

WOODCHUCK CHATTER *LITE*

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Last Meeting: July 15th, 2022

Log to bowl roundtable discussion

Next Meeting: September 21st, 2022

Dave Buchholz: Enhancing Bowls with Color

After that: October 19th, 2022

TBA

September Meeting Preview

By Russ Fellows

Our regular monthly meeting on September 21 will start one hour earlier than usual. We're calling it our "make-up" picnic. Plan to arrive at Russ' studio around 6:00 for a social hour prior to the meeting. There will be a munchie table by Bob, slightly expanded from his usual offerings, and anyone is welcome to bring a small dessert addition to the table. The operative word is 'small'. We will then have our regular meeting, raffle (a big and exciting one as Russ is cleaning out much of his Florida wood!) and demo by Dave Buchholz. We will allow a little extra time at the end of the meeting for the "Show & Tell" that was planned for the picnic. Please bring whatever you were planning to bring then, and even though Al Stirt will not be there, we'll try to make it fun and lively!

Dave Buchholz - Dave tests positive for PEDs (performance enhancing dyes)

Or

Dying to enhance our turnings

Russ Fellows— Ask not what your spark plug can do for you

Or

Russ can not tell a lie, he and Jake cut up the cherry tree

Andy Duling— Dr. Strangesand

or

How I learned to stop worrying and listen to audio books

A preview of September's Demo

by Dave Buchholz

I will show examples of how color can enhance your turnings. I will discuss some of the many types of colors that can be used like paints, dyes and stains, but will concentrate on just a few. Wood that is particularly suited to color will have some figuring. An example of figured maple with green dye is shown here.



Wood with open grain like oak and ash can make good use of liming wax to high light the grain. An example of ash with white liming wax is shown.



SKUNK HOLLOW RUMBLINGS AND RAMBLINGS

By Russ Fellows

The summer is slowly winding down, but not the enthusiasm of gathered Woodchucks! Thanks to all who stopped by on September 7 to share and chatter! As usual, it was a nice mix of questions, answers, show and tell, and general chit chat. It is always fun to see the very different creative directions our Woodchucks take with their work, be it bowls, plates, hollow forms, segmented, etc. and I am always awed by the willingness of our members to share their “secrets” with their fellows, be it with turning, sharpening, gluing, wood identification, or the myriad other things that at times, make woodchucks scratch their furry little heads! I often like to quote Ted Fink, who reminds us that in a roomful of Woodchucks, everyone in the room knows at least one thing you don’t! And that sharing that IS what our club is all about! And finally, speaking of sharing, I mentioned that fellow Woodchuck, Tom Dunne, will share some information with us at the upcoming meeting about how any club member whose shop is hooked up with Vermont Electric Co-op, may be able to cut his costs by participating in a new solar venture. A solar company he knows in Middlebury is doing a joint venture with VEC that allows customers to buy shares to lock in rates for a long period of time. More from Tom on the 21st!

A few days ago I got a call from our wood donor in South Hero to tell me that, after many false starts, his tree guy was finally coming. So, on Friday, September 9th, Jake and I met at the Milton exit and headed off to “chuck” some wood. The cherry was everything that had been promised and we got to work. We got the truck partially loaded, but when I paused to refuel, my trusty Stihl let me down!! Jake and I took turns yanking on the thing, we did the usual checks for fuel flow and spark, but the gods did not smile. We packed up what we had and told the landowner “we shall return”. (Thank you General MacArthur!) After a stop on the way home to get a new spark plug, the saw leapt to life! Go figure???? We will have it, along with some fresh cedar, yellow birch, ash, elm, and hard maple to give away at the meeting! And everything needs to go, so be prepared! See you on the 21st!!



Notes from Ya Boy

At the last Sawdust Session, I got a few questions about Notes from Ya Boy in the August issue of Chatter. Mainly the question dealt with how I stayed sane while sanding bowls for the last 5 months. First off... who's to say I have stayed sane, but secondly, I rely heavily on audiobooks. Basically, all Vermont residents with a library card can borrow audiobooks from the Green Mountain Library Consortium, through the Libby app free of charge. At the time of publishing GMLC has over 8,000 audiobooks in a variety of genres. I mainly listen to science fiction, my favorite of the year so far has been *The Alchemist* by Paul Coelho. I have listened to approximately 60 books so far this year. All you need to do to get an account and start borrowing is go to your local library, they will get you set up and walk you through the borrowing process. Georgia Public Library's membership to GMLC has a limit of three audio or ebooks checked out at a time, and there can be a long wait for popular books, so plan your sanding and listening accordingly.



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September 2022 Treasurer's Report

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Linda Hollingdale, Kevin Liddiard

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Brad Jackson/Treasurer


Classifieds

None this month!

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