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FRWT NEWS

Front Range Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

OUR 1998 DUES ARE DUE NOW



NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 1998

Our next meeting will feature Mike Mahoney from Salt Lake City and will be a dual session meeting. Please read on. As usual the meeting will be held at Schlosser Tool and Machinery, but there will be two different sessions. One from 2:00 to 4:40PM and the other from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The late session will feature the McNaughton bowl saver system. The instant gallery items for this meeting are spinning tops

from the president

CHALLENGE GRANT: Please remember that we have a chance to receive a \$500 donation from an anonymous benefactor IF we can raise \$500 in matching funds by the **MARCH** meeting. (This money is to be used only for the purchase of video equipment to aid in viewing demos and for recording demos. ed.) This is the most exciting opportunity the club has had in years. PLEASE pitch in by giving early and often. (see Treas. report for current status)

CHANNEL SIX AUCTION: Once again, Pete Holtus has offered to coordinate making up a table of turned items for this worthwhile fund-raiser. He needs your work donations (in the \$75 range--you set the price) at the February meeting to meet the station's timetable. This is a wonderful way to publicize turning and our chapter and to give Channel Six a boost. Thanks again, Pete!

ANOTHER DAY WITH MIKE: Mike Mahoney will do some programs in Ft. Collins Feb 4th and 5th at CSU call David Nittman (970-493-0851) or Lee Carter (970-221-4382) for details.

from the treasurer

Our current bank balance is \$678 with all known bills paid. So far we have collected \$320 towards the challenge grant. We must collect another \$180 by the end of **MARCH**. PLEASE help.



Meetings are held at Schlosser Tool and Machinery--301 Bryant. Denver 922-8244

As they are kind enough to allow us to use this facility, I am sure they would appreciate your patronage.

~~FROM THE SECRETARY~~ FROM THE SECRETARY

Pete Holtus presented an excellent demonstration at the January meeting. Pete demonstrated the process of making the "Item of added value," a Vic Wood design. Pete has continued to develop this design and production technique. Simple design: a completely enclosed vessel resembling a flying saucer with "something of added value" inside. Pete noted that a coin works best, his favorite a quarter, but a nickel will do if you're not feeling flush. (Rumor has it that Pete placed a gold sovereign in one of his creations when he was feeling really rich. Could anyone loan him an X-ray machine? He can't remember which one has the gold!)

The object is turned in two halves, essentially two shallow bowls with the rims cut to match exactly. Pete uses faceplates and waste blocks for mounting. A flat is turned on the rims to facilitate clamping. Pete uses a slow setting hide glue to extend clamping time, as he uses 24 clever shop built "C" clamps to hold the assembly until cured. The coin is put in as the pieces are assembled, being careful that the coin doesn't get glue on it which would keep it from rattling later. After curing the top is finished to shape and the joint is hidden in the sharp rim. Much care is taken here as the finished piece is quite thin. A jam chuck is used to facilitate the finishing of the bottom. NOTE during turning, finish the inside too, as an errant cut will turn this piece into a thin walled vase! If you missed it, I believe that the Vic Wood video in our library covers this project (although, without Pete's refinements!) Well done, Pete. Thank you!

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Adaptor conversion kit to convert Bonnie Klein's 3/4 in. 16 tpi thread turner for use on 1 in. 8 tpi. Delta Lathe. Call Chuck Baldwin, 238-6847.

FOR SALE: Lathe tool grinding jig (One-Way type) \$28--Router table "the ultimate", pre cut partially assembled MDF, drawer and storage compartments \$ cost of materials. Call Mike Tatum, 303-770-6080.

THE CYBERLATHE: I have been in contact (via E-mail) with Peter Gill at Robert Sorby tools as they are travelling the U.S. doing demos. There is a strong possibility that they would do a demo in Denver in November (tentative). He will let me know later, however, if you think this is a good idea, send him an E-mail and let him know. Peter Gill--sales@robert-sorby.co.uk

As of today, I do not know the demonstrator or gallery theme for next month. Please attend the meeting and find out so you'll have plenty of warning to turn pieces for the gallery. Also while you're at the meeting please donate to the "Challenge" fund for the video equipment. Remember, if we don't match the \$500 the mystery donor will recind the offer!! I know you're tired of hearing it but after the February meeting those who haven't paid their dues will be cut from the mailing list. Your dues also pay for books, tapes, magazines and demonstrations, in addition to the newsletter.

Save some bucks! Dave Reedy has a source to buy Hot Stuff super glue at wholesale prices and he has kindly offered to try to put together an order big enough that would get better pricing for all of us. At the Feb meeting we will circulate a sign up list upon which you will COMMIT to purchasing the types, sizes and quantities that you want. Reedy will in turn submit the list and get a quotation. If it looks good we will then give him the money and he will place the order. Sounds good. Let's try it!

David Nittman has informed us that the Fort Collins club will have a mini-symposium Saturday Oct 17, 1998 with several guest turners. Contact him or watch this space for further developments.

Remember, keep the sharp end pointed at the wood!!

I HOPE THIS REACHES YOU IN TIME. I HAD A SYSTEM CRASH, SO A LOT OF THE PROCESSING IS BEING DONE BY HAND.

THANKS!

