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FRWT NEWS

Front Range Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

NEXT MEETING APRIL 7, 1998

Gene Kircus will be our demonstrator for the April 7 meeting. Gene will demonstrate making electric lamps by using a chuck to turn them. Immediately prior to the meeting he plans to do a short demo on the termite ring tool.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The treasury is still depleted, in part because 25 of our members have yet to make a contribution to the video fund. Maybe when they see it in use at the April meeting, they will kick in??

Several people have suggested that one way to reduce monthly expenses would be to have an electronic newsletter for those members who are on e-mail. The savings would be substantial— about 50 cents per member per month. Dave Sifers, our stalwart newsletter editor has agreed to try to publish the newsletter on e-mail as well as in the regular way. Any of you who are interested in helping the club in this way, please bring to the next meeting a card or note with your name and e-mail address (written clearly!). If there is enough interest, Dave will investigate what to do.

Any other ideas?

FROM THE TREASURER

The video equipment has been paid for (\$1623.36) \$835 donated by 54 of our members (out of about 90) plus \$500 from the anonymous donor. Leaving a balance of \$568.05 in the treasury. Additional contributions will be gladly accepted!

FROM THE EDITOR

I apologize to you all and especially to Pete, I was unable to attend last month's meeting and therefore cannot review Pete's demo. However, I am sure that it was as good as his demos always are.

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.

When we last visited our worldly travelers, Gene and Peggy, they were in the clutches of Hokitika. Let's return to our story, and see how they made out.

THE NEW ZEALAND EXPERIENCE

Gene Kircus

In the small town of Hokitika we met a fascinating turner. Des Blanchet was a farmer until an accident paralyzed the left side of his body. Using only his right side he turns exquisite bowls of Rimu wood. Rimu, unique to New Zealand, is a red pine and one of the world's most beautifully grained timbers. Mature trees can attain heights of 200 feet.

Des works in the shop of Quade Anderson who is originally from the U.S.. After being a Green Beret, a crocodile hunter, and an adventurer in several countries Quade settled as a woodturner in Hokitika. He owns Quade's House of Wood where he sells quality turnings.

Woodturners' groups exist in almost every town of any size. They sponsor combined activities and engage in spirited competition with neighboring groups.

In one contest, teams of three persons from each club turn bowls in a specified amount of time. Comparable lathes and bowl blanks are used. Impartial judges decide the winner. Having fun is the goal.

Our only disappointment with our New Zealand experience was that we could not do everything. Ken Sager called inviting us to visit him in Putaruru. Unfortunately travel arrangements did not permit time to meet with this good friend. He sends his greetings to the members of the FRW.

We continue to be impressed with the warmth and openness of woodturners everywhere. It must be something in the wood.

Oh yes, granddaughter Erin is the most beautiful little person in the world!!!!

The Cyberlathe

Would anyone like to do a demo for our meetings? Some technique you really like? Making boxes or bowls? Please show us how you do it! Contact Al Cummins and offer your services.

'WOOD' magazine has a virtual woodworking show going on that is reported to have online info, discounted prices and help to woodworkers. In addition there will be prizes to those who "attend" the show. Try it out at:

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/woodshow>

Try the Woodturning Center :

<http://philadelphia.libertynet.org:81/~woodturn/index.html>

Hungry for more things New Zealand? Try Teknatool. They are the manufacutrers of the NOVA chucks and lathes AND they are darn friendly people!

<http://www.teknatool.com/index.html>

Don't forget the Wood Emporium, 618 N. Garfield Ave, Loveland. Loren has a big selection of woods for turning and offers a discount to the members of our club.

Dave

HELP!!!

Turners who offer their time as mentors, teachers, or consultants. If you want to be added to this list, just let me know.

Pete Alderson	934-5168 (lace bobbins only)
Pete Holtus	354-5365
David Nittmann	(970) 493-0851
Les Stern	744-2159
Gene Wentworth	758-4173

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OFFICERS-ELECT

These are the people who have volunteered to fill an office of the club for 1999. Please let Abe know if you want to add your name to the list. BTW, we really need people to volunteer to help with program coordinator. If you know a lot of turners or get around to the national meetings or just want to help, please volunteer for this important position. Thanks.

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Program Coordinator-- ?

Newsletter Editor--Gene Kirkus

Librarian--Chuck Baldwin