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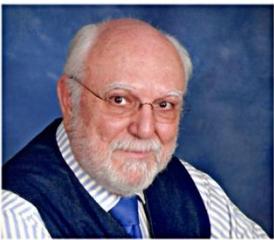
April 2017

Calendar

February 14 – Don Leydens – Two Part Goblet
March 14 – Bob Verne – Finishing Turnings
April 11 – Jim Terry – Setup & Use of a Sharpening Station to Achieve Various Grinds
May 9 – Bob Schasse – Segmented Bowl – Start to Finish

November so we are truly fortunate to get to see it early. This is another one to not miss.

And, speaking of demonstrations – WOOHOO!!! Crystal Early has stepped up and will be our new vice president for demonstrations. If you have anything you wish to have seen – even if you have mentioned it to me – mention it to Crystal. Particular topics, particular turners, general ideas, etc.; all are welcome. Thank you Crystal; I am sure we are in good hands.



Message from the President:

As he has always done anytime I have attended his demonstrations, Bob Verne brought information that can benefit all of us. His approach to finishing is complete and widely applicable. If you missed the meeting I strongly suggest you check the video out of the library and watch it. I was there and intend to look it over at least once more.

This month and next we turn in to our membership for demonstrations. This month Jim Terry will be bringing his considerable knowledge regarding sharpening to share with us. He will be covering everything from how to make an inexpensive sharpening jig, to what you might want to consider if you are buying a system, along with the nuts and bolts of actually getting an edge on your tools. Of all the skills we need to master, sharpening is the most universal and perhaps most important. I have found that when things are not going as well as I might wish, if I will take a break and sharpen my tools things will immediately improve.

Then in May Bob Schasse will be covering the process of making a segmented bowl from start to finish. Bob is presenting this same demonstration at the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium in

President's Challenge

April: Turn a ball. If you want to show off, turn several of the same size. Let's see how small we can make one, and, if you wish, how large. I have found that free-handing a ball is not too hard, but free-handing two or more that are both round and match one another is a challenge. Since I turn Bocce sets pretty regularly, I have begun to use a sphere turning jig so they match more easily. For the purposes of this challenge you need to identify which balls are freehanded and which are done with a jig.

May: At least three people have suggested to me that we revive an old Challenge. We have several new members and lots of beginning turners have joined recently. It can be intimidating to bring in your work for the gallery when you are just getting started and have no real idea how some of our more experienced turners do what we see on display. It must be magic, and they must have been turning like that from day one. Of course that is not true; it is practice, not magic, and we all started out with surprisingly similar work. So, here is the challenge:

Dig around and find the oldest thing you have which you turned; ideally the first thing you ever turned. Bring it in and share the story behind it.

General thoughts

I have mentioned at the past two meetings that we are not seen as a particularly friendly club. While I know that is not the case for the individual members, we do have a culture that is not welcoming. We are beginning a new practice with the April meeting. For the first few meetings any new member will be asked to wear a “New” sticker on their name badge. New members and visitors are pretty obvious at their first meeting, as they do not yet have a “formal” badge. After that, however, they tend to disappear. So here is the REAL PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE: find someone who is new, strike up a conversation, and introduce him or her to at least one other member.

Secondly, let’s spend more time on each piece of the gallery. To do that we will need to make a few changes. I suggest we drop the “only three” guideline for the gallery – bring as many pieces as you wish. However, to keep the meeting time focused on the demonstrations, let’s only display one piece per person in the presentation. If you bring in more than one piece – and I encourage you to do so – you will need to designate which piece you want held up for display at the presentation. That way we can spend more time on the ones we do display without adding time to the overall meeting. Additionally, this will allow us to reinstate a practice that was dropped due to time constraint several years past. The person who turned the item being displayed during the presentation of the gallery will have the opportunity to speak up about the piece and answer questions others may have about its creation.

AAW

Two continuing announcements from AAW:

- 1) AAW 50% dues incentive for chapter members who are new AAW members:
 - Local chapter members who have never been AAW members will have the exclusive opportunity to become AAW members for one year for just \$30, a 50% reduction on the \$60 rate. Only AAW chapter members who have never been AAW members are eligible, and **the special rate is available only during the exclusive sign up period from April 1 through June 30, 2017.**

- 2) New AAW learning tools to be introduced April 1:

- *Woodturning FUNDamentals Online*, an easy-to-use integrated online learning experience designed for new turners and those who would like to build woodturning skills. The site complements the digital Woodturning FUNDamentals publication.
- *Discover Woodturning Online*, a new web-based resource loaded with introductory and descriptive information about the art and craft of woodturning, designed to educate the general public.

Additionally, if you have not yet seen the feature on the AAW web site, [AAW EXPLORE!](#) It is worth the effort. Check it out

Video Source: <http://aawvideosource.org/>.

Guest Membership for 60 days for free: I really do recommend membership if for no other reason than the *American Woodturner* journal. Follow this link to learn more: <http://www.woodturner.org/general/custom.asp?page=GuestMemberLanding>

Registration for the 2017 AAW Symposium is open, see <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017KC>.

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium

This is the continuing call for help with the upcoming Regional Symposium. Progress is being made. The rotations are generally set and it promises to be an outstanding symposium. Though several people have stepped up, we still need help set up, tear down, video, etc. I think we are down to the last few demonstrators without housing, so if you can put up a woodturner for the first weekend of November 2017, you are still needed. Just let Bob Muir or me know if you can make a space for a guest.

2017 Turners of the Month

January	Bob Moffett
February	Steve Golden
March	George Sudermann
April	Bob Schasse
May	Geoff Purser

June Bob Holtje
July PICNIC
August Jeff Clark (Pittsboro)
September Jim Terry
October Jerry Jones
November *Your Name Here?*
December CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Gallery was presented by Gary, Robert and Michael. Many fine pieces.
- Raffle by Doc and his many assistants

Bob M introduced Bob Verne, our demonstrator for the evening.
His topic tonight is achieving the perfect finish. He had several of his finished pieces on display as well as his arsenal of tools to achieve success. Please see his handout for complete details. It made my job for the evening very simple!
Bob continued with a brief design demo. He gave us directions on how to build a Golden Section Gage. Plans for making our own-- the last page of the handout.
Bob concluded with many questions and a round of applause for a job well done

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I failed to wind up with the gallery sheets at the March meeting so there are no names and descriptions. If the sheets turn up I will revise the information below. Jim

March Minutes:

- Our President, Jim B opened the meeting at 6:30pm
- He noted the room change as an experiment. Please send any comments you have.
- Welcomed to new members
- Welcome to visitors
- As of March 12, our Paid membership is 94
- Next month meeting is on sharpening by Jim Terry. He will set up the grinder and explore techniques for razor sharp tools.
- The following month (May) is Bob Shousse on segmented bowls.
- President challenge this month is an animal.
- Next month is something like a ball- you decide!
- Woodworkers supply is re-open on Hiway62 (Burlington, near airport)—336.578,0500
- A discount will apply if you are a member in good standing
- Bob H give treasurers report- see him if you would like details
- Updates on the store- Comments on new purchases in near future
- Homemade tools for sale? -- We will start an extra table for sale items
- NC symposium is live-online to register

Photos of the March Instant Gallery







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