

Artistic Woodturners' Meeting Minutes for 13 August 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Mencum. He affirms that he has no secret documents at his home. Steering Committee has not met since last meeting.

Jim relayed that he has been approached by Lesley Cox, Program Coordinator, Institute for Analytics and Industry Advancement, U.W.F. about club participation in an all-day turners' demonstration downtown on Saturday, November 12. Space and electric power would be provided at no charge. As this would take place on a regular meeting day, Jim proposed polling the members about participation (need at least 10-12 members) and whether another customary meeting should take place in November pending Ragon Hall availability.

Jamie Donaldson's live, in person, demo and workshop is being delayed until 2023 as no all-day 2nd Saturday time slot is available this year (Jamie will be conducting a hands-on teaching session during the afternoon following his demo).

Visitors were recognized and requested to provide brief information about their turning experience and expectations.

Every club lives or dies on its member participation. We recognize the contribution of Earl Rennie, who assists with overseeing web connectivity during zoomed interactive remote demos as well as with our demo cameras and video display systems. He is a featured demonstrator and regular Show and Tell participant. Sally Leonard, besides organizing her husband, Leland, himself a long time member and contributor, assists with event photography, assisting Steve with the function of our auction and the greeting of visitors. Thank you both.





Early arrivals



Checking in

SHOW AND TELL



Al: so Leland gave me this bowl he had already turned. I enhanced it; now it looks so much better!



Bruce: I'm working on another bowl and can hardly wait for your feedback.



Darnell: Christmas ornaments, personalized candle holders, I like them all. But my signature piece is this framed picture, framed right on the ornament (photos on the ornament not shown here). My grandkids love them.



Ed: My first experience turning holly, shown here as a natural edged bowl with unique bark inclusions. Behold an Australian Red Mallee burl bowl, from a piece of stock given to me by a fellow member.



President Jim: as you can see, I am expanding my repertoire



Ralph: Here are some rainbow poplar platters from my bowl coring center cutouts; I find them easier to make than billys from the baseball bat blanks. I do love alliteration.

AUCTION

The auction table groaned under the weight of all the day's offerings. There were turning tools, machinists' tools, cabinet hardware and even a home mechanic's auto ramp. Wood species offered were varied – black walnut, yellow poplar, ambrosia maple, Bradford pear, cedar, river birch, sycamore, box elder, Spanish cedar, and rare for here, sparkleberry and even a piece from an osage orange fence post. Interestingly, all stock was dry and seasoned. For those of you not accustomed to turning dry stock, wearing a glove on your forward hand will prevent the hot shavings from burning the back of that hand. Our supply of bat blank stock cut offs has been interrupted. More info will follow as received.



Pre-auction inspection of today's goodies

Some folks got some real bargains today. The walnut stock were very popular and caused spirited bidding. BTW, do NOT put walnut chips in your compost pile. There are natural compounds in black walnut that inhibit plant growth.

DEMO

Our demonstrator today was member and past president Ed Rose. He demonstrated a turner's jig invented by Jack Diamond, one of the founding members of our club and a gifted jig-maker. This jig enables the construction of hollowed spheroid Christmas ornaments from freely acquirable cabinet shop hardwood cut offs. On our website you will find a well illustrated article that provides step by step instruction for making this jig from common hardware as well as how to use the jig. Ed discussed how to make it and use it and showed us how. In addition, he explained some personal modifications that he has found helpful.



Not many demonstrators command the rapt attention that Ed does.



eye protection important (watch for them later)



Home made bearing-in-a-morse-taper-wooden-holder for finial ends



roughing finial stock to size



Finial MT2 end bearing jig inserted



Cameras and monitors allow viewing of technique details not as well seen even from the front row

Free Jack Diamond jigs made by Kim huggins were distributed to all interested members. It is not too early to be making Christmas ornaments.

Our next meeting will occur September 10. Walt Wager, a member of the AAW Tallahassee chapter, will be revisiting us then as in person demonstrator.

Until then, keep the chips flying.

Neil McWilliams
secretary, AWT

