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Happy New Year!

Shavings from the President's Shop

After finishing all my Christmas projects I decided to do a little flat work, I acquired a metal base with wheels that I wanted to build a cabinet on to keep lathe tools and such in. I know how tough it is for a tuner to go back to the flat world even if it's just for a quick project but this will be a lathe related cabinet so it's okay. I thought it would be nice to have a nice cabinet to keep tools and stuff in that I could roll around have move it to where it's handy. Besides all that, I needed the distraction from pushing to get all the Christmas turnings done, I'm sure we all get a little burned out sometimes.

The metal base I got came from some kind of rack, about 17 x 30 and 4" high, seemed like a good size. I had some melamine cut offs I've been hoarding for a while, had enough to make the sides and back. Got some pine boards from Menards out of the scrap bin, was enough to rip down to make a face frame and two drawer boxes. I had some scrap 3/4" plywood to make two more drawer boxes and some veneer MDF for drawer fronts. I made a grid out of hard board for the top drawer for sand paper discs, it'll be nice to have all the grits handy and in order. Next up will be a top, thinking I'm going to use a piece of MDF with a piece of hard board on top for protection that is easily replaceable. Somehow I'm going to incorporate a tool rack or extend the top and drill holes for tools, not sure how I'm going to do this yet.

This has been a good distraction but it's also reminded me of a few issues I have with flat work. Apparently I haven't learned the old adage

"measure twice, cut once" well enough cause there are various pieces that no matter how many times I cut, are still too short. It's also interesting that you don't realize until you get home with some supplies from the store that you realize that you bought the wrong stuff and have to go back for more. So, after all this precise measuring and trips to Menards I think I'll have again found some inspiration to make something round. It's all good. Be safe,
Jon

2012 Club Meeting Dates

Monday, January 9th:

- Jason Swanson

Ohio Valley Woodturning Symposium Journal by Jason Swanson

I recently returned from the Ohio Valley Woodturning Symposium 2012. It was held from Thursday September 29th - October 2nd at the Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center in West Harrison, Indiana, about 2 miles from the Ohio border. Upon arriving I registered with the main desk and picked up my registration packet which contained information for the next few days. I took about two hours to set up my vendor booth and talk with the other vendors, some I knew, some new faces. Some of the vendors on hand for the weekend were Lyle Jamison offering his hollowing rig, Big Monk Lumber had some nicely priced import woods and some stunning Madrone burls, Craft Supplies was directly across the aisle

from me with some show specials that couldn't be beat, Oneway came all the way from Canada, Doug Thompson was right next to me with his finely crafted woodturning tools, John Jordan was offering his turning tools, and many more. I couldn't help myself with all the gorgeous wood Pete Kekel from Big Monk Lumber brought - yes, I added to my wood collection. Thursday night was the grand reception dinner in the dining hall, after which the demonstrators all individually stood up and gave a short talk about their demonstrations to help people decide which demos to attend. After the reception I visited with some old friends I don't get to see very often, and then retired to the hotel where I was staying. Higher Ground does offer dorm room accommodations, however, after sleeping there in 2009 and waking up in the mornings with a stiff back I decided to stay at the hotel instead. Comfort Inn is about 10 miles from Higher Ground and was offering a \$65/night rate for the woodturners that weekend. Upon checking into the hotel I realized we could have helped a woodturning symposium there - the hotel was sold out to woodturning symposium attendees. Friday morning, bright and early I was back at Higher Ground for breakfast and immediately following, demonstration rotations started at 8AM. The first rotation I decided to attend was Gary Webster with his Tools on a Budget demo. Gary had a very informative demo and I learned how to make a 3-sided point tool for turning beads. The second demo I decided to see Betty Scarpino cut and carve her woodturned pieces into non-functional art. Betty is the editor of our favorite woodturning magazine and has been demonstrating for some time. Her demos are well planned, well executed, and even if you've seen her before there is always something new to learn, either as a turner or demonstrator. With 4 hours of demonstrations, I was hungry - time for lunch. After lunch I attended the Drab to Pizzaz demo by Kimberly Winkle. Kimberly is a gallery furniture maker who also turns. Her demo showed how surface embellishments can enhance a woodturning and give it a whole new look. At the half hour between demos I got caught up with customers in my booth and had to walk into Linda Suter's Working with Epoxy demo about a half hour late. Linda has been working with epoxy for many years and uses a technique in her work which involves casting

branches in epoxy resin to make a turning blank. Then she'll turn the blank into platters, bowls, and vases. After Linda's demo was dinner. Does it seem like I've talked a lot about eating? One thing about Higher Ground - they cook great meals. It's probably a good thing woodturning symposiums are only a few days long, otherwise, I'd probably weigh 300 pounds! After dinner there was a youth turning event. Ohio Valley Woodturners had applied for and received a \$1000 grant from the AAW to give kids who attended a starter kit of turning tools. Better yet, Jet tools donated a 12-20vs mini lathe that one of the kids won on Saturday night in a drawing for the kids who attended on Friday night. There was also a question and answer session with the demonstrators which lasted until about 9PM. Saturday morning I ate breakfast quickly because I had to set up for my first demo - Polychromatic Peppercorn Pulverizer - the segmented peppermill demo. I turned the peppermill, and then asked the crowd for the youngest attendee to come forward. A 15-year old boy came up to the front and I gave him the 2-1/2" long segmented blank leftover from parting off the peppermill cap. He agreed to e-mail pictures of his finished box which I'll share with you all when I get them. The demo went well; well enough that an editor from a popular woodworking magazine wants to run a "how-to" article - more on that to come later. After cleaning up my demo area I sold more Velvitoil and segmented turning blanks in my booth and again walked in a little late to Benoit Averly's Hut Boxes demo. Benoit came all the way from France and his little Hut Boxes were exquisite! Lunch time - mmm, more home cooked food. After lunch I watched Al Stirt turn and carve Fluted Bowls. Out of all the demonstrators I've ever seen, nobody is as good with a bowl gouge as Al Stirt. He is so precise in his woodturning and quite fun to watch. The afternoon ended with a gallery critique of hand selected pieces from the instant gallery by Benoit Averly and Richard Raffan. The critique was quite "bloody", but fair with Benoit and Richard offering professional critique to about 15 pieces they had chosen. The only way to improve one's woodturning is to know where improvements can be made. Shape, finish, and overall execution all came into play in the critique and a lot was learned on how to improve on each of them. The Saturday

night dinner was a White Linen Banquet with prime rib and great desert to get everyone primed for the Live Auction immediately after. The auction was a great time with John Hill as auctioneer/comedian. Quite a few people added some nice turnings to their collections for low prices. By 10PM it was time to get back to the hotel. Sunday morning, my schedule was quite the same as Saturday. I left breakfast early to set up for my Stave Segmenting demo. I had fun with this demo and passed out raffle tickets to the attendees before starting the demo telling them I had a surprise if they stayed to the end. I had a Power Point demonstration on the big screen TV showing how to properly set up a table saw and make the cuts, then I laid out and glued up a peppermill blank. In the last 5-minutes of the demo I had my cameraman draw one lucky raffle ticket from a hat and one attendee got to go home with the blank. He also agreed to e-mail pictures of his project once he is finished. After cleaning up my demonstration items, I attended two different demos. The first was Richard Raffan turning a lidded bowl. Richard has been around a while and it shows in his professionally given presentation. His down under wit and humor just adds to the experience. I left his demo early to go see the ultimate showman in woodturning - Jimmy Clewes. It doesn't matter what Jimmy is turning, you always come out of his demos laughing and having seen some great tool techniques. If you haven't seen Jimmy Clewes, get over to Sandy in our library and check out one of his videos - you won't be disappointed. After the morning rotations it was time for lunch and then head back home. There were a few Wisconsin and Illinois faces that showed up. For those of you that bought Velvitoil and/or segmented turning blanks from me - thank you! For those of you that didn't, you should have. If you have never attended a woodturning symposium, I strongly urge you to do so. You will learn more in a few days watching live demonstrations from seasoned professionals than you could ever hope to learn from watching videos or reading books. It is well worth the cost of admission and the vacation time taken from work. Hope to see everyone at Turn-On Chicago in 2012...

Spotlight Turner

“Spotlight Turner” will return next month

MAWt Meeting Information

MAWT club meetings are held the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 P.M., at Woodcraft / Rhino LLC, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave. New Berlin, WI 53151 Phone: 262-785-6770, Fax: 262-785-6771, or <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=506>

Board meetings start at 5:00 P.M., the day of club meetings, at Culvers on Hwy 100, across from the former Woodcraft location.

Embroidered Club Logo Available

The club now has a source to embroider shirts with the clubs logo. Members need to bring their own shirt(s) to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will be \$12 per shirt. If interested, please contact Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Member Gallery

You are invited to bring up to two pieces that you have recently turned. This is a great opportunity to share the “lessons learned” during your turning sessions with other members. Your participation inspires and challenges other to grow in their knowledge and skill.

Wood Raffle

You are encouraged to donate wood and buy raffle tickets as often as you are able. Please bring wood that you would like to turn yourself. Your participation helps support the financial well-being of our club and is greatly appreciated.

Membership Process and Dues

Club membership is from January through December. New members that join after October 1 will not need to renew their membership until the end of the following year's membership period. Dues are as follows (this can change without notice): MAWt annual dues: \$20.00 and AAW annual dues: \$48.00 minimum (see AAW website (www.woodturner.org) for member options). All prospective MAWt club members must be a current AAW in order to join. A copy of a current AAW membership card, or copy of the front cover of your AAW magazine that displays membership information, or copy of your on-line AAW membership application payment is required at the time of joining the club.

AAW membership benefits are:

- AAW Journal: American Woodturner
 - Published quarterly
 - High quality full-color publication
- Large circulation
 - Variety of articles
 - Current trends
 - Techniques
 - Critiques
 - Galleries
 - Upcoming events
- Local AAW Chapters - Parent organization of more than 300 local chapters in North America and around the world
- AAW Resource Directory
- AAW Symposium – discounted fees for members
- AAW Website (www.woodturner.org)
- AAW Forum (www.aawforum.org/vbforum)
- Educational Opportunity Grants
- Liability Insurance for Chapters – U.S. and Canada
- Business insurance available for U.S. members

Questions about MAWt and AAW membership?
Please contact Carl Brust at: cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Club Library

We offer our members a growing list of topical resources that can be checked out and returned at the following month's meeting. Our library includes DVD's, books, and magazines that address many aspects of woodturning. This is a popular member benefit and the lending rules should be respected and honored. For the benefit and enjoyment of all club members, it is important that you return all MAWt videos and other educational materials at the following month's club meeting. For video selections and to check availability, please see our club librarians, Gary Datka and Sandy Sheahan.



Recent additions to the MAWt library

- Woodturning - From Tree to Bowl
- Toy Lawnmower
- Elliptical Turning - an Introduction
- Secrets to Creating Two Piece Hollow Forms
- Woodburning, Airbrushing Texturing & Piercing
- AAW Symposium Techniques 2003 Vol. 1 AAW Symposium Techniques 2003 Vol. 2
- AAW Symposium Techniques 2003 Vol. 3
- The Inside Story a Study in Hollow Form Turning
- What a Relief Seasoning for Textured Bowl
- Turn it Up Vol. 1
- Woodturning Projects Volume 1
- Woodturning Projects Volume 2
- Woodturning Projects Volume 3
- Woodturning Projects Volume 4
- Intro to Segmented by Curt Theobald
- Segmented Patterns by Curt Theobald
- Woodturning Today a Dramatic Evolution
- Woodturning Jewelry

- Woodturning #228 - July 2011
- Woodturning #228 - July 2011
- Woodturning Design #32 - Aug. 2011

Important Reminder: Everyone that has checked out a library item please return it at the January 9th.

MAWt Membership

Our membership consists of both novice and experienced woodturners. We place a high priority on teaching and expanding each member's turning skills and knowledge of the craft. We encourage each member to freely share ideas, insights, and lessons learned as a result of their experience. Having fun and good fellowship is required at all club functions.

MAWt Demonstrators Wanted

We are seeking demonstrators that have an interesting theme or approach to turning, and have demonstrated sound technique and skill level. Please forward your suggestions to Jon Behnke at [Jon Behnke <fetchitup@live.com>](mailto:Jon_Behnke@fetchitup@live.com)

Member Services

Name tag or membership card requests or Contact information changes, such as: address, phone, email address, please send an email with your request to Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

For Sale

Used Platinum Edition Delta Contractor's Saw
With 30" Unifence Fence and a Biesmeyer Type fence too. Comes with mobile base--has the original miter gauge and Delta mortising attachment--this is not pristine--but it will do the job--power cord just replaced. Asking \$500

WoodCut Bowl Coring system with a 1 inch post. \$200

Please call at 414-771-9249 after 5:00 pm or email me with further questions at mrtrenier@sbcglobal.net

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15th of each month and we will include it in the following month's eNewsletter. Please email your information to Scott Kosteretz at skoz@wi.rr.com

Member Supplier Discount Program

We are continually researching new woodturning resources that may offer our club members special discounts. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jon Behnke at [Jon Behnke <fetchitup@live.com>](mailto:Jon_Behnke@fetchitup@live.com)
Current Supplier Discounts:

- Woodcraft (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Rockler (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop (Club members receive 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise)
- Craft Supplies (Club members receive 10% discount when mentioning Promotional Code- Clubmem)

Suppliers and Resources

We are looking to add new woodturning websites to our "Member Resources" newsletter section. If you have discovered interesting and informative websites related to woodturning, please send an email to: Scott Kosteretz (skoz@wi.rr.com)

Note: The editor has the right to include or exclude suggested websites based on space, relevancy, and club standards.

Manzanita Turning Burls
www.nativemanzanitaburl.com

CHOICE WOODS

Contact: Clay Johnson at 2801 Floyd Street, Louisville, KY 40209, 502-587-0777, 888/895-7779,

www.choice-woods.com

"I only ship what I would want to receive"

Steve Russell's Lathe Talk

Free Monthly e-Zine: Steve Russell's Lathe Talk, a free monthly newsletter (e-zine) for subscribers of Steve Russell's "Woodturning Videos Plus" woodturning website. This newsletter will be delivered on or about the first of each month to the email address you indicated on your sign-up form. All back issues of this newsletter are available to subscribers.

Lathe Talk will offer tips and tricks to make your woodturning easier and more productive. I'll also show you ways to save money in your studio, so you can stretch your hard earned money. In addition, we will periodically offer subscribers only specials on our videos and e-books. To subscribe: Steven Russell
steverussell@woodturningvideosplus.com

The Woodworking Channel

If you haven't check this out, you will discover many woodworking video resources (Free to view) on this site including: A Wood working experience, AAW, Fine Woodworking, Intarsia and Marquetry, IWF, The American Woodshop, The Great British Woodshop and more! You can find this at: www.woodworkingchannel.com

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

International, non-profit society dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, and organization.
www.woodturner.org

Woodturners Resource

This site includes: message boards, woodturning galleries, on-line video's, featured artists, websites, tutorials, projects and tips, event calendar, vendors and resources, and chat.
www.woodturnersresource.com

Woodcentral

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. www.woodcentral.com

Woodturning Online

Woodturning Online offers turning projects, plans and articles for woodturners including information on bowl, pen and segmented turning using the lathe and more. www.woodturningonline.com

Around the Woods

Wood turning lathe instruction, tips and techniques for the beginner or experienced turner. Wood turning lathe tips, techniques and projects to add to your joy in turning.
www.aroundthewoods.com

Woodturns

The Online Woodturning Community Woodturning articles, woodturning directory, woodturning artists, woodturning projects, woodturning tools, etc. www.woodturns.com

Mystic Burls

530-917-9642
mysticburls8@yahoo.com
<http://www.mysticburlwood.com>

Exotic Blanks

Ed Brown is now carrying Jason Swanson's segmented pen blanks under the brand name "Stripe Tease". For anybody who has admired Jason's segmented pens and would like to turn one of their own, please check out Ed's website www.exoticblanks.com.

Woodcraft Classes

If you are interested in developing or expanding your woodworking skills, including woodturning, Woodcraft has classes for all skill levels. Please refer to your monthly Woodcraft flyer or request a class schedule during your next visit to Woodcraft.

Regional Classes and Events

March 3rd and 4th, 2012 Lyle Jaimeson, at MAWt . Registration begins in January. Seminar details will be available next month.

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** December 5, 2011 at HWY 100 Culver's at 5pm

- In attendance: Max Schoenberger, Dave Drickhamer, Earl Elwell, Sandy Sheahan, Jerry Tackes, Don Boeck, Jon Behnke, Char Dee, Jim Andresen
- We welcome our new Board Members Char Dee and Jim Andresen.
- The board would like to thank Max Schoenberger, Earl Elwell and Don Boeck for their service.
- Club positions are as follows:
 - President – Jon Behnke
 - Vice President – Jerry Tackes
 - Secretary – Dave Drickhamer
 - Treasurer – Sandy Sheahan
 - Board members - Char Dee
 - Jim Andresen
 - Library – Gary Datka
 - Demo Coordinator – Char Dee
 - Membership – Carl Brust
- The swing away tailstock has been installed.
- Jason will do the demo in January.

In January we will create a schedule for meetings for the whole year.

The January meeting will be January 9th due to the New Year's Holiday.

The Jamison Demo may need to be rescheduled.

The club will give Chris and Dena a \$150 gift from Harley Davison for Christmas.

- Dues for 2012 are due by the February meeting Should we create a members list for vendors for discount purposes?
- December will be our Christmas Party. Contact Barb Nelson if you're willing to bring a dish.

General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** December 5, 2011

Schedule of MAWt meetings:

January 9

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 - Membership – Carl Brust
- Checkbook Balance is \$3285.46
- Tonight is our Christmas Party. Thanks to Barb Nelson and everyone that helped and brought in food.
- **Merry Christmas and Happy New Years**

MAWt e-News Submissions

MAWt welcomes the submission of news stories, photos, calendar items, letters, announcements, or any other information that would be of interest

to woodturners and relevant to woodturning.

Below are guidelines for various submissions:

please include your name and contact

information (either a telephone number or e-mail address). Please send the information in a timely manner. Remember to include as much pertinent information, including the following:

WHO was involved?

WHAT was the event?

WHEN did the event occur?

WHERE did the event occur?

WHY was the event important?

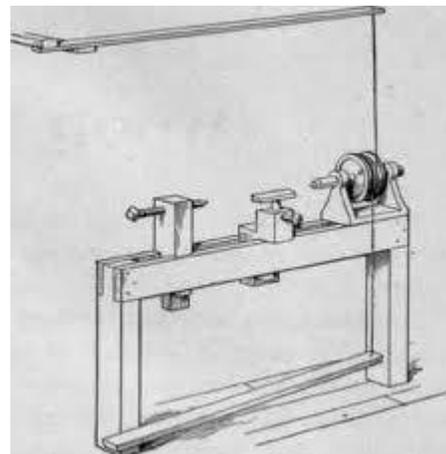
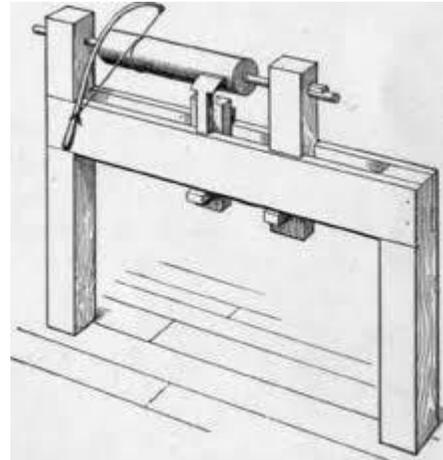
Please send your e-News submissions no later than the 15th of each month. The editor has the right to edit or not to include the request based on space limitations or topics not relevant to woodturning.

Please contact Scott Kosteretz at 414-852-3853 or skoz@wi.rr.com

MAWt Committees

If you aren't on a committee, you are encouraged to volunteer.

- ❖ **Member/Guest Registration:**
Tom Palaubecki and Jim Swank
- ❖ **Meeting Set-up/Clean-up:**
Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- ❖ **Library:**
Gary Datka
- ❖ **Photography:**
Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- ❖ **Demonstrator Scheduling:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **Member Gallery Facilitator:**
Jon Behnke
- ❖ **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **E-Newsletter Editor:**
Scott Kosteretz
- ❖ **Membership:**
Carl Brust
- ❖ **Audio/Video:**
Dennis Dee



MAWt Board members

Jon Behnke, President (2011-2013)

Jerry Tackes, Vice President (2011-2013)

David Drickhamer, Secretary (2009-2011)

Sandy Sheahan, Treasurer (2011-2013)

Char Dee (2012-2014)

Jim Anderson (2012-2014)

Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

Jason Swanson, Past President (2008-2010)

Scott Kosteretz, Past President (2005-2007)

