

Artistic Woodturners November 2021

It was a beautiful brisk day, with meeting attendance at 25 members and 3 guests, two of whom became new members – Marty Broadie and Doug Barte. In the absence of our current and rising presidents and illness of our current VP, meeting was conducted by Neil McWilliams, secretary. Our newly elected officers will assume their duties with the January meeting.

There was no new or old business to discuss. The Christmas party will take place on December 11 in lieu of our regular club format. It will be a meal catered by Sonny's Barbecue. Club finances are healthy enough that we all can enjoy a sit down meal that we did not have to prepare in our respective home kitchens. Twenty nine accompanied or unaccompanied members have responded to our general invitation. We shall gather at 10:30 AM, with the meal planned for 11 AM. Self-made Christmas ornaments will be exchanged by all who wish to participate. Please bring ornaments in brown paper lunch bag, stapled shut, so that identity of the turner is anonymized until each is unveiled.

Show and Tell: Apologies to those whose pictures do not appear here as there was a photographer malfunction. The club challenge was to turn natural edged stemmed vessels but the spalted river birch that was provided proved to be challenging and only several of us were successful.



three examples, same wood



entitled "spalted sherbert"



“this ***** wood!”



“my Dad’s last turning..age 96”



“two weeks turning these weedpots”



my first hollowform with voids



two platters I'm proud of



"from auction stock...I like it"



Earl is really into snowmen in 2021



Auction: Some nice tools and nice turning stock turned up this meeting. Several vises, box rest, outside calipers, pressure pot, indexed fluting jig went at great buyers' prices. Stock included some exotics (Paulownia!), honey and black locust, red cedar, sweet bay and maple.



infinite angle fluting jig



multiple woods

Demonstration(s)

Al McCoy started off with a demonstration of how to use the Jack Diamond Ornament Jig. Jack Diamond was a well liked and founding member of this club. Al talked about his contributions, esp how he would lie awake at night figuring out how to do a turning task without having to buy a popular new jig or system to do it with. This was one of his inventions. There is a .pdf handout available to anyone who asks. Several jig kits were distributed at the end of the demo to anyone who promised to try them out.



Brief demo/discussion of sources for aluminum armature wire with the sanding devices that can be made with it followed by Earl Rennie. That was followed by Neil McWilliams demonstrating the materials and instructions for making your own sanding paste. Discussion of the Oland tool for end grain turning and how to make one followed.

For those of you who are not attending the Christmas party, I look forward to seeing you in January. Dues for 2022 are \$48 individual/\$60 family. Please pay at the Christmas party or January meeting. Anyone not paid up by February will regretfully be dropped from the rolls and from our email list.

Respectfully,

Neil McWilliams
Secretary