**Training Meeting**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
 Woodcraft Supplies  
 (new) 9891 S. 500 W.  
 Salt Lake City  
 7:00 - 8:45 pm

**Turners Challenge**

Apr (for May meeting)  
 Large Salad Bowl

May (for Jun meeting)  
 Pen and/or Pencil set

Jun (for Jul meeting)  
 Egg Cup

**Joel P Jensen Middle School**  
**(8105 S 3200 W)**

Drive around the South end of the building and you will see a dust collector. Door is under the pipes...

**Mt Green— May 20th**

Kent Smith Memorial Park on Old Highway Rd. Take I-84 up Weber Canyon, then take Mt. Green Exit, turn under the freeway to Old Highway Rd to your right for a half mile. The park is to your right with parking next to the bowery.

From the south on I-15, take the Weber State, South Ogden Exit and get on I-84 after you pass the river in the bottom of Weber Canyon. From the north on I-15 take the exit to I-84 in Riverdale.