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FRWT NEWS

Front Range Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 6, 1998

The next meeting of the Front Range Woodturners will be on October 6, 1998 at Schlosser Tool and Machinery, 301 Bryant, Denver. There will be a business meeting as usual before the demo. Our guest turner will be Trent Bosch. Trent was a guest demonstrator at the AAW national meeting this year and always has an interesting and entertaining program.

Our guest last month was none other than David Ellsworth and he had a very educational and entertaining program to offer. This program more or less follows his video on working and designing in green wood, but there's nothing like seeing it in person. David reminded us that green wood is going to move and there is nothing you can do about it but work within the natural tendencies of the material. He also gave a valuable tip: a chain saw is safer to use in green wood than a bandsaw as green wood tends to trap the bandsaw blade. The usual chain saw safety rules still apply! These two points are so important because the green wood is more pleasant to turn than dried wood (no dust, easier to work, easier on tools, less expensive, etc.) and his demo makes this case quite well. If you missed the demo, check the video as this method of turning allows you to position the pith exactly to your project (the pith doesn't always go straight through a chunk of wood) which in turn leaves you in charge of the design of your work, and the grain pattern. MY humble review of David's presentation does him little justice but this was a VERY good demonstration and we all owe much thanks to Mr. Ellsworth. David, please come back any time!

Our demo for the November meeting has not been determined. If you care to volunteer, contact Al Cummins. By the way I want to thank Al right here for an excellent job of getting these fine turners to show us their stuff. Thank you Al!

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners meet every 3rd Thursday, 7:00PM @ CSU Ft. Collins, RM 105, Industrial Sciences Bldg
970-663-7887

The Pikes Peak Woodturners meet the last Thursday, 7:00 PM @ Woodcraft Supply, Colo Spgs, N. Academy & Vickers
719-597-9718

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.

Christmas is closer than you think! We'll need volunteers for the party committee. Please speak up at the October meeting. Please!

Al Cummins has also been working on and telling us about an upcoming art show at the Air Force Academy. He has the instructions for entering, packing, marking, etc. and they will be available at the next meeting. It must be said however that those of you intend to exhibit work need to volunteer some assistance to Al to get this put together. If it is left to him to do it alone, it will NOT happen! Considering his other efforts in obtaining demonstrators and other club obligations it is the least the exhibitors can do to offer to help themselves.

Johannes Michelson is scheduled for a dual session demonstration on February 2, 1999. It is planned that he will turn both his small and large hats. He will be available for classes Jan 26, 27, & 28, 1999 also, so be thinking about that. I believe he will be doing a demo for the Ft. Collins club Jan 29, 1999.

I saw on-line that the woodworking show is scheduled December 5&6.

Any questions or contributions to this newsletter and be addressed to me : DSifers@aol.com

So, a hamburger walks into a bar and orders. "Hey" says the bartender, "we don't serve food in here!"

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