

Mountaineer Woodturners

Newsletter

January 2004

We had 22 members and 3 guests (Gaby Hunter, Dick Esker, U.K. Dawson) attending the meeting.

Bob Fleming reported that Myke Hymes had artery replacement in one leg. He was doing well and was supposed to come home Jan. 10th.

Business

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

- There is a new manager at Cedar Lakes, Ron Grimes. Some changes are being made, but there is no indication Mountaineer Woodturners will be affected. There was a meeting scheduled with Gloria Gregorich on Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to review the 2004 Craft House schedule.
- Several members received an email from Pete Hildebrandt regarding the possibility of featuring some of our turners in the "Wonderful West Virginia" magazine. Tom Schottle has responded and will report any details.
- Remember that dues (\$18/year) are still being collected for 2004. Members are also encouraged to join our parent organization, AAW (\$35/year).
- Carl Mercer presented the Treasurers Report. There is presently \$2122.60 in the treasury. The club made a net loss of \$8.26 on the Mountain State Arts and Craft Fair. The new credit card set up should improve this situation somewhat.

There is no Show and Tell section this month due to technical difficulties. Perhaps it can be incorporated into next month's newsletter.

Program

This meeting featured a workshop by members on the use of various chucking techniques.

Mike Wade discussed a variety of setups for reversing bowls to allow finishing bottoms. He also showed a variety of jam chucks.

Bob Fleming had several chucks including One Way and Axminister, with a variety of jaws for each.

Dave Jones had a Nova Chuck with Power Grip jaws for large bowls and vases.

Clarence Clarkson had a setup for open segment placing on bowls. He also showed a "Tension" system for turning long thin spindles.

Tom Schottle had a vacuum chuck used primarily on his Alabaster turnings, with a variety of seals for shapes.

Jim Morrison had a large plywood disk for reverse finishing bowl bottoms. He said he used his vacuum chuck system almost exclusively for finishing bowl bottoms.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2004

Alabaster Turning

Cedar Lakes

Tentative Program Schedule for 2004

| | |
|------------------|---|
| January Meeting | Chucking, 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. |
| December Meeting | We are considering a workshop on the basics of turning bowls. |

Miscellaneous

I am including with this newsletter an open newsletter to Mountaineer Woodturners from Maynard Miller, who has been a member of our organization for a number of years. As Maynard lives in Texas, he is unfortunately not able to attend meetings. (See Joe, you thought you had a long commute from Cincinnati.) Maynard does manage to keep in touch with some of our members here.

Wood Shavings From

Maynard Miller

December 1, 2003

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MOUNTAINEER
WOODTURNERS

I grew up in W. Va but have been in Texas for the last 50 years.

Several years ago I made a stop in St. Albans to see an old class mate, Paul Payne. I showed Paul some of my turnings and he got hooked on woodturning. He joined the Mountaineer Woodturners and paid a membership for me. I have been a member ever since.

I enjoy the news letter and show and tell photos. I have never attended a meeting, but feel I know a number of members.

I met Bob Fleming in Provo, Utah in 1996. I am forever indebted to Paul Weinberger for helping me get started with segmented turning. Joe Keeler, and David Shombert have always been most helpful when I have called for assistance.

I have been helping a man (Jim) who inherited his fathers woodturning shop, and had it moved to Waco from Florida. He knew nothing about turning, but he wants to learn and is making great progress. He comes with questions and then jumps in and goes to work...he will do well.

Jim needed a wooden box and I told him to contact Kermit McCartney. I have not met Kermit, but have seen his work. He and Jim struck a deal.

Hope I can make a meeting and meet you people someday!

Paul Payne is in need of your prayers. He is progressing but very slowly.

Thank you for listening.
Peace and keep turning!!!

Maynard Miller
Waco, TX

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.

Jim Smith, Secretary,

Phone: 304-342-1755

e-Mail: mountain@mountaineerwoodturners.com

[\[Return to Top of Page\]](#)

[\[Home\]](#)[\[Chapter Information\]](#)[\[Meeting Information\]](#)[\[History\]](#)[\[Calendar\]](#)[\[Newsletter\]](#)[\[Gallery\]](#)
[\[Woodturning Links\]](#)[\[Other Links\]](#)[\[Tips and notes\]](#)