

SOUTHWEST IDAHO WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

January Newsletter

January Demo

Brian Malnar, a past president of the club, demonstrated one technique of off-center turning, making a small goblet and giving a good explanation along the way, including a few jokes. He showed several finished samples and donated all to the raffle. He starts with a piece 2 x 2, 5" +/- long, squares up the ends and puts the square piece of wood in the chuck. 1- Turn the goblet – finish it completely, 2 – Tilt the axis – the amount of tilt changes the offset. 2a. Turn down the lathe as slow as it will go. 2b. set the tool rest to the new axis. 2c. Turn speed up to as fast as comfortable. 3 – Put back to the original position and finish the bottom. Will need to do some sanding to smoothly blend the two axes at the bottom.



He answered many questions about how he aligned the piece in the lathe and when to finish each segment.

Here, I think he was describing a fish he caught!



Remembering Ron Haase



One of our long time members has passed away. Ron's son-in-law spoke as did Doug Knopp, John Pickrell, & Steve Young. Ron was a longtime member and was the Treasurer for quite a few years. Notices were passed out for members who wanted to attend his service.

Club Workshops and Demos

It was announced that starting January 26th the club will be holding for members only a turning class every month with different instructors and themes for members to have a day of hands on turning with help if they want it. Review the detailed info on the web page (<http://swiwt.com/local-events.htm>) and make reservations if you want to participate. These sessions can improve all our turning ability and get us better acquainted with each other. They are free and you will furnish all tools, wood and supplies.

We are going to do 4 public demos on scheduled Saturdays at Woodcraft during the 2013 year. George Cochran and Steve Young will be coordinating these with Woodcraft, Check our web site and Woodcraft web site for more info on these demos

Show and Tell

The board has agreed to forgo the challenges for lack of activity. We will use the Show and Tell to show and explain our turnings to the club each month.

Susan McCoy brought 3 pieces and explained how to make sweet lemonade from a lidded box that was not cooperating, incorporating some hidden elements and a lot of ingenuity!



Frank Lench brought in a sea urchin box he made, incorporating two urchins and wood turning. He explained his reasoning while designing the box, having gone through several iterations of some elements in the process, including the unique finishing process. and discussed design problems with the base of the box. He also brought two other boxes, a finialled box and a yarn bowl/box for the knitters.





George Cochran brought in a range of bowls and boxes he has made. He explained the problems he had turning some of the wood as it was wet and spalted which made for some interesting turning. He obviously has a wide range of skills to bring to bear, though.



The discussions about problems in turning are very helpful to the less experienced turners, as well as those who may not have encountered such issues in their shops. As discussed at our board meeting, this is critical to the advancement of skills for the club as a whole. EVERYONE is encouraged to bring in their work, no matter the skill level so other members can offer any needed assistance. We have a large pool of willing members ready to help out with discussions and hands-on mentoring.

Rich Froehlich brought up the idea of making holders for the upcoming Artistry in Wood show and brought in a sample. Rich is asking members to make sign holders for the turners tables at IAW. Rich and Frank both made one each for an example of what Rich needs. Use your own design and judgment and let's see what we come up with. We are hoping that many more varied holders will be forthcoming!



Monte Eldrick from Woodcraft presented some special tools from the shop.

Monte showed a capture hollowing system, a great buy on cocobola pieces, plus he and Steve put on a demo of the New Easy Chuck – which Steve had purchased. Very interesting chuck.

Monte also awarded Steve Young a bullet pen in a beautifully engraved box in recognition for the 10,000 pens turned for the troops.



**Lyn Tozer said the Food Bank fundraiser that group members had donated 25 bowls raised \$27,000 total and were very excited about the wood bowls. She thanked everyone who participated.

**Tom Turco collects bowls for Children in Foster Care Camp – be turning for that great cause.

**Frank reported that Brian Malnar is Vice President, Trudy Webb Treasurer and Susan McCoy, Secretary. The Advisory Committee consists of Rich Froelich, Don Thompson, Ron Lee, Tom Turco, Rich Howard, and Michael Kingsley, and Steve Young.

* Do not forget to work on projects for the upcoming February show *

<http://idahoartistryinwood.org/>

Idaho Artistry in Wood

We need members to submit photos of their work for our Gallery section.

I can help anyone with taking and presenting photos for the gallery, or just how to photograph your work. It is not hard or time-consuming. Call Don Thompson if you need help with this and we can schedule a time and place to take photos.

Projects can also be brought to meetings any time and get photos taken.

Musings

Have thy tools ready. God will find thee work.

-Charles Kingsley

The things I make may be for others, but how I make them is for me.

- Tony Konovaloff

A Termite walked into a pub and asked,

"Where's the bar tender?"

See you next month! Don Thompson