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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8th @ 6:00 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting
- January 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
General Meeting
Demonstration: Mark Palma - Safety and Spindles
- January 11th @ 8:00 a.m.
Coffee and Chips

COFFEE AND CHIPS



FIRST BOWL



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Note: Dues are Due, please submit your payment of \$25.00 to Treasurer (and Vice President) Keith Jones.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

COMING UP

December's meeting was a low attendance affair due to the weather. But we did have a good showing of platters responding to the Platter challenge by Richard Golde. The winners will be posted in the newsletter with photos of the pieces.

As we move into the Christmas holidays, please accept our season's greeting and have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. See you at the next meeting on January 8th (not the first Wednesday which is the first).

January will feature a good way to start a new year with a talk about safety and the essentials of wood turning by Mark Palma. We have quite a few new members and several of them are new to turning, so teaching the basics seems like a good idea.

VIDEO SCREENS

We purchased two video screens for the clubhouse, so it will be easy to see the demo. They are 47 inch screens and they were found by our tool director, Tom Schye, during the Black Friday sales. We will mount them at the coffee and chips of December 14th. There is some wiring to be done and we could use another camera, but we should be hooked up in no time.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership dues of 2014 are due. The cost is \$25 and it covers two meetings each month. One is the regular meeting on the first Wednesday and the second is the open house called Coffee and Chips on the second

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Saturday. You also get a newsletter and we have a social gathering in the summer.

Membership dues become invaluable to more fully meet our educational mission. Your membership contributes in so many ways - it also touches the lives of others. The benefits extend from enhancing the quality of our woodturning educational programs, to connecting fellow woodturners and building lasting friendships, and preserving our commitment to youth as we educate the woodturners of tomorrow. We also have some outreach efforts including Feed My People's event Empty Bowls. See below.

Membership is way up. At last count there were 97 members at the end of our fifth year.

FEED MY PEOPLE

We had Heather from Feed My People come to the club in December to talk about their Empty Bowls event. We give wooden bowls to this event each year and we usually donate about 100-200 bowls. We have more members now, so we should be able to break all our old records. We have had members who personally donated 25 or more bowls each in the past.

If each of our 85 members was able to donate just three bowls we would have over 250 bowls. That would raise over \$2500 for Feed My People.

UPCOMING DEMOS

January will be Safety and Spindles by Mark Palma

MONTHLY DEMO

This month's demonstration was a panel discussion with John Layde, Joe Nycz, and Ron Bartz. The subject of the discussion was Gizmos, and Jigs.



JOHN LAYDE'S BOWL DEPTH GAUGE



LATHE BED TOOL HOLDER



STRAKKA CHUCK



TABLE SAW MITRE SLED

John also used a metal coffee can filled with water for disposing of oil soaked

logs, a face plate made from a nut and wood disc, a face plate sanding wheel, deep bowl sanding brushes, and the use of a wooden dowel for removing the chuck without doing damage.



JOE NYCZ AND LONGWORTH CHUCK



RON BARTZ' DRILL PRESS FENCE



BAND SAW LOG MILL SLED

Joe Nycz showed a rubber drill rig, router compass, a stacked ring bowl cutting apparatus, router fluting device, wooden chuck for inside out turnings, a jam chuck, a center finder, and a wheel dressing jig. In addition to a drill press fence and band saw log mill sled, Ron Bartz showed a table saw rip fence.



JEFF FAGAN'S COFFEE SCOOP JIG



FRED STEFFEN'S SANDING WHEEL

Bruce Lindholm showed a wooden faceplate center, and a wooden screw chuck for door magnets. Fred Steffen showed an improvement to the Longworth chuck using tygon tubing.

GENERAL MEETING

Pictures for this month were taken by Bruce Lindholm, notes were taken by Rich Thelen.

- The meeting was called to order by Rich Thelen, President. Due to inclement weather we only had 32 members and guests in attendance. Two guests became members.
- Heather from Feed My People made a short speech about the Empty Bowls event, and she thanked us in advance for helping out.
- Tom Schye reported that two TVs were purchased for the video screens for the clubhouse. The cost was about \$398.00 each. They are 47" LG models from Walmart.
- The demonstration, a panel discussion, is noted in the preceding section.
- The platter challenge will be noted in the next section.
- For Show and Tell Richard Golde showed two bird house ornaments.
- Elections were held and the 2014 slate of officers is:
 - Rich Thelen – President
 - Barry Grill – Vice President
 - Secretary – John DeRyckere
 - Treasurer – Keith Jones
 - Webmaster – Jim Gobel
 - Tool Director – Tom Schye
 - Education – Richard Golde
 - Program director – open
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- Recorded by Rich Thelen (President) and is presented as a record of the general meeting of December 4th, 2013.

PLATTER CHALLENGE

The Platter Challenge were judged by Lee Hanson and Jeff Fagen.

BEST FINISH



FIRST: DAVE SYVERSON



SECOND: TIM BENJAMIN

WOOD UNIQUENESS



FIRST: JOE NYCZ



SECOND: ORV BIERMAN

DESIGN



FIRST: TOM FRANK



SECOND: RICHARD GOLDE