

Woodchuck Chatter



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Meeting on November 16, 2006

Bring in your toys for the Good Humor Cart! Think of all the other toy drives going on—the Marines have Toys for Tots and the Harley owners have a Ride for Kids. None of them do as much good for the hospital-

ized kids of Vermont as what you do when you turn a toy for the cart.

This month's demo will be by Craig Hall concentrating on closed vessels such as vases, weed pots, and jar forms. Have

any troubles with your own end grain, hook, or other tools? Come and share your agony with us!

October Meeting

The October meeting started with elections of officers for the coming year. Stepping forward (again) were Ralph Tursini, Pres.; Bob Martin, VP; Ted Fink Treas.; Craig Hall, Sec. (He wasn't there, so THAT was automatic!); and Arny Spahn, Director At Large.

Stepping in to take meeting notes was Joe Barry.



Bob Bouvier brought us a letter of commendation and certificate from The Green Mountain Boys. Turn to p. 5 to see both.

Show and Tell

Dick Montague showed examples of offset turning and demonstrated methods.

Our host showed photos of Lars Fisk's artwork on a huge Woodbury hollow sphere, titled "Steamer Trunk Ball."



Russ Fellows' segmented work



An unusual fault on a Oneway faceplate. The grub screw shattered the hub.



Woodburning

David Scrase brought his Colwood burning set with several tips and a large, powerful control/transformer unit. He showed one method of signing work and allowed people to try it on some scrap. His unit is

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Random Shots

Free help is important in this world. Every where you turn, there's someone trying to do something for someone who is partially helpless. Lack of money, lack of energy, lack of strength, lack of knowledge all make folks needy.

Other folks, like you and I, have some surplus. Shedding that surplus, like shedding a few extra pounds after Thanksgiving dinner, makes us feel good.

I started pondering along these lines at our October meeting. First, we re-elected the slate of officers & directors for our guild (I like that word for a club of craftspeople). We were reminded to bring in toys for the Good Humor Cart. Then, several members stepped forward to shyly demonstrate signing their work.

The club direction is left in the hands of the directors, who labor to divine what sorts of things our growing membership would enjoy and profit from. The directors sort of feel their way along, wishing for thoughts from folks who know what they

would like to learn. Boy, does that cause doubts!

This year I embarrassed myself into making some toys. Last year, I came up with excuses for not doing it. It was I who put "toy turning" on the agenda for September. It was I who remembered to put the Good Humor Cart on our calendar. So I had to put my money where my mouth was. I dug out some suitable wood, bought some parts from our local Ben Franklin craft store, and in just a few hours made a baker's dozen of toys. I feel better now.

Bob Bouvier is a good example of the kind of people I respect for stepping forward and helping their community survive if not prosper. I understand that Bob is President of WoodNet & works very hard to make that cooperative viable, for the benefit of woodworkers in Vermont. Bob made the Good Humor Cart, I believe, and urges us to keep it full of toys. Bob also fired us up to make over 2,000 Vermont pens for the Green Mountain Boys headed for the Middle East zones of war.

It is one thing to, like Bill Gates, build a moneymaking empire and become the wealthiest man on earth. It is something else, and just as uncommon, to give away vast chunks of your self so that others can thrive, as Bill Gates and Bob Bouvier have done. The Gates Foundation has given hundreds of millions for health projects world-wide, including a huge amount to Rotary International for the eradication of Polio. To me, that kind of volunteerism is far more the ideal way to equalize the wealth and health of the world than the constant demand that Government confiscate wealth for the good of the poor.

Do someone else some good by volunteering for something this year. You will really feel better for doing so.

Arny

Letter To Ted

Ted recently received a letter from Lyle Jamieson, who will be in the Northeast in May and June. He is soliciting workshops for clubs in this area, trying to put together an itinerary which will work for himself and spread good turning around here.

Lyle offers a variety of formats; short demos, full-day and 2-day demos, hands-on workshops, etc. The Board has talked about "importing" instructors from away who have skills on the level of Michael Mode, Al Stirt, and Dick Montague. The range of asking prices from Lyle is reasonable from my experience. Let's discuss inviting Lyle at the November meeting. All of us who have not been to a Symposium could profit by viewing different teachers and techniques.

Directions To Craig Hall's Workshop

From I-89, take Exit 11 & turn onto Rte 117 North. Make an immediate R on Governor Peck Hwy. & go to end. Turn L on Browns Trace Rd to the end. Turn R on Rte. 15 & go apx. 1/2 mi. Look for Mobil station on L. Take immediate R on Browns River Rd. Browns River Rd. turns to Pleasant Valley Road at Underhill Ctr. Go apx. 9 mi. & look for Westman Rd. on R. Continue up hill for apx. 3/4 mi. Look for a red cape on R. with adjacent large shop.

Scenes From October Meeting

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expensive but the Colwood Cub set is a lot less expensive, uses the same pen, and several tips are available. By coincidence, the latest Woodturners' Catalog showed up with several wood-burning tools in it.



David using the Colwood pen to sign his unusual bowl.



Joe Barry brought in some branding irons he had made up for use on his furniture. Joe says that the only way to get good use out of a branding iron is to apply it to a totally flat surface. One unit he showed was about the size of a plumber's torch and had movable type on a portion for numbering/dating furniture. Or cows. Big cows.



Dick Montague demonstrated multi-center turning and helped with hands-on experience.



In House Demos:

November 16th:
Bring your toys for the Good Humor Cart. Turning closed vessels with Craig Hall.

Dec.: No scheduled meeting, but on Dec 2, Craig will open his shop 10:00-4:00 to explore other wood working tools. Directions on P. 2

Jan. 18th: Round table: Methods & technique; members contribute.

Feb. 15th:
Assembling stacked/laminated/segmented bowls; Ron Fellows & Army Spahn

Mar. 15th: Shaping & sharpening bowl gouges for wet turning; Ralph Tursini.

April 19th: Barrel-shaped lidded box project; Ted Fink.

Treasurer's report

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Balance forward	\$2395.48
Income:	
raffle	32.00
'07 dues	20.00
Expenses:	
2 DVDs plus base clamp for lathe light	83.25
Balance	\$2364.23



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Ted's Turn : New DVDs in the Library

Well, it's that time of year again when the new DVDs arrive for our Chapter library. The 3 set DVD from this year's national symposium isn't yet available but we do have a couple of other offerings for Woodchuck education.

All too often we have gotten videos that depicted advanced techniques or designs that are difficult to execute. This year we have an outstanding offering for those who have never done woodturning or are still in the early stages of the process of learning techniques or still acquiring equipment and accessories. : Woodturning: Getting Started RIGHT with Alan Lacer.

If you've seen Alan's other videos you realize he is an exceptional teacher. He moves through each element of his presentation in a thorough manner at a pace that seems just right. In this comprehensive DVD he presents essentially everything the beginning woodturner needs to know. He covers the history of woodturning showing many early lathes in action. Then he reviews the components of the modern lathe and analyzes a rational approach to acquiring the lathe most suitable for your needs. He presents the various turning tools (gouges, scrapers and parting) and demonstrates how each is used.

Also explained is what basic set of tools you would need to get started and he shows how to sharpen each of the various types of tool. One of the questions many beginners bring to woodturning is about the scope of items that can be made at the wood lathe. Alan covers this as well. Safety is highlighted as is the array of accessories such as drives, centers and chucks.

This DVD is so packed with information beginners would do well to view a few times.

Rating 5 stars

The second DVD we acquired is Trent Bosch: Vessels Of Illusion. In this, Trent presents a woodpile to bandsaw to lathe journey on the way to a finished 2 toned hollow form and the truly unique techniques (including carving, wood bending and even the clever use of a balloon) to create his masterpieces. The single criticism I have of this DVD is that during much of the turning the camera angle is on what is resulting from the action of tool on wood rather than actually focusing on his technique of using the tool. Nevertheless it is worthwhile for those wishing to push on into new techniques.

Rating 4 stars

AAW Information

Hello Ted,

I have attached a PDF file with information about the AAW supplied liability insurance for your chapter and all AAW members. Feel free to include this attached article in your chapter's next newsletter or to send it to your chapter members. The insurance is a major benefit of AAW membership. The article is pretty

much self explanatory and answers most questions about our insurance but if you have questions, please feel free to contact me for further help. John Hill – AAW Chapters and Membership Chairman johnrhill@charter.net 828-645-6633

Rather than include a 2-page spread

of this article, I searched the AAW Website and came up with this link:

http://www.woodturner.org/info/AAW_Liability_Insurance_2004.pdf

It explains our coverage.

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Policy on AAW Liability Insurance

Members of WTNV who are giving public demonstrations are covered by the AAW-sponsored liability policy under the following conditions:

You must be a member of AAW and WTNV.

The event must be "sanctioned" by WTNV. That is, you must notify the Treasurer, who will provide a copy of the cover sheet for the policy.

Notify the editor of Chatter so you can be listed in Future

Woodchuck Sightings.

The demonstration must have wood turning as the main subject.

The Adjutant General Of Vermont



Certificate of Appreciation

This is to certify

The Woodchuck Turners of Northern Vermont

*Is recognized for valuable contributions
to country, state and the men and women
of the Vermont National Guard*

MG MICHAEL D. DUBIE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
VT NATIONAL GUARD



August 24, 2006

The Woodchuck Turners of Northern Vermont
c/o: Mr. Bob Bouvier
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Dear Woodchuck Turners:

Thank you for your support of the Vermont National Guard over the years. Your handcrafted pens have made their way around the world writing letters to friends and families back home and that comfort you have provided is greatly appreciated.

I have heard about the amount of work it takes for you to make each individual pen and I am honored that you would do this for the men and women in the Vermont National Guard.

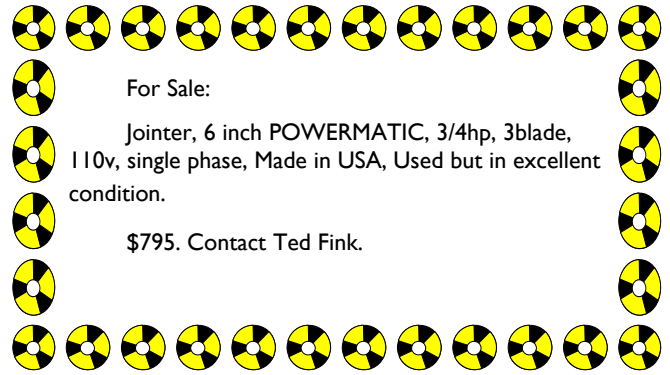
As a token of my gratitude, please accept this Certificate of Appreciation for your hard work and tremendous volunteer spirit. It is Vermonters like all of you that make us proud to serve.

Sincerely,

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Policy On Borrowing The Club Lathe and Tent

This is the policy which was formulated at the October 2004 Board meeting. It was first printed in the October 2004 Woodchuck Chatter.

The primary goal in buying these tools is to have good equipment available so we can demonstrate in public, thereby attracting new members and recruiting would-be turners.

All members in good standing (paid up dues) are eligible to bor-

row the equipment primarily for demonstration purposes. We may borrow the equipment for ONE WEEK at a time. The Treasurer is responsible for knowing where the equipment is at any time; therefore the borrower is responsible to sign the equipment out—by phone or in person— and back in.

The lathe and its parts are a unit. Don't ask to borrow only the chuck or other parts.

The borrower is responsible for transporting the equipment to and from its storage location. The

borrower is responsible for returning the equipment in excellent condition with all its parts intact.

The borrower is responsible for any liability rising from the use of the equipment.

Only club members may operate our lathe to avoid litigation by untrained turners.

The Chapter has first dibs on all equipment so that we can show our stuff at public events.