

Central Ohio Woodturners

January 2007



President's message

Barbara Crockett

I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU HAD A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND ARE WELL on your way to a healthy and happy 2007!

December was a busy month for woodturners in central Ohio with visits from Mark Sfirri as well as Jamie Donaldson.

Mark Sfirri puzzled our already-twisted minds with his fascinating offset pieces. All of Mark's work is done between centers with no special chuck or tools required. He has an excellent sense of how to shift axes to create his "little people", "rejects from the bat factory", twisted candlesticks, table legs, skewed cans of unique food items, ribbon forms, and his imaginative "pneumatic spoons". Mark seems to have an endless imagination, which goes hand in hand with his slightly twisted sense of humor. These two qualities,

combined with his turning and woodworking skill, made for a fun-filled day of woodturning adventures. Everyone left with at least the temptation to think outside the bowl!

Our Tuesday night meeting in December featured Jamie Donaldson, a good friend of mine and guest from the Louisville, Kentucky club. In addition to being an excellent woodturner,

Jamie is a professional photographer. His presentation of the "Phrugal Photographer" shared some great tips on how to do a better job of photographing our work and included several plans to create your own light box made from items that most of us already have around the house. I think a copy of his handout will eventually make its way to our web site.

Ron Damon conducted the beginners' corner on equipment selection. Although I was unable to sit in on much of this session, he had a sizable and eager group of turners taking notes and, I suspect, making out their last-minute requests to Santa.

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at OSU. The topic will be turning alternative materials; that is, anything other than wood. I have been unable to reach Devon for a final slate of demonstrators, but I know that Ron Coleman will show us how to turn alabaster, Ron Grady will turn a rattlesnake-skin pen, and Richard Ruehle will turn banksia pods.

The rest will have to remain a surprise unless Devon returns from his holiday adventures before the newsletter goes to press. The president's challenge for January will be anything turned from

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Flash from Wood Werks

Ron Damon

Come one and all to the annual Wood Werks expo and open house, to be held on January 12, 13, and 14! We will offer a ten percent discount on most items in the store, as well as rebates on many items. We expect a new assortment of exotic blocks to arrive around the

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something other than plain ole wood. This could include plywood or strandboard, acrylics, any kind of stone, metal spinning, antlers, or anything else you can think of. You might bring your rain gear in case Craig shows up with a cantaloupe mounted on a faceplate. I'll leave the rest for him to explain!

The other event coming up in January is the Woodworking Show which will be held at the fairgrounds during the second weekend of the month. See Craig's article for details.

It is not too late to be thinking about our visit by Dale Nish in March. Contact Craig if you are interested in taking a hands-on class.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Beginners' Corner Schedule

Ron Damon

January, 2007 – Mounting items on the lathe. This session will include the use of face plates, spur and cup drive centers, live centers, chucks, jam chucks, specialty chucks, tapes, glues and epoxies.

February – Wood selection and drying

March – Spindle turning with emphasis on making a tool handle

April – Fun projects with an emphasis on shapes and proportion

May – Turning firewood into turning blanks; how to cut blanks for natural edge and traditional bowls as well as vases, hollow forms and other end grain turnings.

Show & Tell

eighth or ninth of January, and there will be some spectacular pieces in the shipment.

There are only two more seats available for our basic woodturning class on Thursday, January 4th.

All is well. We thank our many friends and customers and wish everyone a very merry Christmas.



Al Schmidt



Blair Davis



Bill Gilchrist

Treasurer's Report

Craig Wright

Don't forget about the Woodworking Show January 12-14 at the Ohio Expo Center. If you are interested in helping out at our booth this year, please let me know as soon as possible by sending an email to cjwright@insight.rr.com. If you are going to demonstrate at the show, you will have to be a member of the American Association of Woodturners.

If you have changed your mailing address, home or work telephone number, or your e-mail address, please make sure that you let me know so that we can update our records. If you have an email address (even if the newsletter is mailed to you), please make sure we have it so we can email meeting reminders and last-minute changes to you. If you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail instead of via the US Postal Service, let me know that also.

Remember to visit our website at <http://www.centralohiowoodturners.org> before each monthly meeting for any last-minute information. If you have any woodturning-related articles that you would like to see on our website, please send them to the Webmaster.

Remember that the Central Ohio Woodturners is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) charitable organization. Any donations given to the Central Ohio Woodturners may be tax-deductible. Donations do not include the payment of your membership dues or other payments for which you receive something of equal (or greater) value in exchange.

Financial Summary

Starting Balance (November 26, 2006)	\$2,299.54
Total Income	\$1,750.50
Total Expenses	\$3,043.21
Ending Balance (December 22, 2006)	\$1,006.83

Profit and Loss Statement

Income		Expenses	
Apparel Income	\$0.00	Apparel Expenses	\$0.00
Donations	\$32.00	Bank Charge	\$40.00
Group Purchase Income	\$0.00	Equipment	\$214.98
Guest Turner Demonstrations	\$340.00	Gifts	\$0.00
Guest Turner Hands-on Classes	\$500.00	Group Purchase Expense	\$0.00
Guest Turner Class Supplies Fees	\$125.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$679.00	Postage and Delivery	\$0.00
Raffles	\$39.50	Printing and Reproduction	\$21.35
Refunds for Returned Items	\$0.00	Refreshments: Guest Turner Events	\$121.90
Silent Auction Income	\$35.00	Refreshments: Monthly Meeting	\$16.30
		Refunds	\$0.00
		Rental	\$0.00
		Speaker Expenses	\$600.00
		Speaker Fees	\$1,950.00
		Supplies: Office	\$18.68
		Supplies: Turning	\$0.00
		Supplies: Wood	\$60.00
		Travel Expenses	\$0.00
		Video	\$0.00
		Website	\$0.00
Total Income	\$1,750.50	Total Expenses	\$3,043.21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR CENTRAL OHIO WOODTURNERSr

- January 9th 2007 – Tuesday night meeting – OSU - Turning alternative materials (stone, cast acrylic, Metal spinning, Banksia pods, tangua nuts etc.)
- January 12th – 14th - Woodworking Show - opportunities to demo and have fun sharing your passion
For woodturning with the public. See Craig Wright to sign up
- February 13th – Tuesday night meeting – OSU Celebrate Valentine’s Day by turning wine goblets;
Spiraled, textured, multi-axis, etc.
- March 3rd – Dale Nish guest turner – all day seminar at Woodwerks 9:00am – 4:00pm
Fee, including lunch, is \$25 for members \$35 for non members – \$15 spouse/student
- March 13th – Tuesday night meeting – OSU – Hollow forms the easy way with Jim Burrowes
- April 10th – April Fools Theme; Bring in your items from “The land of misfit turnings” to exchange
With another lucky turner who will draw the opportunity to turn it into a masterpiece
In time for the May meeting. Lidded boxes will the the demo for the evening.
- May 5th – Michael Hosaluk – guest turner – all day seminar at Woodwerks 9:00am – 4:00pm. Fee, including lunch, is \$25 for members \$35 for non members – \$15 spouse/student
- May 8th – Presentation of April Fools “fixes”. Prizes for the top 3 items. The demo will feature bowl turning

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE MONDAY FOLLOWING EACH MONTHLY MEETING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Members with items they would like to present are welcome to attend steering committee meetings but will not have voting privileges. Please let one of the club’s officers know if you would like to attend.



QUESTIONS, YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

How should I sharpen my bowl gouge?

When should I use a roughing gouge?

What is the proper lathe RPM for turning spindles or bowls?

What does “turning down hill” mean?

These are some of the questions you may be asking yourself. Why not come to one of the COW mentoring sessions and have your questions answered by some of the

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Latest from Woodcraft

Jim and Ruth Baumgardner

A very happy new year to all and, of course, go Bucks!

We at Woodcraft are starting the New Year with our usual round of classes in all areas of woodworking, some of which are unique. Please check out all of our listings in our flyer, stop at the store to see class examples, or check us out on the internet at www.woodcraft.com. See stores/classes/details. Sign up by calling us at the store at 614-527-7594 or by coming in to register.

The following classes, for which we still have some openings, offer excellent turning experience and insight:

< Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, multi-axis turning

with Jim Burrowes (intermediate level)

< Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, log to bowl with Scott Hogsten (intermediate level)

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Greater Columbus Area Woodworking Show which is held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the Voinovich Building from Friday, January 12th through Sunday, January 14th. Our store in Hilliard will be open then as well.

Show & Tell (continued)



Bruce Kern
"Buckeye Boxes"



Chuck Murray



Chuck Kemp



Don Lehman

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experienced members of our club? The only dumb question is the one that doesn't get asked!

Each month the club holds a mentoring session at Woodcraft or Wood Werks. The next one will be on Jan. 27th from 9:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM at Wood Werks. Some of the more experienced members of the club will be on hand to answer your questions and let you try turning under their guidance.

If you would like to help your fellow turners, please volunteer to act as a coach at the mentoring session. You do not have to be a member of the AAW to help with this activity. Liability is covered by Woodcraft's and Wood Werks' store insurance.

If you have questions or would like to help with the mentoring session, please email Chuck Kemp at ckemp@columbus.rr.com. He will coordinate the mentoring sessions and have knowledgeable people available to help.

2006 OFFICERS AND STEERING COMMITTEE

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	<i>Claudia will also be working as membership coordinator to contact members who don't renew to see how we could have better met their needs.</i>		
TREASURER:	Craig Wright	cjwright@insight.rr.com	885-9419
	<i>In addition to the duties of treasurer, Craig also serves as our webmaster. If you are interested in helping with the web site, see Craig. Craig also coordinates volunteers to turn for the fair, woodworking show and other demos..</i>		
PAST PRES:	Andi Wolfe	andiwolfe@yahoo.com	481-3184
	<i>Andi will be coordinating with our guest turners for at least three Saturday demos as well as some hands-on classes this year.</i>		
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Easing Life with Your Scroll Chuck

Contributed by *Jerry Hubschman*

I change the jaws of my Stronghold chuck often. Since I spend most of my shop time building or restoring furniture, my chuck is not a single-task tool. There have been times when I have changed jaws three times during one shop session. With the Stronghold, each change calls for eight screws out and eight screws in. These are metric flathead hex (allen) drive machine screws. I found the process using the T-handle wrench tedious, so some years ago I welded a short section of allen key to a hex shaft for my power screw driver. This made the whole process of changing over much easier. This was especially true when using my jumbo jaws, which meant sixteen screws out and sixteen screws in.

I discovered later that Rockler offers both 4mm and 5mm metric hex bits. These are intended for use with so-called European hardware on knockdown furniture. (I bought mine at Wood Werks.) These bits are short and intended to be mounted in a magnetic bit holder, and they work just great. Life is even better if your power screwdriver shifts from clutch mode to lock automatically; my Milwaukee does just that. This suggestion may work for other brands of scroll chucks as well.



Fred Kimes



Jamie Donaldson

Show & Tell (continued) ►►



Richard Ruehle

MUSINGS

Dan Dapra

Suspend disbelief for a few minutes and imagine that we are visiting the shops of a variety of wood turners, all of whom pursue different occupations or embrace a favorite philosophical outlook. Unobserved, we see the turner enter the shop, pick up a block to mount on the lathe, and say...

PSYCHIATRIST:	Were you happy as a sapling?
MASSAGE THERAPIST:	Let's see if we can work out some of those knots.
POET:	Whose woods these are I think I know.
COMMUNIST:	No one should be able to own such beautiful wood.
CAPITALIST:	Everyone should be able to own such beautiful wood.
VETERINARIAN:	Holy cow! Look at the catkins on this dogwood!
ANTIQUA DEALER:	Let's see what's in this old trunk.
ENGINEER:	Do I have a backup block of wood?
MIME:	
CIA AGENT:	Hmmm...this could represent a splinter group.
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:	Who can I persuade to write about his own block of wood?
NRA MEMBER:	They can have this block of wood when they pry it out of my cold, dead fingers.
LOUNGE SINGER:	Seedlings...nothing more than seedlings.
WOOD TURNER'S WIFE:	What does he see in you?
PROCTOR & GAMBLE CHEMIST:	<i>Pink</i> ivory...why didn't <i>I</i> think of that?
SURFER DUDE:	Life's a beech.
POLITICAL ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE:	Life's a Birch.
OPTIMIST:	Everything's coming up rosewood.
JANITOR:	I've got to spruce up this place.
ELVIS IMPERSONATOR:	Re-turn to sender....
DOG TRAINER:	Too many bark inclusions.
SPORTSCASTER:	Who could beat Ashe? Billie Jean Kingwood!
BIRDWATCHER:	Is this cardinal, or partridge?
DENDROCHRONOLOGIST:	You don't look your age.
FARMER:	What beautiful grain!
CIRCUS PERFORMER:	Where's my Ringmaster?
CHIROPRACTOR:	I remember bringing this piece home from the lumbar yard.

Show & Tell (continued)



Ron Fisher



Jim Eliopoulos



Joel Bossley

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Jim Eliopulos, Osage Orange



Ron Coleman



Andi Wolfe

**Reminder: Next Meeting, January 9, 2007, 7:00 P. M., Kinnear Rd., OSU
President's Challenge—"Alternative" Materials**