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Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Business

Club President, John Sheets, called the January meeting of the Mountaineer Woodturners to order. There were fourteen members and two guests, Terry Hall and Bill Smith, present. John welcomed all who braved the cold and snow to attend the meeting.



John reported that the [Calhoun County Wood Festival](#) has invited the Mountaineer Woodturners to attend the festival and sell our wares as a club or individually.

VP Byron Young confirmed that Judy Ditmer will demonstrate for the June MWT meeting. For an additional fee, she will stay over and hold individual classes on Sunday. Five and possibly six members expressed an interest in Judy's classes and agreed to split the associated fee.

Byron reminded the members of the [Saratoga Springs, NY symposium](#) at the end of the month.

The local Stihl dealer is scheduled to demonstrate his saws at the March club meeting. His presence is not assured, but he will make every effort to attend and provide helpful tips for woodpreparation.

Treasurer John Gregor reported the club's account balance is \$4910 with all outstanding bills paid.

The 2012 Challenge

"What do you make of this?"

There were nine entries for the club challenge.



The entries were judged by the members in regard to form/shape, originality, and finish. After tabulating the

results, the winner was Doug Kemp (entry #2) who won first place with his candlestick phone, pens, and bowl. Dave Jones took second place with his hollow form, which displayed a unique grain texture (entry #6). Third place ended with a tie between John Gregor and Ron Jones. John displayed his painted hollow vessels (entry #3) and Ron had a varied collection of pieces (entry #8) made from the single oak billet that was issued to each participant.

All entries were well made and well presented.



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Show and Tell

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Gary Gibbs had three nice pieces to display – a purpleheart and two walnut bowls.

Byron Young brought an assortment of his turnings. There were three small hollow forms, a walnut bowl with a beautiful grain pattern, and half of the 300 spin-tops that he is turning as party favors for a friend's wedding.



The next club meeting is Saturday, March 10th

at Cedar Lakes.

The meeting features a “Hands-on Bowls” seminar. Anyone who wishes to participate should bring their favorite bowl turning tools and a bowl blank, if possible.

Tom Schottle has a supply of red cedar bowl blanks, so there should be abundant raw materials for an enjoyable “turning learning” session at the meeting. Bring your favorite bowl tools and enjoy the fresh cut cedar aroma.

Larry Weese displayed two nice bowls with scalloped rims and a lidded box with a Corian finial.

John Sheets brought an “inspirational piece” and a maple bowl with a beautiful crotch grain and perfect contour.

Jim Morrison had three diverse bowls. The first is an apple wood turning with Inlace accents, the second is a burl bowl of unknown species, and third is platter turned from a blank of scrap dowl ends epoxied together.

Tom Schottle had two platters with laser engraved pictures of his horse.



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