



Bowls for Feed My People



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES AND MEETING MINUTES

Challenges

The next President's Challenge will be in March and will be a racing top. They will be judged on staying power and on looks. Three tops and their owners will start their tops into a dished platter. As they lose speed they will move downward toward the center crashing into what is there. The top that stays up the longest advances to the next round where he will face two more challengers.

Skew Classes

Skew classes will be held on Saturday March 7th in two sessions. We will use an outside teacher from the Minneapolis chapter. Jim Jacobs is a production turner and has been doing this work for 22 years or so. I took his course last year and it was very good. So far 10 people have reserved spots so if you aren't reserved, sign up now with Mark Palma (marksworkshop@gmail.com).

Feed My People

This year's donation from members to Feed My People is outstanding. I lost count at 130 bowls and more were arriving as I spoke at the last meeting. You have to be impressed with the response from our turner members. John Layde is our main contact for Empty Bowls so contact him if you still have a bowl to donate.

Menomonie is also having a similar event and Dennis Ciesielski will be in charge of that collection.

Spring Fest

We attended this event last year at Chippewa County Fair Grounds and it was very successful at showing the community what Woodturners can do. This year we will be allowed to sell our items, but they must be juried. The event is April 25th and 26th. Bring you items to be sold to the clubhouse at the April meeting and we will decide what items will be for sale. The club will take a broker fee of 33% of the sales price. Taxes must be paid also.

Heyde Center

In June, 2015 the CVWG will be jointly participating in a artists showing with the West Wisconsin Woodcarvers at the Heyde Center in Chippewa Falls, WI. This is a new endeavor for the club and all the details are not sorted out at this time.

This show is to feature "wood art" either in a turned or carved form. It is a juried event, which means that anyone who desires to participated needs to submit the following to Mark Palma markworkshop@gmail.com by the 10th of March:

1. A two to three paragraph bio discussing yourself and your woodturning (how you got interested, what your specialty may be, or something that talks about your journey behind the lathe); and
2. Two to four (no more please) "representative photos of your work. By representative photos they mean work of the type or caliper you plan on showing in the exhibit if chosen.

We will assemble this into a slideshow and present it to the Valley Arts Association for their review. We do not know when that will be so I am guessing on the March 10th date.

The chosen artists will be asked to submit up to 3-5 pieces for the show itself. Each chosen piece will need a title and description. You may choose to list your art shown for sale or not for sale, it's up to you. All the chosen art will be described in a program along with your bio. Sometime in June there will be an artist's reception at the Heyde Center.

We may or may not also have a "Learn to turn" event at the Heyde Center this summer, so stay posted for more information.

Between Centers Demo

Mark Palma

Mark presented this as a skill building demonstration showing the variety of items that can be made with small pieces of wood when one has an idea for a useful object.

Mark emphasized that it is crucial for any turning project to take 5 minutes to "tune up your lathe." Among the items brought up were: cleaning of the morse taper center; wax the lathe bed (no silicon); sand out any rust on the bed; and remove any nicks on the tool rest

Safety was the next item which he stressed—the bigger the project the bigger the safety factor.

Some tips for a smoother turning experience were: know where you are at when you come back to a project; move the tool rest closer to your work as the work gets smaller and turn off the lathe when moving the tool rest; do large portions first and small portion last.

When using a roughing gouge, use one side to ruff and the other side to smooth .

When it came to finishing steps he gave this advice: Use non abrasive pads for burnishing; use a sanding sealer (ex. Nitro cellulose lacquer); friction polish (build up coats at a low speed and increase speed when wiping or buffing).

Lastly he offered several ways to burn in for a decorative touch: use mica; use a coffee stirrer; use cloth backed sandpaper; use the edge of a sliver of cocobolo wood; and use tempered hardboard.

All these tips were given while Mark made several small objects.

Photos of Between Centers demonstration and Show and Tell were not available at time of publication. These photos will be in the March.

Regional Woodturning Events

March 2015

Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild

Jim Jacobs

Taming of the Skew

Saturday March 7, 2015

Two sessions: 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm

CVWG Clubhouse

1125 Starr Avenue

Eau Claire, WI 54701

\$25.00 course donation—includes wood (Checks payable to the CVWG)

Bring a skew for sharpening instruction. There will be skews for sale by demonstrator

Contact Mark Palma at marksworkshop@gmail.com

Coulee Region Woodturners

Onalaska, Wis

Saturday March 21, 2015

9 am to 4 pm

Onalaska Senior Center

600 Quincy Street

Onalaska, WI 54650

Cost—\$25.00

Hands On Sunday and Monday Session—Approximately \$100.00

Contact Phil Miller

608-792-1497 or pmiller010@centurytel.net

April 2015

Wausau Chapter of AAW Wisconsin Valley Woodturners

Alan Lacer

Professional Woodturner Demonstration

Saturday April 25, 2015

9am to 4 pm

At the Wausau Business Development Center

100 N 72nd Ave

Wausau, WI 54401

Registrations By April 10.

Checks made out to: Wisconsin Valley Woodturners

Coordinator: Ethel Quisler

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE FOR MARCH MEETING - March 4

Spinning Tops Race

Three tops will be placed in the platter arena and their owners shall start them at the same time. They may collide causing another top or itself to fall and be eliminated. Last top standing wins that heat. Winner runs again with two more competitors until only one is left standing.



Prizes for winner and best design

TOP CHALLENGE RULES

- The top can measure up to 3.5' in diameter.
- The top must be constructed of wood, no other materials are allowed.
- The wood can be solid , segmented or glued up.
- The tops must be started by your fingers . Strings , drills and motors are not allowed.
- The tops must be able to run freely in our arena (think turned platter with a slightly concave surface).



TOP ENTRY NO NOs

