

Mountaineer Woodturners

Newsletter

February 2004

We had about 27 members and 4 guests present at this meeting. Guests were Zeke Holliday (from Belpre, OH), Tom Thurmond (from Showcase WV), Jerry Smith (Joe's brother), and Kevin Kelly (from Huntington). Kevin and Zeke have now joined the Mountaineer Woodturners.

We seem to be plagued by health problems. Maybe we are getting older? Dave Mays showed up with a broken wrist in a cast. Gary Gibbs has carotid artery problems.

Tom Thurmond gave a "pitch" for the "Showcase WV" Arts and Crafts consignment shop in the Charleston Town Center Mall.

Channel 13 was scheduled to be present, but could not show up.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2004

David Hout

Cedar Lakes

Business

The meeting was called to order by our president, Dave Jones. Several items of business were discussed.

- The annual picnic has been **rescheduled to August 7th**, due to unavailability of a shelter on our usual 2nd Saturday. Be sure and make that change on your calendars.
- It is suggested that the dues for 2005 be increased to \$20, still a great bargain.
- According to our treasurer, Carl Mercer, there is presently \$2284 in the treasury.

Program

Tom Schottle gave a wonderful demonstration of Alabaster turning.



He showed each step taken in the process of making an Alabaster bowl with segmented foot and rim. It is a rather complicated and dusty procedure. Thanks for the fascinating demo Tom.

Please

Conduct private conversations in the hall during business and Show and Tell portions of the meeting, and when the demonstrator is talking. Some of us do not hear as well as we used to, and that room is inherently noisy.

Show and Tell

I have to apologize for any mix up on descriptions and photos. Due to me being a bit late, and the large number of entries at this meeting, my notes were a bit confused. A few turnings are missing because some members had removed their items before I had a chance to photograph them.

Mike Wade brought in a tool he uses for beading, and the tool rod used for this tool. He also had a Eucalyptus bowl and a very small Pine bowl.

Gary Gibbs had a very nice spaulted Maple bowl,



a Walnut dish, (This may be the wrong photo)

and an attractive Osage Orange bowl.



Jim Morrison showed two Maple bowls

I hope these are Jim's!



and a Maple vase.



One of our new members, Zeke Holliday, brought in a nice set of turned pens to show us.



Bill McKay showed us a large bowl he had

turned from Box Elder and bleached. He said it is really difficult to keep it from splitting.



Joe Keeler brought some of his turnings from Cincinnati. He had a really attractive spalted Maple bowl



and two hollowforms on which he had done some carving. One was from Walnut.

The other was Cherry.



He also had an attractive Maple box with a Bloodwood lid insert and an African Blackwood finial.

Dave Jones brought in a nice variety of turnings. He had a nice natural edged Box Elder bowl. It was not bleached.





He had also turned a very small churn and bell.

He had Walnut dish (I am not sure I have the right photo).



He had a really pretty bowl turned from a Walnut crotch.

Finally he brought that really leaky spaulted Maple bowl.



John Crede showed us an attractive toothpick holder he had turned.

Phil Selman had a nice Cypress bowl with Walnut inserts.



He also showed us a box inlaid with Walnut dowels. Unfortunately the dowels came through to the inside.

Phil also had an attractive Cypress plate.



In conjunction with his demonstration, Tom Schottle brought some of his Alabaster bowls, some of which we have seen before but worth repeating. There was a white bowl with Purple heart rim,



a wonderful variable colored bowl,

a wooden rimmed orange bowl,



Joe Smith brought in a wonderful set of nested bowls (5 bowls) turned from an Oak Burl.

and one of his candleholders.



Not to be out done by his brother, Jerry Smith really nice bowls from Maple burl, Red Bud, and Cherry. I am afraid I have the photos mixed up on Jerry's turnings, so can not include them.

TK McClung brought in some fine work, but I have taken poor notes – sorry. He had a Holly vase,





and a dish from Elm.

Tentative Program Schedule for 2004

January Meeting	Chuckling, etc. We have scheduled a group session on mounting work on the lathe. We need volunteers to bring in various devices that they use: chucks and faceplates of all types are needed. Tom Schottle says he will bring in his vacuum chuck, but has requested someone to demonstrate reverse chucking, and has asked Clarence to bring in his "string contraption".
February Meeting	Tom Schottle will demonstrate Alabaster turning.
March Meeting	Dave Hout will join us.
April Meeting	We are considering a workshop on basic spindle turning.
May Meeting	Dave Shombert will demonstrate segmented turning.
June Meeting	Our annual auction and preparation for the Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair.
July Meeting	There will be no meeting because of the Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair.
August Meeting	We will have our annual picnic.
September Meeting	Keith Bundy from Cold Springs, VA, will demonstrate making Christmas Tree ornaments
October Meeting	Chris Ramsey will be turning hats.
November Meeting	Various members will show, demonstrate, or construct some of the specialized turning tools they use.
December Meeting	We are considering a workshop on the basics of turning bowls.

Miscellaneous

The Newsletter will be sent by email to those members who have given me their email address.

This medium will contain an HTML document in which I have included links to pictures of the "Show and Tell" items as well as a link to the website. Those who do not have email addresses listed with me will receive the usual hardcopy newsletter by US "snailmail". Any others who wish a newsletter by mail should let me know.

The Newsletter with pictures is also available on the website.

Remember that the URL for the webpage is now www.mountaineerwoodturners.com, and the email address for the webpage is mountain@mountaineerwordtuners.com.

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