

October 2012

Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

October Meeting

In the absence of President John Sheets, VP Byron Young called the Mountaineer meeting to order at 10:00. There were fourteen members and no guest present. Mark St.Leger will demonstrate his turning skills at the November meeting. Byron asked that members who have dollies suitable for transporting the Powermatic lathe should bring their dollies and arrive early on November 10th. We will need help moving the lathe and associated equipment to a larger room for Mark's presentation and returning the equipment at the conclusion of the meeting. Mark's presentation is open to all Mountaineer members and their invited guests without additional fees.

Byron volunteered to deliver members' ornaments to the turn-in area for all those who are participating in the Governor's contest.

Treasurer John Gregor was AWOL for the October meeting, as was the treasurer's report.

Show and Tell

There were many nice pieces displayed for show and tell last month. Dave Jones brought a square, winged walnut bowl, a small mimosa dish, and a hollow form of eucalyptus. The left photo is the bottom of the eucalyptus piece displaying a most unusual grain pattern. Dave's good witch and bad witch show up annually at Halloween time.



Byron displayed his decorating skills with three excellent pieces. The round platters are cherry accented with milk paint and decorated by hand. The square platter is grey elm and hand decorated.





Byron's peppermills will be featured in the next issue of *Woodcraft Magazine*.

Bob Lett brought a well-turned spalted maple bowl, Fred Belknap had a nicely decorated hollow vessel, and Jim Withee displayed a pen made of xyila and finished with CA glue.



At the conclusion of the show and tell presentation, Byron demonstrated the construction of a cherry Christmas tree ornament. He started with a cherry blank and roughed out the body shape. Next, he drilled the body to begin the hollowing process and provide the right diameter opening for the finals' tenons.



After hollowing and adjusting the wall thickness of the body, Byron sanded and parted it from the waste.



He mounted another cherry blank and turned the long lower finial. Byron completed the delicate finial end while there was adequate wood to support the cut and minimize vibration. He used sharp tools and clean cuts for a "crisp" profile. Byron sanded carefully to avoid rounding the sharp edges. He finished turning the finial to the desired shape and undercut the base to insure a good fit with the ornament body. He turned a tenon on the finial for a friction fit into the body opening. After he parted off the finial, it fit perfectly into the ornament body.



Byron quickly turned the top finial or cap from the scrap that remained after turning the bottom finial. He drilled a small hole to accommodate the eyehook and hanging wire before parting the cap. The ornament is well proportioned and well turned. It is also lightweight to hang on the tree without bending the branches. It was a very nice demonstration of Byron's turning skill.

The next Mountaineer Woodturners meeting is Saturday, November 10th. Plan to attend and support your club while enjoying Mark St. Leger at the lathe. Remember to bring \$30 and pay your club dues for 2013. Please, only cash or check. We do not have the facilities to deal with chickens, eggs, butter, tuning wood, or other barter commodities.



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