



First Cuts

The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners



June, 2008

Presidents Message

By Jeff Turi

With officer elections behind us and an expanded leadership group, we are excited to move ahead with some new ideas through the rest of this year. Please contact any officer if you have some suggestion about topics you would like to see.

June has been a great month for woodturning! Just when the Utah Symposium was over, the AAW Symposium was kicking off. I encourage everyone to attend a national meeting or even a regional symposium. The energy, creativity and new ideas are infectious. You'll see lots of great demonstrators and want to head back to you lathe and try them out right away. Plus, the vendor section is always fun to walk through.

Speaking of great, our Club Collaborative Challenge piece looked TERRIFIC! We really made something that was unique, involved lots of talented people and is something we can take pride in. Most exciting is that the Harry Levin Museum of Pharmacy will be buying our piece. Since it will be in Smyrna, DE, you can bring your friends to see it anytime. If we can arrange a "presentment" ceremony, we will send out a date for the event and make it a fun party. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this idea a reality.

Program

Nelson Brown presided over the election of officers. He requested additional nominations from the floor. There were none so the nominations were closed. There was a motion from the floor to elect all officers as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

President:	Jeff Turi
1st Vice President:	Nelson Brown
Secretary:	Tom Sloan
Treasurer:	John Bacino
Past President:	Don Hart
Program Director:	Mike Adams
Special Committee (Monthly Topics):	Tom Wysocki Walt Coker

John Bacino brought a motion to the floor to hold our August meeting on Saturday at Hearn's Lumber in Oxford, PA. To get an understanding of how exotic woods are handled and sold. The motion was seconded and passed.

Don Hart gave a demonstration of sharpening using the Gouge Setup Jig designed by Kirk Deherr in his article for the winter 2006 AAW magazine. In the article, Kirk explains that setting up the Wolverine grinding jig can be almost as daunting for beginners as sharpening the tool free hand.



Kirk came up with a small square piece of wood which can be easily made and is easy for a beginning turner to use. The jig not only provides the protrusion distance for the end of the gouge, but also helps to set the distance for the Wolverine arm from the grinding wheel and the angle of the jig.

Also, Don talked about tools made by Thompson Lathe Tools (www.thompsonlathetools.com).

Thompson uses powdered metal and cryogenic treatment to turn out a tough metal which doesn't wear quickly, but still retains its easy sharpening characteristics.

Thompson also provides sharpening guidelines to help with sharpening their tools. <http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/sharpening.asp>. If you didn't get a copy of the handout, let us know.

Member Masterpieces

Don also brought a handle he had made for one of his tools. He used multiple axis turnings to create a handle which wouldn't roll. He also inserted lead shot in the handle to add weight.



The Chapter Collaborative Challenge is complete and with the exception of labels for the drawers, ready for Richmond. It is impressive how many folks contributive to our entry.





Treasure's Report

The treasurer's report for June:

Starting Balance June 4, 2008	\$1,218.45
Dues pd and 50/50	\$76.00
Pd Ck 527 Supplies of AAW Challenge	-\$15.00
Balance as of June 6, 2008	\$1,279.45

If you haven't paid your due this year, dues are \$25. Be sure to see John or one of the officers if you want to renew your membership.



If you are looking to improve your skills or would like to read up on some techniques, try our library. Gerry Meekins will be glad to help with any of our library materials. If you have any previously loans, help out someone else and bring it in when you come to the next meeting.

Coming Events

JULY MEETING:

Reports on the AAW Richmond symposium will be the topic. Each person will present 15 minutes on their experience. Jeff will present on the Echo Lake collaborative weekend.

Future Meeting Dates

July 2, 2008

Aug 9, 2008

Sep 3, 2008

AAW Challenge Meetings

AAW Symposium – Richmond

June 20 – 22, 2008