

Gathering of Artistic Woodturners, July 9, 2022

Meeting 7 of 2022 assembled at Ragon Hall on 9 July 2022. Outside temperature was 90°F, real feel 100°F. Thank goodness our air conditioning system was working well. Thirty-six members and one visitor were in attendance.

President Jim Mencum opened the meeting. He informed that the tentative social event for July had been postponed due to lack of member interest and input. He called on VP Kim Huggins to discuss upcoming meeting topics. August will feature Earl Rennie with useful jigs and fixtures for the lathe, remote interactive demo with Todd Raines featuring a bowl within a bowl for September, October or November featuring live demo/workshop with Jamie Donaldson vs club Sawdust Session, and our traditional Christmas social in December. No additional topics were discussed. We have not done a workshop with a visiting turner in several years – 6 to 10 members/guests (d/o number of lathes we can round up) will participate during the afternoon, with personal instruction by Jamie, who is a renowned teacher. Members of all skill levels will benefit from participation. There will be a fee to participate, amount to be determined (historically \$25-40), just sufficient to offset Jamie's fee. This is a pittance to what the cost of traveling to partake in a group lesson elsewhere would be. Accordingly, make your interest known early to a club officer as these slots do fill up fast.



AUCTION

The auction featured an interesting variety of tools, tooling and turning stock. Species of wood offered were Bradford Pear, walnut, sugarberry, cedar, hickory and some Leland Exotics. Our buckets of bat stock cutoffs, mostly maple, sometimes ash and/birch were ever present, with 6 billets over 18”.



SHOW AND TELL



Kim's homemade texturing tool



Darnell's Celtic knot goblet made years ago



Adron: Were I a beaver, I could eat this



Nathan: Max size bowl for my lathe



Al: I haven't show you this kaleidoscope



Jim: waddayathink, does it go with my purple shirt??



Doug: She said put a lid on it, so I did



Earl: start with a pipe, work up to a hookah



Ed: natural edge cedar bowl straight off the tool

Bruce: NOW I'll win at beer pong

DEMO: Our featured turner today was club member Adron Joyner. His current workshop is contained in a 4'x8' space at his condo and he brought most of it with him. His topic was the Celtic Knot, using a chopsaw as his primary tool for pre-turning construction. He provided examples of single, double, triple and quaternary stranded knots. He provided a thorough discussion of tools, methods, and glues that could be employed. This technique will enhance multiple turned objects – tool handles, bottle stoppers, peppermills. He challenged everyone to try it.





Next meeting will take place August 13.