

SOUTHWEST IDAHO WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION
The Treasure Valley Woodturner's Club
Boise Idaho

July 21, 2014

All members:

The warm day's of Idaho summer are with us and those of you in A/C cooled studio's are fortunate. The Utah symposium and national AAW show's are history. The Loveland Colo. and Swat show in Texas are still open for those who want to attend. Call me for any info.

Our club is financially fit with \$3800.00 in our bank account. We are attracting new members each month for many different reasons. Some are from Woodcraft's classes, and our invitation posted in the lathe room to join our club and others are word of mouth from different members.

Our July 8th board meeting covered several items:

Lyle Mettler was made a life time member of the club. Lyle, like Gary Smith and others started this club in 1996 and we appreciate Lyle's contribution to the club. Many of the donated pieces for our many good causes lately have been Lyle's past pieces.

Thanks for everything you've done and are presently doing Lyle.

The board has been discussing a sound system for general meeting, demo's, study session classes and other outside events for some time. We are now ready to move forward with this and are investigating what would be good for us. The present state of the art is

a wireless, portable system with hand and head type mic's. We plan to look at several systems, price range and features before we bring it to the members for approval. A lot of us at later years have problem with hearing and ability to speak loud enough, so we have decided like most other clubs have, to supplement this with the equipment of our present time. So we will investigate and come back to you for approval because the cost will need member approval.

We are having election of officers to manage the club in November. Nominations will be made by the membership at the October Meeting and for the following two weeks prior to the November meeting. All of the present board except for the president is eligible for reelection.

I have served for three years and must step down per the by laws. We have asked for members to nominate members to serve as president and three board members.

After the election the president and the board will meet and decide who will be Vice pres., secretary and treasurer.

Please step up and nominate someone or put yourself out there to help our club. There's not one of you who could not serve and give your opinion on issues that come up. It takes a mixture of ideas to make a club work and it's a simple process. None of us are born woodturners or board members, but we learn and if we care enough to keep our woodturning community vital and moving forward we must step forward and help out. So put yourself out a little and step up to keep our Treasure Valley Club alive and vibrate. Send me any name you think would be a good board candidate and I will contact them and find out if they will accept the nomination.

Brian Malnar, Susan and Rich has put together a two year agenda for meeting demo's. Please review it and sign up for one that you want to show the club how you do it. Brian and Kevin will list the names after each month to show what is left to be filled. Steve Y. has agreed on the sharpening and I have the finial and air brush, so lets fill it out or give Brian an idea on what you will demo.

The August 2nd study session will cover some of the different types of hollowing devices on the market today. We will try to show some hollowing of each type. along with this, we will have some laser systems to show. If you have a hollowing system, your asked to bring it in an tell the class what you think of it and how you use it. We want to cover the hand held types and the supported systems along with the articulating arms systems. Cutting tips will also be covered. Give me call and let me know if your going to attend and if you can bring in a system you use.

If at this time your not doing hollowing, try to attend anyway, because you may want to in the future and you can get some ideas from different members on what direction you may want to go and/or purchase.

The summer picnic will be at Ron Lee's home again this year and the woodworkers are in charge of giving us direction on food and support they need. Next year will be our year. Not official but it should take place in September.

Nobody has stepped up to run the Christmas party so we may be celebrating in a commercial facility somewhere at a fee \$\$\$ for each member. Would anyone like to run the Christmas party ??? It's not a difficult task and only lasts a short time.

Throughout the years, members like John Pickrell, Steve Young , Mac Black, Jerry Wagner, Micheal Kingsley, Ron Lee, Gary Smith and there spouses have stepped when the need was there and put together gatherings so we all could get together and enjoy our interests and art.

Lot of us are getting close to 80 and late 70's and want others to pick up the gauntlet and run with it.

Theirs a program called Beads of Courage that other turning clubs around the U.S. have been participating in to make boxes for children that have been struck with cancer and other long term treatment. They are given colored beads to put into the boxes after each treatment.

It would be worthwhile cause and a good community contribution from our club and give encouragement to the young one's in treatment. Will someone step up and take charge of this program ?? I will be happy to assist anyone in this effort.

Brian Malnar did a nice presentation on the skew at the last general meeting. It's a tool that you have to use regularly until you capture the feel and get comfortable with it. It is one of the tools of woodturning that the cutting point on the wood is not supported at the same point on the tool rest, and this should be understood when it wants to act up.

Nick Peterson thought having video's recordings of our club demo's would be used by members who could not get a monthly meeting. Dan Kunz thought he would take a look at the equipment we had and see if he could make these recordings of each demo. The camera is in the storage cabinet Dan, so if you need help, let me know.

Next month, turning plywood will be the subject.

Thanks to the members who brought bowls and /or turned pieces in July for the auction Cliff Heckathron is having for one of his family members.

I won the nice spoon made by Glenn Peter for the bowl exchange and will have something for the August meeting to pass on.

Hopefully I have not missed to much, but if I have let me know.

Frank Lench

