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The next meeting will be at Paul Boyd's shop January 15th. Mickey Burns will be our demonstrator.



President's Message

By Bob Clark

Welcome

I would like to wish AVWA members a Merry Christmas and joyous holidays. As those who attended the November meeting can attest, a wood lathe is a good tool for making holiday ornaments and gifts for loved ones. Most gifts and ornaments are quick and easy to make. There is still time to make some. You just need to put your mind to work, perhaps research the internet for ideas, and power up that lathe. Remember, the loved one you give something you made will treasure the gift.

November Meeting

We had a good turnout with twenty three attendees at our November meeting including a couple of new faces. In the business portion of the meeting, the AVWA 2011 operating budget was approved along with our new bylaws. As part of the new bylaws the AVWA has filed for tax exempt/non-profit status. This means that donations to the AVWA will be tax exempt. Another item that was approved was the (The After Party) woodturning mentoring program. I am excited about this program. .

The After Party

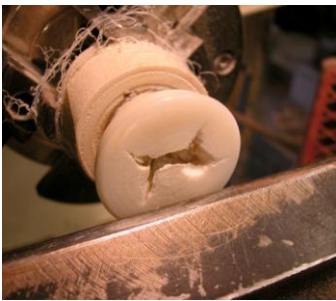
At the next few meetings we will be finalizing the plans for this program. One thing we can get started on is having an After Party (that sounds so much better than detention) to help new and even experienced turners develop new skills. The After Party will be held after our regular meetings for members interested in developing a new skill. What I would like is for those wishing to attend the After Party mentoring program to email or phone me with ideas they would like covered and I will find a member that is experienced in that type of turning to be their After Party mentor.

My email address is bigbobclark@sbcglobal.net and my phone number is 661-947-7448. We will then announce the topics of the After Party when we send out the meeting notice before each meeting.

The November Colorwood Challenge

Our November colorwood challenge was won by Wayne Docktor. Wayne produced a fantastic open segmented colorwood Christmas ornament. For his efforts Wayne received a \$10 gift certificate from The Woodturners' Catalog and Wayne won the honor of having winners bragging rights until the next challenge. I have worked with colorwood before and I was amazed at the incredible entrees in the challenge. I would have never thought of all the deferent ideas that were demonstrated. Extraordinary projects were submitted by all that participated in this activity.

The January Tagua Nut Challenge



The challenge for January is Tagua Nuts. We passed out all the nuts we had at the meeting but if you need more they are available from The Woodturners' Catalog and they are not expensive. The nuts are easy to turn and they offer new challenges for everyone. When I pick the challenges I try to come up with something that everyone can do on any lathe. The idea is that new turners have just as good a chance as an experienced turner. Wayne Docktor has only been turning a few months and he won our November challenge. I think that is fantastic and that is what the challenge is all about. So let's all get busy and go nuts turning 😊.

Information on Tagua Nuts:

Video, Woodturning Workshop Tagua Nuts

<http://www.finewoodworking.com/SkillsAndTechniques/SkillsAndTechniquesArticle.aspx?id=30434>

You-Tube Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNwzBE2H51U>

Examples of Turned Tagua Nuts

<http://www.stevedemetrick.com/watagua.html#nogo2>
<http://www.scrollsaws.com/WoodLathe/TaugaNut.htm>

Tips on Turning Tagua Nuts from the AAW Forum

<http://www.aawforum.org/vbforum/showthread.php?t=6560>

The November Demonstration

I had the pleasure of presenting some examples of carbide tools at the November demonstration. My goal was to examine the different types of carbide tools and offer examples of tools that can be

made or purchased at a reasonable price. Also, keep in mind that turners do not need to buy carbide tools. The proper use of a spindle and bowl gouge could be the best skills any turner can ever develop.

If you are interested in the tools I demonstrated here are the links:

Square Tools

J and B Tools,

500 Pass Road, Gulfport, Ms. 39507

Web-Site <http://www.jandbtools.com> Email- jandbtools@aol.com

The Peeler (with handle), Item Number 1001 \$49.95

The Peeler (without handle), Item number 1002 \$39.95

14mm Replacement Blade, Item number 14SQ \$4.00



Round Tools

Harrison Specialties

Phone 763-441-0176

Web Site:

http://www.harrisonspecialties.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=HS&Category_Code=LatheAccessories

Carbide wood turning & hollowing tool with 16mm (5/8") handle

Price: \$49.99

Replacement carbide insert is \$15



The Golf club handle is not much good so plan on buying a good handle and cutting off the handle that comes with it. Or you can buy it without a handle and use you own.

The AAW Challenge

The AAW has issued a challenge to all its chapters to enter a wood turned object in the June AAW Symposium. At our January meeting the club will select one member's artwork to represent the AVWA. The entry will be displayed at the event in ST. Paul, and then travel as part of an exhibition. All items will be for sale with the proceeds split 30% to the AAW and 70% to the artist. However, the artist gets to set their own sale price. One of the rules is that the piece must fit in an eight inch cube.

There are, of course, other rules that are available at this website.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/Exhibit/> The contest is open to all of our club's members.

The Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be 9:00 on January 15th at Paul Boyd's Shop. Mickey Burns will be demonstrating different features of chucks. So the meeting should be informative and fun. So let's all plan on being there.

Keep Turning

Bob

Editors Comments

By Dan Yost

Safety Equipment

Here is a good site for safety items such as; N-95 3M particulate respirator dust masks, Venture II Readers bifocal safety glasses, face shields, etc.

<http://www.envirosafetyproducts.com/> Tel: (800)-637-6606

Visitors

We had two visitors; Mr. Larson from Pennsylvania and Mr. Koontz from the local area. Visitors and observers are always welcome at AVWA meetings.

Library

Mickey Dyke has taken responsibility for the library – thanks Mickey.

Show and Tell Items



Bruce's Philippine trip photos



Native Philippine woods (rough outs)



More unique woods



Charlie's Peach pencil holder



Charlie's segmented Ornament



Mickey's sea urchin Ornament



Wayne's 'award winning' open segmented Ornament



Mickey Dyke's bottle stopper



Corkey's maple platter



Wayne's candle holder



Wayne's award winner



Wayne's open segmented Vessel



Wayne's candle holder



Wayne's segmented hollow form



Charlie's Peach & turquoise Vessels



Charlie's segmented Christmas ornament



Corkey's Maple platter



Dan O's Buckeye hollow forms



Mickey Burns' bottle balancer jig



Martin's spheres and egg



Keith Pipoly's Christmas ornament



Mickey Burns' urchin
Night light



and urchin tree topper



Mickey Dyke's bottle
stopper