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FRWT NEWS

Front Range Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 1999

The next club meeting of the Frontrange Woodturners will be September 7, 1999 . The meeting will be held at Schlosser Machinery, 301 Bryant St, Denver, as usual.

At our meeting Pete Holtus will demonstrate "onlays" and he will also make an idiot stick. No jokes, please! We will have the wood raffle and instant gallery.

There are some interesting problems we are facing with demonstrators and if any of you can help or have ideas we would appreciate it:

For example, right now we could get Tom Sorenson and Clead Christianson, but as they work full time we can only get them for Friday night or Saturday. Here's the problem: Schlosser doesn't have anyone to stay Friday night and they aren't open on Saturday. Rockler would let us use their room but they have classes on Saturday. We could use Denver's Montclair woodworking center but they don't have a lathe. So, logistics are a problem.

Secondly, we could use some club members to sponsor some of the demonstrators, as it is very expensive to house them in a motel. A sponsor would pick the person up at the airport and provide lodging for a day or two. This could obviously have it's pro's and con's but it is a very necessary funtion to continue to offer "out of town talent" at our meetings.

Thirdly, each of these demonstrators sends a list of items they require in order to perform the demonstration as advertised. We need someone that has the time and connections to run these materials down. As an example, Soren Berger needed some green wood but Al couldn't come up with any at that time, so the demo had to be changed a little. It is a considerable contribution of his time already for Al contact and contract these turners and having to do the rest of this is an unfair demand on his time.

If you can or will help with these or other duties PLEASE contact Al or Pete, or myself.

Now, having said all that, we should have Stuart Batty here late October or early November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 Rocky Mountain Woodturners, Ft. Collins ** DALE NISH**

October 16 Rocky Mountain Woodturners, Ft Collins **TURNING SYMPOSIUM**
Registration \$40.00 contact Dick Moody 307-632-4405

PROVO

This year was my first trip to the symposium at Provo, UT. This was really a great trip and I recommend to all turners. Al wanted me to demonstrate something I learned at Provo, and I missed that meeting. Hopefully, later I can put something together.

As I go back over the many things I saw demonstrated and interesting people I met, I would have to say that the best thing I learned wasn't even directly part of the symposium. Don't get me wrong, the work and people were fantastic, but sometimes something just clicks!

One evening during the symposium an informal trading area was set up outdoors to sell or trade for items from other turners. A professional turner showed up with 2 pallets of wood that were cores removed from his turnings using the McNaughton system, I believe. These "cores" were too small for his use and were just scrap. They looked terrible! They were cored out of wet wood and had torn grain and had dried in various warped shapes. Almost none of them had a spigot or recess for a chuck. They were maple, walnut, ash and I don't know what else. They were all 6 to 10" diameter, or so. Nobody, including me, wanted any of those things!

As the evening went by, I finally got around to giving those cores some real thought, which I should have done in the first place, and I ended up buying about a hundred of them! When I got home and started turning I found my thinking to be of unusually high quality, for me! You see, this pro uses only high quality wood. The cores were plenty big enough to turn through any warping or torn grain. Turning was no problem, just pop in a spur center, bring up the tailstock and turn a spigot. Some of this wood is really beautiful! And even at \$2-3 each, it's cheaper than buying turning squares, and some of it is higher quality material. I wish I had bought the whole lot!

I guess the lesson is, think about what you need the material for, and try to see through the rough exterior. There are a lot of good sources out there if we keep an open mind, and open eyes.

AAW Tacoma photos at www.cableone.net/andyc/aawphotos.html

WOODWORKERS SHOW

Now is the time to consider volunteering to demo at the woodworkers show. Any of you can at least turn a top or pen or some such, and it goes a long way toward new membership. (and you get into the show for free!!!)

Good News! Our library will reopened as of the October meeting with new and replaced items and a new system of for using the library.

(One short negative note, and then on to the positive news.) As most of you know we have had a problem in the past with missing items. Unfortunately the honor system wasn't working and we lost a number our videos, books and magazines. We have been working on a new method for checking in and out items so we can keep the library as complete and useful as possible.

The positive side is...we have new videos and other items. We received some gift certificates from Craft Supplies in Provo when Pete Holtus and the group attended the symposium. Also, we have purchased and replaced some of the most popular missing items with funds from our treasury.

Some of these items are:

- "Woodturning Wizardry" with David Springett (video)
- "Elliptical Turning" with David Springett (video)
- "Woodturning: A Foundation Course" with Keith Rowley (video)
- "Turning Boxes" with Richard Raffan (video)
- "Master Woodturners" by Dale Nish (book)
- "Useful Beauty Turning Practical Items" by Dick Sing (book)
- "Wood Lathe Projects for Fun and Profit" by Dick Sing (book)

Our new system for using the library is as follows:

1. Get your new library card from Alan Fulton, the treasurer.
2. Browse the inventory lists and card files of the items available and determine the item you wish to check out.
3. Put your "Library Card" in the pouch of the file card of the item you have chosen and give it to the librarian for exchange for the video, book or magazine.

The item you have checked out is due back the following meeting. (We realize this is not always possible for one reason or another, so there is a grace period of another month.) If you are unable to attend the meeting following of the grace period you will need to make arrangements to get the item/s returned on time.

This is your library ... so all may enjoy and benefit from it, we ask for your help and cooperation. Suggestions are always welcome

Also, the club would appreciate any donations of videos or books from your personal library which you have become tired of or are no longer interested. We will note the item has been donated in your name and it is always available for you to check out.

So much for the good news... Happy reading and viewing and remember ...Be Kind, Rewind!

THANK YOU !

John Montague, Librarian