

November 2012

Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

November Meeting

President John Sheets called the November meeting of the Mountaineer Woodturners to order at 10:00. There were twenty-seven members and three guests present. He welcomed Mark StLeger and conducted the normal club business in anticipation of Mark's presentation.

Vice President Byron commented on the large group that attended to watch Mark demonstrate his skills and reminded the members of the deadline for submitting their ornaments for the Governor's tree. Byron also took time to extend his thanks for all the veterans who served our country.

Secretary Bill Sands reported that it is time to renew our contract with Ipower, the host for the Mountaineer Turners website, and gave the options regarding the length of the contract. The three-year plan is the most economical. The members voted to accept the the three year plan which costs \$251.64 or \$6.99 per month.

Treasurer John Gregor reported that the club has a balance of \$5085.79 in the treasury and the tool auction proceeds amounted to \$767.

Show and Tell

The display table was completely full of nice pieces for the show and tell presentation. Dave Jones brought five small bowls. Four were turned from spalted maple and one from mimosa. Ervin Jones displayed a large cherry bowl and a "tree topper" ornament.



Warnie Lore had two nice bowls, one of mesquite and one turned from walnut. Jerry Smith displayed two of his trademark burl hollow vessels. One is black oak and the other maple. Jim Morrison had an unusual bowl turned from a chunk of manmade material and a segmented oak and walnut piece. The manmade material is from a large construction beam fabricated from wood

byproducts.



John Lipscomb had a display of the ornaments and pens that he turned. Byron presented the ornament that he is submitting for the governor's tree and Jim Withee brought an acrylic pen turned from a blank labeled explosion.



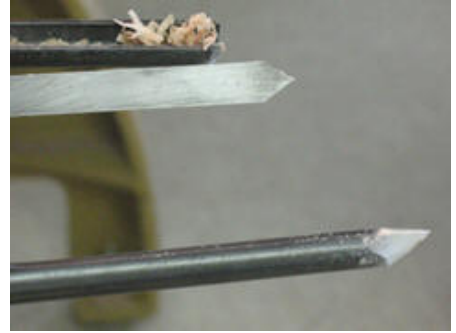
Tom Schottle turned a snowman ornament for his tree and Byron brought a collection of the pieces that he recently completed.

The Mountaineer Woodturners are certainly a talented group.

Mark StLedger

Mark StLedger demonstrated his turning skill with an entertaining presentation. The theme of his

program was quick and easy projects that anyone can turn with minimal equipment. To save setup time, Mark often turns a Morse taper on his blanks and mounts them directly in the headstock spindle. His practiced technique and well maintained tools permit him to turn quickly and efficiently



His kit consists mainly of a few sharp tools in a rack, a simple mallet, and a Jacobs chuck. Mark also sells a line of custom tool handles that he designed.



His topsy-turvy top held the audience's attention as he explained the important design features that allow the top to flip 180° after spinning it up.



There were other tops made with coins, an acorn lidded box with contrasting woods, and a rocking three sided, lidded box. Mark turned the three separate chucks needed to hold the rocking box for each turning operation before he

started the box. Here is the rocking box shown partially turned.



The next meeting of the Mountaineer Woodturners is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at Cedar Lakes. The theme this month is Chapter Challenge introduction.

It is time to pay your 2013 club dues.

**Merry
Christmas**



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