

# UTAH WOODCHIPS



## Message from the President

November - 2006

We met in a beautiful barn in Kaysville on the first Tuesday in October. We were fortunate to have Jay Brown demonstrate his captive ring on the side of a bowl. He's done rings both on the inside and outside of bowls. What fabulous pieces he brought for display. He also spent some time teaching us about spalting and handed out some information on doing this ourselves. Check out the details inside.

Our training meeting for October was held at Woodcraft where we learned more about turning Christmas ornaments from Joe Wagner. Thanks for all you do Joe.

The first Tuesday in November we will gather at MacBeath Hardwood in Salt Lake where we will be honored to have our previous president, Bob Carter, demonstrate Jim McPhail's "layered bowls" for us. Come and join us as I'm certain it will be time well spent. We'll see how goes the sandpaper battle between Bob and Joe. ;-)

The third Thursday training meeting during November will be at **Timberline** in **Orem**, due to the demonstrations members will be doing there until late evening. Bob is going to teach proper sharpening techniques while Joe continues to help those with Christmas ornament questions. Be sure to mark your calendar carefully so you don't end up at the wrong location.

November is the month we pause and remember the things we are thankful for. I want to take this opportunity to thank the businesses that support the club as well as all the efforts of our great members in assisting with the many details it takes to keep the club running smoothly. Without the hard work and support we receive from all, our club would not be the example it is across the country. Thank you.

Don't forget our club Christmas party coming up on Tuesday, December 5th. As in years past it will be held at Woodcraft. The potluck dinner will start at 6 p.m., followed by the gift exchange and then our demonstration by Jerry Henson. There will also be a give away drawing that night for current members. Be sure to turn and wrap something for the gift exchange.

Time is running out for the top project. Be certain to get them turned in so Bruce Bassett can get them delivered.

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 enter.

*-Dave Best*

## Regular Monthly Meeting ( first Tuesday )

Nov 7th - Bob Carter

Macbeath Hardwood

1576 S 300 W - SLC

Dec 5th - Christmas Party

Woodcraft—9891 South 500 West

Sandy, Utah—6:00 p.m.

Jan 2nd - open



## The Utah Woodturners Symposium 2006 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

## Jay Brown on "spalting" and "close captive rings"

We had the pleasure of going to a really special place called "the Barn in Kaysville". They were very accommodating and lots of fun for all of us. I hope we can go there again...

Jay spent a good deal of time talking about how to spalt your own wood. Which can be very beautiful or really disastrous. He suggests going into the "woods" and finding some rotting wood and taking a handful home in a bag. Then "smear" some on your wood of choice, put it in a "clear" plastic bag, add some "Miracle Grow", tag and date it then just watch. If it gets too dry "spray" in a little water. Experimentation will be your best teacher. Give it a try, but remember "spalting" can be very toxic. Gloves and masks are "highly" recommended.

He then proceeded to teach us how to turn a "close captive ring". They are similar to "Saturn rings" in that you can turn them but barely see where they are attached. This is an especially effective technique on "bland" wood. Dry wood tends to work better as you don't want any changes in shape or obviously the "ring" will not turn.

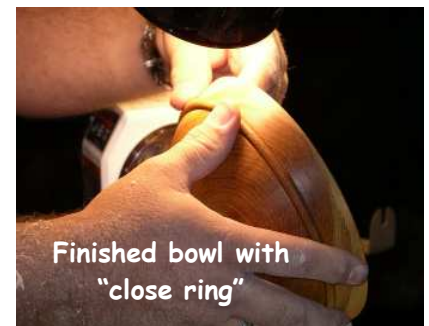
Go ahead and turn the bowl, goblet, platter or whatever you like. Then decide where a "ring" or "rings" would look appropriate. The higher the bead...the less your eyes see the "transition. Again, experimentation is "key".

Use a point or pyramid tool, spindle or bowl gouge or skew to remove that area around the bead. So you end up with a horizontal "plain" and a small "mound" which will become your bead.

The best tool Jay has found to cut the ring is a "fixed" utility knife. He says to sharpen often the "top" of the blade. Use a very steady cut on each side of the bead and carefully extract the blade each time. You want a very distinct "V" of about 45 degrees. It is best to use compressed air to remove the shavings in the slot. Also you do most of the sanding and finishing, including the "slots" up to 600 grit, prior to "breaking" the bead free.

After you break thru the bead...stop cutting and again carefully remove the blade as most of the damage occurs at this point in the process. Now you can insert a double layer of 320 grit down each slot. Touch up any damage to the finish and you are now complete.

You can also do multiple rings but it is better to only cut every other one as it looks better to not have the slots next to each other. Good luck and good turning...





Re-mounting with scotchbrite



Turn a foot after stabilized



Cleaning up the bowl



Smoothing the outside



Removing the area around the bead



Developing the right side bead



Developing the left side of bead



Cutting sides of bead with "fixed" utility knife



Beautiful finished product!



Bowl with inside ring

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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

Spouse \$10.00

New members only...

\$20.00 three quarters

\$15.00 half year

\$10.00 last quarter

**Training Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

Timberline

Center St - W. of I15

Salt Lake City

7:00 - 8:45 pm

Lynn Jacobson has a Nova 3000 lathe for sale. Contact him if you are interested.

**Turners Challenge**

**Oct (for Nov meeting)**

Lidded vessel

**Nov (for Dec meeting)**

Christmas ornament

**Dec (for Jan meeting)**

Decorative bowl

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday training will be held at Timberline Tools in Orem.

They are about two blocks west of I-15 on Center Street ( which is the exit )

Also start making your gift exchanges for our Christmas party in December. Wrap it or put it in a paper sack...bring one for each !!

**Christmas is Coming FAST!**

Don't forget our club's commitment to help Bruce Bassett supply toy tops for his South American Children's Christmas Project. If we all bring 3-4 each month we'll make our goal.