President’s Message

Well, the weather is not cooperating at only 46° when it should be twenty degrees warmer. The plus side to the cooler weather is that the garage, which is in the side of a hill, will stay cooler that much longer. Often times this is the coolest place in the house.

The question we have to ask ourselves is: when the warmer weather is upon us, do we put our tools away or do we still turn. Even if you back off on the turning and find more time for outdoor activities, keep at it. You will maintain muscle memory even if you taper off, picking up where you left off, similar to picking up a fishing rod. The only difference is the creativity of your work has ebbs and flows - don't stop in a peak of your work so you can go fishing!

There are some members of this club who sell their wares (me included). Pricing your work can be more difficult than the turning. There are books out there to help you, check your local library, and ask other turners. In the end the decision is yours. Just remember that piece that you are getting tired of looking at is new to the person that sees it for the first time.

At the May meeting I demonstrated how to make several different types of handles, some for the lathe and some for other items, screw driver handle and an awl.

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Tuesday, June 10
Chapter Meeting*

*Note the change of meeting day and time!

The June 2014 meeting of the MMAW will be held at the Visual Arts Center (VAC) in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre, Downtown S. Cloud.

June Challenge: a lawn ornament. As with all Challenge Projects, the theme is up to the interpretation and imagination of the participant.
MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from May 10, 2014

1. The meeting started with Show and Tell.

   1. Albert Keppers had a cedar bowl and thinks the best way to keep the color is to keep it out of direct sunlight. He also had some square edged bowls made from some scraps of white oak he had.

   2. Larry Sampson had a pool cue he made. Made from 8 triangular pieces glue together two at a time using a vacuum pump.

   3. Tom and Pam Lillehei had some pens that they collaborated on and Tom had his first goblet made from oak.

   4. Guy Schafer had a walnut bowl that he made a cover out of poplar to meet this week's 2 woods challenge.

   5. Lenny Merdan had 3 little buckthorn bowls, a small goblet made of apple wood, a segmented bowl made of cherry, maple and purple heart, another segmented bowl, a mini birdhouse ornament hung on a buckthorn board and a spiderweb trivet. Again, beautiful work….when does he sleep and eat???

1. Executive Board meeting discussion.

   1. New meeting time for June, July, August. The second Tuesday. Start with social time at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 6:30. We will need to be cleaned up and out by 9:00.

   2. The club purchased a 1642 Jett Lathe to add to our 5 Delta lathes. It will used for demos and club use in the workroom.

   3. There will be summer hour at the Paramount Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 5:00. Two club members may go to the room and use the equipment for $5.00 per hour per person.

   4. Teen Night was discussed. We had nights with no teens and some night when there were 7 people that showed up. Adults are welcome too. It will start up again in mid September.

   5. We will send the newsletter out earlier to give members a head start on challenge projects and meeting info. If you have any tips, pictures or articles to include please send to Bill Langen ASAP.

   6. June 14th is the next art crawl. Stay tuned for an e-mail blast about this.

   7. There will be an e-mail blast concerning Empty Bowls. We would like to get an earlier start on it this year. If you have a tree or a log to donate let Guy Schafer know.

3. Jerry had a demo on making tool handles. Contact Jerry if you have questions.

4. Bill Sampson won the 50/50. He donated the money back to the club.

   Thanks for all the help cleaning up after the meeting!
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° The biggest thing to remember when turning one is take the same amount off each of three axis's and watch the ghost shadow.

With the warmer weather and spending more time outside, it is nice letting others see your work. This can be done in the form of lawn ornaments. They can range in complexity from the simple mushroom to wood art that can stand a couple of feet tall. The challenge project for June - you guessed it - lawn ornaments.

Executive Board minutes from May 20th, 2014

Treasurers report.

1. After expenses were paid for the John Lucas event, there was $259.95 added to the club balance.

2. The new lathe has been delivered and paid for leaving the club with a balance of $849.00.

Nominating Committee of John Caye, Jim Brodd and Denny Meyers has the following to report. Jim Brodd and Bill Baker have said they would run for the at-large/directors positions. One more person is needed for this. Guy Schafer will run for Secretary again. There are a couple people who may run for treasurer. We need a vise-president. If you are interested in any of these positions please let one of the members of the nominating committee know.

John Caye, our next president, is working on getting 12 people/ideas for next year’s demonstration topics. If you have a wonderful idea please let him know. He is also working on trying to tie some of the challenge projects to the demos for next year.

Roxanne Wyatt will continue on as the librarian for the club.

Old Business.

1. Guy will discuss getting an earlier start on the Empty Bowls project for next year at the next meeting.

2. There will be an Art Crawl on Friday, June 13 from 5-9. We will have people turning in the woodturners studio. As a way to raise funds for our club any donated projects will be sold and proceeds will go to the club. So, if you have any extra items you would be willing to donate for the cause please bring them to the next meeting which is scheduled for June 10th at 6:30.

New Business.

1. We will start our fundraising at the next meeting. If you have any unwanted books, tools, bowl blanks, DVDs, extra projects, wood … please consider donated them for our garage/table sale at the next meeting. All proceeds will go to the club treasury.
DEMO: Multi-centered Ergonomic Handle
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