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MANY GOOD TURNERS

Presidential Ramblings

By Barbara Crockett

Happy New Year to Central Ohio Woodturners and their families – turn safely!

I would like to sincerely thank Sharon Bierman for taking on the newsletter task at the last minute. John Belland has been hospitalized once again, and I am writing this article from Springfield MO while visiting family and friends. Thanks to all who resubmitted their newsletter articles directly to Sharon so she could proceed with this issue.

The January meeting will be held on January 8 at 7:00p in the 1100 Kinnear Road shop at Ohio State. The main presentation will be on multi-axis turning with featured guest turner, Jim Burrowes. The beginner's corner will be led by Ron Damon and Bruce Kerns, featuring spindle turning with an emphasis on making tool handles. There will be limited

opportunity for beginners to try turning their own handles and practice with the various spindle tools.

The president's challenge for January is "Put a Foot on It." Designs are limited only by your creativity. The foot may be turned, carved, band sawn – however you wish. For those of you who plan ahead, the February Valentine's Day challenge will be to turn anything that has a stem.

The Woodworking Show will be January 11-13. We are still in need of members who are willing to turn, be mentored, or just be there to hand out club information. Please contact Craig Wright at cjwright@insight.rr.com if you are available to help. For insurance reasons, turners at this show must be AAW members.

I look forward to seeing you at the January 8 meeting. •



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AAW Update

By Lawrence Sommer
AAW Executive Director

With 2007 as a year of change for your association, here are a few highlights:

- We welcome Tom Wirsing and Corey Anderson to the AAW board of directors and thank Tony Cortese and Sean Troy for their service. Tib Shaw became the first full-time coordinator at the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in Landmark Center. Linda Ferber is the new AAW office manager, replacing Eunice Wynn who is retiring in March 2008 after more than 15 years of service.
- At the end of 2007 there were more than 13,000 active members and 277 local chapters. AAW has members on every continent except Antarctica, and we are working on that!
- Throughout 2007, the AAW board of directors engaged in a board development and strategic planning process designed to help focus time and effort on shared long-range strategic policy issues. The board approved a complete set of new board policies late in 2007. A new AAW strategic plan should be ready for board review and adoption during the first quarter of 2008.
- During 2007, we acquired and installed new integrated membership database management software, making it easier for AAW members to renew or change their membership profile information, register for the annual symposium, order merchandise, and cast ballots in the annual board election.
- Board, staff, and professional members are working together to restructure the AAW Professional Outreach Program. •

Mexican Boleros

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Mexican boleros are a type of yo-yo. There are two types — one consisting of a cup on a stick with a ball attached to a handle by a string. The object is to toss the ball and catch it in the cup. The second type consists of a barrel-shaped body that is attached by a string to a handle with a peg on one end. The object is to toss the barrel and catch it on the pegged handle. Following are the steps I use to make the barrel bolero.

I prefer to use cherry or maple, but almost any of the fine-grain hardwoods will do. You will need a piece 1" x 1" x 7" for the handle and a second piece 2½" x 2½" x 5" for the barrel.



Start by turning the handle between centers. The only critical dimension is for the peg end of the handle. I use a ½" open-end wrench to get the diameter of the peg. Note that the peg is slightly tapered.



After you finish turning the handle, sand with 80, 120, 180,

240, and 320 grit. I use a skew to make a small "v" cut and KC Wire Burners to put on some bands for decoration. The grooves made by the skew and wire burner give you a clean edge for the colored bands. Use waterproof markers to color the bands and then spray the handle with a fixative to keep the color from running. Apply a topcoat finish. The one shown was finished with HUT Crystal Coat and carnauba wax, using the Bealle buffing system to buff the carnauba wax only.



Once the handle is completed, mount the barrel blank between centers and turn it down to round and turn a tenon on one end that matches the size and shape of your chuck. My chuck has dovetail jaws. You don't need a mechanical chuck. You can turn a jam chuck into a block mounted on a faceplate to hold the tenon.



Mount the barrel in the chuck and true up the barrel to remove any wobble. Dish out the bottom of the barrel by ¼". Use a ½" bit to drill the hole that will hold the peg on the handle.



You can use a Jacobs chuck to hold the bit, or you can drill the hole with a ½" bit with a #2 Morse taper. Note the precision measurement tape on the drill bit.

Download printable dimensions for this project from <http://www.donleman.com/cows/>

The hole must be deep enough to allow the peg to fit all the way in.



Finish turning the barrel shape and sand from 80 to 320 grit. Use a skew and KC Wire Burners to put lines on the barrel for adding color bands or other decorations. At the chuck end, start the top of the barrel. Leave enough material in the chuck end for making a jam chuck that can be used for the final finish of the top of the barrel. Use the handle to ensure that the hole in the barrel is long enough to let it rest on the shoulder of the handle.



Here is the finished barrel, except for the top. I have put on the bands with waterproof markers and have sealed the surface and applied HUT Crystal Coat.



Part off the barrel, giving it a convex shape that matches the concave shape of the bottom of the barrel. I prefer to use a skew to do the parting because

it slices the end grain rather than tearing it like a parting tool does. Use the stub of the barrel to make a jam chuck to hold the barrel while finishing its top. The post in the center of the jam chuck is again sized using a 1/2" open-end wrench.



Use the tailstock to hold the barrel in the jam chuck. Using a chatter tool, put some decorations on the top of the barrel and color them with waterproof markers. After removing the barrel from the lathe, remove the nub at the tailstock end with sandpaper and finish the barrel.

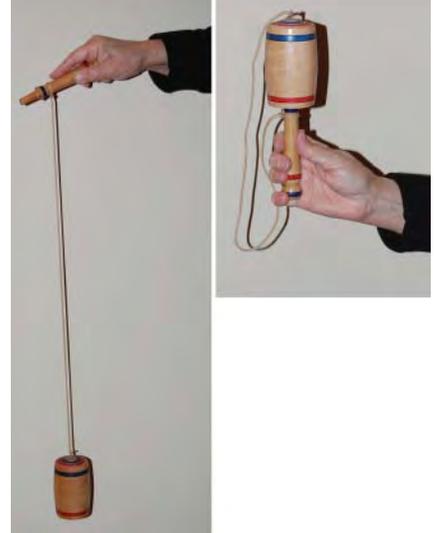


Drill a small hole in the top of the barrel and screw in a small screw eye hook.

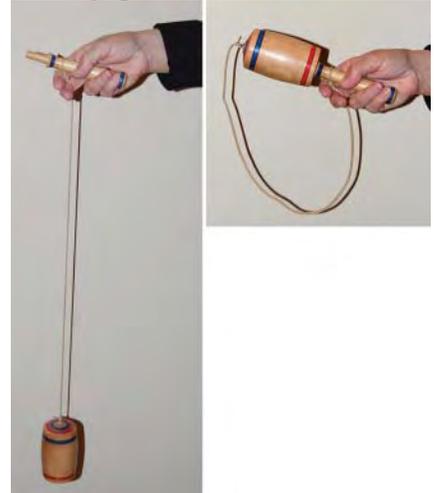


Attach the handle to the barrel as shown in the first picture. I use 24" shoestrings. Your bolero is now ready for use in performing yo-yo-like tricks.

I know of three tricks to do with a bolero. The most basic and easiest is to hold the bolero, pull up on the string to get the barrel moving vertically, and then move the peg on the handle under the barrel to catch it on the peg.



The second trick is to hold the bolero in front of you with your forefinger and index finger over the string. Swing the barrel away from you and upward. Pull back on the string and handle to make the barrel turn over and then catch the barrel on the peg.



The third trick starts with the barrel on the peg. With an upward and outward motion, flip the barrel off the peg (making it turn over one rotation) and catch it back on the peg. This is the most difficult of the three tricks. •

SPECIAL EVENTS

Peppermill Turning

Demonstration by Devon Palmer
Saturday, January 12 • 10a - 3p

January 11, 12, 13

10% OFF Power Tools (excludes Festool, Sawstop, & Steel City)

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Minutes

By Nancy Kerns, Secretary

December 11, 2007 Meeting

President Barb Crockett thanked Chuck Murray for the special holiday snacks and led the introduction of new members, guests, and visitors.

Treasurer Craig Wright reported \$4,016.45 and encouraged everyone to visit centralohiowoodturners.org for a calendar of events and to access current and earlier newsletters.

The Woodturning Show at the state fairgrounds will be January 11-13, emphasizing education. Contact cjwright@insight.rr.com if you would like to turn at the show. Demonstrators must be AAW members because of the liability.

Gallery Show, Wooster. The steering committee decided that the COWs would not participate, partly because of the lack of interest shown at the previous meeting, but mainly because of the costs and

proposed judging requirements.

AAW Membership Drive

Member benefits include insurance if you are demonstrating at a club function, the wonderful quarterly journal, the annual symposium, monetary grants available. Visit woodturner.org to join or renew.

Mentoring. The next mentoring session will be January 26 at WoodWerks.

Youth Turning. The 24 youths at the Village Academy have completed the Level 1 requirements, and all 24 expect to complete the Level 2 requirements by the end of the semester. If you would like to volunteer to demo a project or help with the classes, contact Barb Crockett (614.459.9113) for information.

Pictures. Sharon Bierman (614.899.3755) will be taking natural and light tent pictures of the Show & Tell items. Fill out one of the numbered sheets and place it by your item so she can later identify all the pieces correctly.

Raffle. Everyone received a free ticket for a donated t-shirt, back issues of AAW Journal, or gift certificates to Craft Supply.

Instant Gallery. Show & Tell was conducted by Mark Damron. January's theme will be "Fancy Feet" - anything with a foot or feet. Pieces can be turned and/or carved.

Demonstrations. Jim Burrowes was assisted by Bruce Kerns, talking about basic tools and sharpening with a jig. Mark Damron talked about tools, grinds, and different types of steel.

November 27, 2007

Steering Committee Meeting

Present were Barb Crockett, Bruce & Nancy Kerns, Craig Wright, Jim Baumgardner, John Belland, Walt Betley, Chris Cannon, Ron Damon, Jean & Jack Hock, Chuck Kemp, Don Leman, Sharon Bierman, Bob McVicker.

Mentoring would be on Saturday, December 1, at WoodWerks because the weather had turned colder, from 10:00a to 1:00p. Chuck Kemp said no one had called with specific requests.

Programs. Future programs include:

- December. Basic tools and sharpening by Jim Burrowes. Mark Damron will present advanced tools, differences in metals, etc.
- January. Spindle turning.
- February. Mounting systems. Plates & platters.
- March. Segments & surface enhancements.
- April. Toxicity and lathe safety.
- May. Log to bowl (tentative).

Jimmy Clewes advised he would not be able to visit in 2008 but would like to reschedule for 2009. Everyone agreed we would like to have Jimmy in spring 2009.

J. Paul Fennell will be here the week of May 3. He will be

teaching thin wall turning and/or design layout with piercing. We are looking to have Bob Rosand, Chris Ramsey, or John Jordan for the beginning of 2008 if any of them is available.

Newsletter. John said that some emails get lost in the spam filter and some PDFs were blocked. To resolve this issue, send all files to Barb for rerouting. Please try to use 14pt headlines and 12pt in the main body, Word format, rich text or plain text, with Times New Roman or Arial font. The newsletter deadline is December 28.

Sharon Bierman will put October pictures on a website that can be linked-to from the COW website or can provide the folder to add to the COW website. There was also discussion about using a photo tent for pictures.

Ron Damon said that JoHannes Mickelsen, sponsored by Powermatic, will be demonstrating at WoodWerks in January.

Freedom Pens. Chris said 200 kits were issued out and 125 finished pens had been submitted.

The December Steering Committee meeting is cancelled because it will fall on Christmas day. Any needed business will be done via email or phone.

Treasurer's Report. \$4,058.27 in the bank.

Barb asked if wireless or regular internet connection was possible at the regular membership meetings, because she wants to demonstrate the website.

Walt mentioned that Eileen, the Ohio State administrative assistant who helps the club with the facilities, will be retiring in spring 2008 and that the club should give her a thank-you gift.

The AAW is having a membership drive, with an incentive of free registration to the 2008 symposium if any member

SPECIAL EVENTS

Big Leaf Maple Burl

Marvel while the "Hat Guy," JoHannes Michelsen, gives live demonstrations from the Powermatic Stage at WoodWerks' Winter Expo. Don't miss your chance to see this master in person, and watch as he creates his beautiful wood hats.



This most western of styles – the Mix Master – has a tall narrowing crown and a more shapely brim, usually done with a pencil-rolled edge.

Friday, January 11 8a - 5p
Saturday, January 12 8a - 5p
Sunday, January 13 9a - 3p

WoodWerks' Winter Expo will be the biggest yet. Meet representatives from virtually every woodworking manufacturer ... be present for the launch of the all-new Powermatic Customs line of personalized table saws ... and don't miss a demonstration of the SawStop Safety System.

10% OFF Super Sale - nearly every item in the store is on sale!

Saturday, January 26 • 10a - 12:30p

Mentoring Session

Contact Chuck Kemp (614.771.7861) with your interests, so we can be prepared and have the appropriate tools & supplies on hand.

WOODWERKS

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signs up 5 new members by the end of December. Information is available at woodturner.org.

Dave Bowers is working on the grant request for our youth-turning program, due by the end of January.

After seeing Dennis DeVendra's peppermill at the November meeting, Andi Wolfe suggested to Barb that Dennis should apply for a grant to attend class with David Ellsworth because he blindfolds his students so they can feel the wood. •

Treasurer's Report

By Craig Wright, Treasurer

The Steering Committee has increased the membership prices by \$20 for those members who choose to receive their newsletter via the United States Postal Service, becoming effective when you renew your dues. The new annual membership dues schedule is shown at the upper right.

If you do not receive your newsletters electronically, you are missing out on full-color pictures. You might want to obtain an email address from one of the following:

- <http://www.gmail.com> - click on the "Sign up for Gmail" link in the lower right corner of the page.
- <http://www.yahoo.com> - click on the "Sign up" link on the right side of the page (near the top).

It has become evident that some members have not kept us informed of your current mailing address, home and work phone numbers, and/or your email address. Please make sure that you let us know of any changes so that we can update our records. If you have an email address, please make sure we have it so we can email meeting reminders and last-minute changes.

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| Starting Balance (10-29-07) | \$4,052.03 |
| Total Income | 195.00 |
| Total Expenses | 188.76 |
| Ending Balance (11-27-07) | \$4,058.27 |

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| AAW Member | Newsletter Delivery Method | Individual | Family | Student |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|
| Yes | Electronic | \$20 | \$25 | \$15 |
| No | Electronic | \$25 | \$30 | |
| Yes | Printed | \$40 | \$45 | \$35 |
| No | Printed | \$45 | \$50 | |

Profit and Loss Statement

| Income | | Expenses | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Apparel Income | 0.00 | Apparel Expenses | 0.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 | Bank Charge | 0.00 |
| Group Purchase Income | 0.00 | Equipment | 18.98 |
| Guest Turner Demonstrations | 0.00 | Gifts | 0.00 |
| Guest Turner Hands-on Classes | 0.00 | Group Purchase Expense | 0.00 |
| Guest Turner Class Supplies Fees | 0.00 | Miscellaneous Expenses | 102.25 |
| Membership Dues | 195.00 | Postage and Delivery | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0.00 | Printing and Reproduction | 0.00 |
| Raffles | 0.00 | Refreshments: Guest Turner Events | 0.00 |
| Refunds for Returned Items | 0.00 | Refreshments: Monthly Meeting | 67.53 |
| Silent Auction Income | 0.00 | Refunds | 0.00 |
| | | Rental | 0.00 |
| | | Speaker Expenses | 0.00 |
| | | Speaker Fees | 0.00 |
| | | Supplies: Office | 0.00 |
| | | Supplies: Turning | 0.00 |
| | | Supplies: Wood | 0.00 |
| | | Travel Expenses | 0.00 |
| | | Video | 0.00 |
| | | Website | 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$195.00 | Total Expenses | \$188.76 |



Al Schmidt



Barb Crockett



Bill Gilcrest



Bruce Kerns

Show & Tell - Dec 2007

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Devon Palmer



Don Emmerling



Denise Brooks



Joel Bossley



Mark Damron



Jean Davis



John Herrel



Ron Fisher



Jean Hock



Richard Ruehle



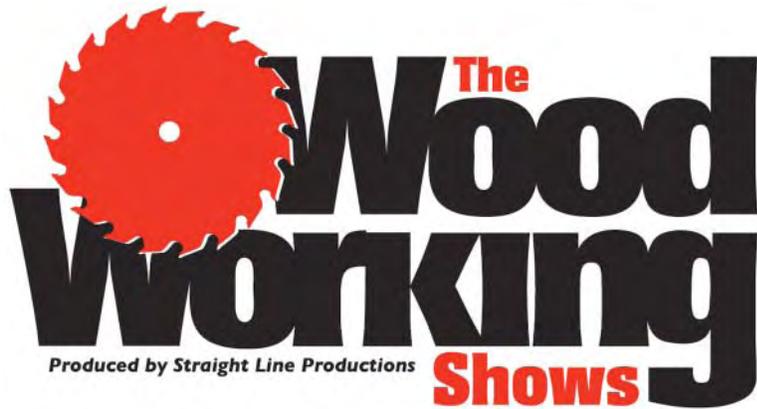
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