

SOUTHWEST IDAHO WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

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Monthly meeting at Woodcraft



Steve young gave an interesting demo on turning Tagua nuts, making a tiny vessel, which was not cooperating, flying off a couple of times. The good news: no one got bashed in the head!

Turning small objects comes with its own problems both with mounting and tool selection. We have a better understanding of how to mount the small nuts, as Steve recovered from the fails. He used a variety of tools, emphasizing the small set he uses. The techniques can be used on other small turnings like finials. It is always good to enjoy the skill and humor of Steve's demonstrations. I always learn from him.

Show and tell



We had a full table of turnings to discuss this month, and an awesome tool box made by Aaron Cornell out of salvaged wood.



There were many other show and tell projects, including scoops made at the 2nd workshop and figures from the first workshop. There were some display posts to use at the upcoming Artistry in Wood show, too. Some great ideas there!





Some great bowls, candlesticks, and a great walnut platter!



Some of these made it in to the show, too.

Workshop Number Two

Micheal Kingsley led the 2nd workshop, aided by Frank Lench. They brought samples of the project and both brought lathes so we all could have a lathe to work on. The project was spoons and dippers, and included offset turning on the handles. What a treat it was, and we

learned a bunch of new techniques and how to make some fixtures for the lathe to facilitate the work. Both Micheal and Frank brought a range of tools so we could check them out and try them out if we needed to.





We all had a good time, and a learning one, too, most going to Eddies for lunch.

Information on the next class is at

<http://mkmk.com/swiwt/local-events.htm>

Upcoming Events

The club is setting up for the 3rd workshop that will explore the birdhouse. Check the website notes for signing up and details of the project. It should be fun and informative, just like the first two.

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Brian Malnar will lead the project.



Some thoughts

Here is freedom to them that would read,

Here is freedom to them that would write!

There is none ever feared that the truth should be heard

But they whom the truth would indict!--Robert Burns

Practice makes perfect - so be careful what you practice.

LOL

A Canadian logging company needed to hire another lumberjack, the first guy to apply was a short little skinny fellow, who was laughed at by the manager and told to leave.

"Just give me a chance," the little guy pleaded.

"Okay," the manager replied, "Grab your axe and cut down that cedar over there,"

Two minutes later he was back at the manager's office, "Trees cut, do I get the job?"

"I don't believe it that is so much faster than even my best lumberjack could have done it, where did you learn to use an axe like that?" the manager inquired.

"Sahara Forest," the little guy replied.

"Don't you mean the Sahara Desert," the manager corrected him.

"Sure that's what they call it now."

Happy turning!



Don Thompson

