

Artistic Woodturners Monthly Meeting – June 18, 2016

President Rose being absent, the meeting was led by Vice President Freeman.

Two visitors were recognized. 23 members were present.

Old business:

1. Ralph Thomas gave update on our volunteer responsibilities overseeing foster youth participating the week's respite camp being underwritten by Families First. On Thursday, July 14, 7 of our members will be instructing youth in the turning of a bud vase, teaching fundamental skills with a gouge and parting tool. The event will take place at UWF.
2. Neil McWilliams exhibited the 10 lidded Beads of Courage bowls turned by the prisoners at Saufley Field Federal Prison as well as the 16 bowls submitted by our members. The presentation of the bowls to Sacred Heart Childrens Hospital is projected take place in July.

New Business:

1. The new camera boom and HD video camera were used for the first time during John Byl's demonstration. The Steering Committee has been working toward the goal of being able to project onto our two monitors the efforts of our demonstrators at the lathe. This will be an ongoing effort until it is achieved. We are projecting a slight budget deficit for 2016. Therefore, it is necessary that money in our reserve fund be used to obtain all necessary audio-visual equipment.

Show and Tell:

5 members displayed objects that they had created. Photos unfortunately are not available.

Auction:

The auction was replete with some vigorous and competitive bidding. The officers would like to thank our members for bringing surplus material to be auctioned to the benefit of our club. Your continued participation in this activity will certainly help defray our ongoing expenses.

Demonstration:

Our skilled member-turner John Byl demonstrated how he turns an elegant lidded box. Everyone was most attentive, suggesting that they were all learning something new. Unfortunately, photos are not available.