



First Cuts



The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners

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Presidents Message

By Jeff Turi

April Meeting:

Mike Kehs is a professional turner who has recently gotten into thin wall pierced turnings. He will be showing us how to turn the piece thin, how to pierce the sides in a precise pattern and how to add airbrushing. We haven't seen this technique yet. He did a different demo at the DelVal club and really was entertaining. (His website is below). We have him from 7:00pm to 9:00pm so we might want to have an abbreviated show and tell that night.

<http://www.michaelkehswoodworks.com/>



Member Masterpieces



This month we had a variety of pieces demonstrating a host of skills. Walt Coker and Nelson Brown showed off the segmented works. Walt won the segment count at 900 segments to Nelson's 762. But hey, it's not in the count it in the construction. These were beautiful pieces.



Tom Mumper's vase was an excellent example of stretching wood. Tom explained how the outside of the blank was cut on the bandsaw so the it would stack on top of the inside.



Also Tom showed us a flask that was double turned.



Jeff Turi brought in two pieces that demonstrated the design and artistic things you can do to enhance you turning.

Bob Helveston brought a display case of his pens. Bob has taken a course with Barry Gross who is well know for his books and articles in "Woodturning Design" magazine. He obviously learned a great deal from Barry. Well done.



There are many talented woodturners making beautiful bowls, platters and hollow vessels. Please look on the web site Firststatewoodturners.org. MaryLou is doing a great job of capturing and posting the wonderful work being done.

Program

The program this month was centered around the work being done by so many members to prepare our exhibit for the AAW Chapter Challenge. As everyone is aware, the theme of our Chapter project is a 17th Century apothecary window. To date we have had a great response.



Tom Wysocki made an excellent replica of an apothecary scale. Ross Kendall made a very authentic mortar and pestle. The white exterior has the look of porcelain.



The variety of bottles is providing a good foundation for our display. Michael Adams turned a wooden stethoscope of the early 19th century.

We passed out a sketch of possible apothecary window designed by Tom Wysocki. Steve is planning to enhance it on a CAD program.

To date we have commitments from a number of members. We will be sending out a list with the latest Challenge meeting.

Finally, Steve demonstrated his technique for putting flutes on a bottle or any turned item using a jig and a router.

MAYmeeting. Need everyone to bring in their apothecary bottles for the Chapter Challenge. Bring in any partially finished pieces too in case you need help and so we can see how they fit into the cabinet



Treasure's Report

Starting Balance March 5, 2008	\$1,197.33
Deposit, Membership, 50/50, Rentals	\$226.00
Balance as of March 6	\$1,423.33



Judy Ditmer has provide additional material for our library. We have a number of DVD's and the like. If you took out any materials in the past, please bring it in so we can make it available to others. See Gerry Meekins.

Coming Events

Our next meeting is **April 2th.** 7pm to 9pm at the Woodcraft Store

Future Meeting Dates

May 7, 2008

June 3, 2008

Topics are TBD at this time.

AAW Challenge Meetings

April 19, 2008

May 21, 2008

June TBD

1 PM Woodcraft Store

AAW Symposium – Richmond

June 20 – 22, 2008