

October 2011

Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

October Meeting

Club President, John Sheets, called the October meeting of the Mountaineer Woodturners to order. There were thirteen members and one visitor (Bill Staats) present. John displayed two turning tools that were donated to the club by Hunter tools. John sold chances for \$1.00 each to raffle off the tools. Gary Gibbs won the tools. The amount of money generated from the raffle is unknown at this time.

John Gregor was not present. Apparently, he was the victim of a calendar malfunction. He will update us with a treasurer's report in November.

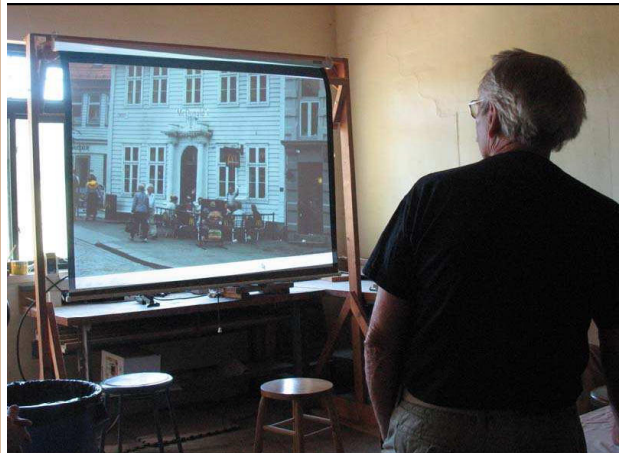
Secretary Bill Sands opened a discussion regarding our web site host. IPower has been the host for the Mountaineer Woodturners web page for some time. The annual fee is due in November. After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to retain IPower as the host for our website. The annual fee is \$119.40 to host the site and \$64.95 to reregister the Mountaineer Woodturners domain name for an additional 5 years.

Cruise Presentation

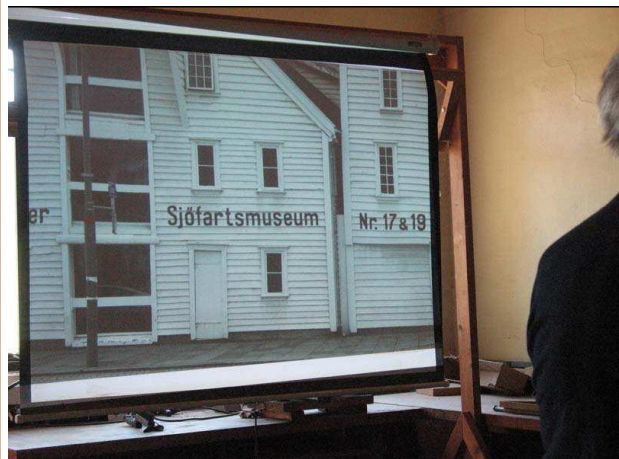
In August, Tom Schottle and his wife were booked on the Norwegian Turning Cruise. Tom has a collection of pictures from the cruise that he shared with the club along with his thoughts and impressions of the trip.



Tom's array of slides effectively captured the cultural differences between Norway and the USA. A McDonalds in Norway



Tom surmised that Sjø means "old" in the Norwegian language.



Tom summarized his experience by expressing his disappointment with the minimal lathe time allotted and the limited opportunity to turn with the "big name" turners who participated in the cruise. He closed by stating that although the trip was expensive, he enjoyed Norway and is glad to have gone on the cruise. Having gone once, he doesn't care to go on the turning cruise again. Tom's presentation was interesting, informative, and provided valuable insight for anyone who is considering the turning cruise.

Bob Lett's natural edge maple burl bowl.



Bob Bufford had a bowl that displays the stark contrast between heart and sapwood



Bob Bufford's lidded hollow form.

Ron Jones brought two nice pens with laser engraving.



Doug Thompson is scheduled for the November meeting to display his custom turning tools and provide us with some "turning tool talk."

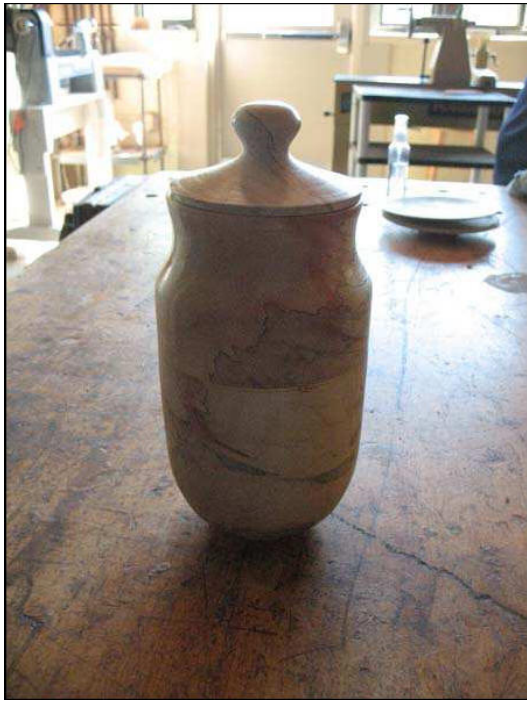


Thanks Tom, for taking the time and effort to prepare and present your entertaining cruise update.

The Mountaineer Woodturners will hold their November meeting at Cedar Lakes on Saturday, November 12th.

Regards,

Bill Sands, secretary



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