

# UTAH WOODCHIPS



## Message from the President

November 2008

The October 7th demo meeting was held at Timberline in Orem where Joe Wagner showed us two Christmas ornaments. Holy cow, was it good! But what did you expect? Of course there is more about it inside. Thanks Joe!

Our third Thursday was a great success as well where we discussed finished and tool handles turning. This next third Thursday will be held at Timberline since we will be demonstrating down there during the tool show. I hope you can make it. Speaking of demonstrating there are still a few slots available for demonstrating during Timberline's show and sale. Contact me for available slots.

The November 4th meeting will be at MacBeath Hardwood where Doug Turner will demonstrate his recently completed Rose Engine Lathe. Don't forget to do your civic duty and vote that day.

Remember we are not far from the Holiday season and there are gifts to begin turning. That includes one for the gift exchange at our Christmas party. While we are on the subject, our Christmas party will be held at MacBeath Hardwood this year. Woodcraft has been kind enough to allow us to use their facility since I've been involved with the club, but with changes there we won't be able to get everyone in.

Lastly 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 turner's 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 )

Nov 4th - Macbeath Hardwood  
1576 S 300 W - SLC

Dec 2nd - Christmas Party  
Macbeath Hardwood  
1576 S 300 W - SLC

Jan 8th - TBA



Joe Wagner demonstrates for us

**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

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## Joe Wagner on Christmas Ornaments

Another very impressive demonstration by our own Mr Woodturner, Joe Wagner shows us how to make some really excellent Christmas ornaments. His first ornament was from “Sea Urchin shells”. These shells can be obtained via the internet from many outlets in Texas and Florida. They are relatively inexpensive and really look great as ornaments.

He first coats the globe with PVA to provide strength to the walls. Next he uses a turned “stepped” jig to determine the size of the hole on each end. A Dremel with a barrel sander is used to “ream” them to the proper diameter. Additionally it is also used to flatten the “nubs” near the hole to ensure the finials will seat properly.

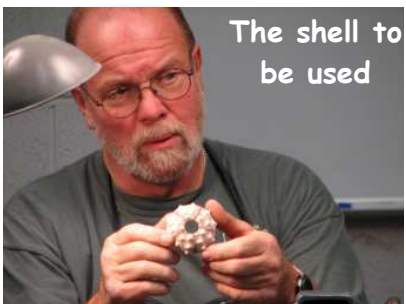
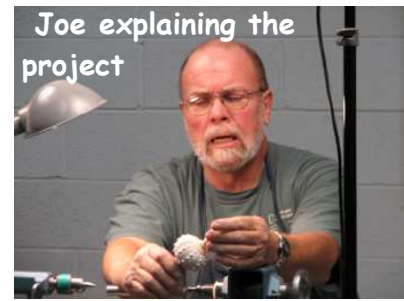
He drills a ½ inch hole in a small block of wood then turns a finial button of contrasting or similar color. After they are the desired shape, again using the Dremel, he buffs the buttons with 280 to 320 grit Scotch Brite flaps. These are glued into the shell with CA, while carefully orienting them to be aligned with each other.

Joe uses a hand-made tail center that has a small but very strong point. This is used to hold the wood for the finials. He explained how important it is to undercut the base of the finial, for proper seating. The finish is his “standard” two parts Deft and one part lacquer thinner.

Next, Joe showed us how to make a “quick and dirty” ornament from very inexpensive plastic globes, you can buy at the Dollar Store or some other discount store. He made a “globe holder” to be used on the drill press to hold the globe stationary to drill at exactly the opposite side. The drill holes are either 25/64<sup>th</sup> or ½ inch.

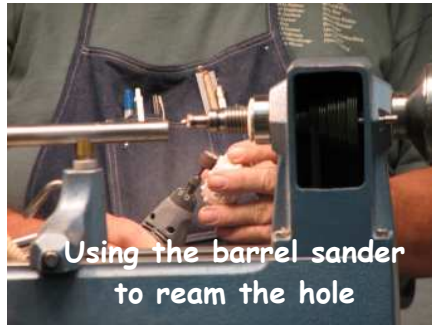
Terrific job Joe...you have motivated me to start getting some Christmas decorations made.

...Article by Bob Carter





Determining the size of the hole



Using the barrel sander to ream the hole



Shell ready to be de-nubbed



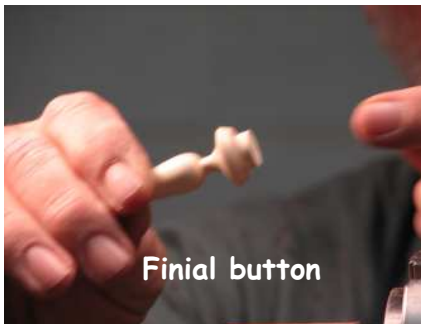
De-nubbing bottom



Joe's hand-made tail center



Dry compound for buffing



Finial button



Globe holder



Ornament ready for finial



Samples of Joe's work!

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**HELP — Missing Library DVD's**

The following videos need attention. A few are missing, others have been checked out for extensive periods, and some are missing data. If you have one of these videos, or if your name is listed, please take steps to correct the situation. If you don't agree with the following, contact Bruce Bassett at [bcbasse@hotmail.com](mailto:bcbasse@hotmail.com)

*Batty - Skew Chisel*; Frank Bioteau **Over due**

*Batty - Thread Chasing*; Unknown, please check your DVDs

*Darlow—Practice of Woodturning*; Ken Hicks **Overdue**

*Jamiseson - Easy Hollow forms*; Frank Bioteau **Returned with empty case**

*Jones - Bowls for Beginners*; John Yanon **Returned with empty case**

*Lacer - Son of Skew*; Wayne Johns **No record of check out**

*Stott - First Steps woodturning*; Unknown **Check your DVD's**

*Stubbs - Bowl Turning*; Patrick Downie **Over due**

*Theobold - Segmented Patterns*; Karl Lund **Over due**

*White 3 - Boes, goblets, threads*; Unknown **Check your DVD's**

**Turners Challenge**  
**Oct (for Nov meeting)**  
 Segmented  
**Nov (for Dec meeting)**  
 Christmas Ornament  
**Dec (for Jan meeting)**  
 Dyes in Turning

**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**



**Training Meeting**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday—7 pm**  
 Woodcraft Supplies  
 9891 S. 500 W.

We now have more room in our newsletter. If you know of newsworthy information, please contact the editors at [vermama@comcast.net](mailto:vermama@comcast.net) by the third Saturday of the month.

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 801-735-7858

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