

September 2011

Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

September Meeting

Club President, John Sheets, called the September meeting of the Mountaineer Woodturners to order and welcomed everyone to the club's annual tool and wood auction. There were 25 members and 2 visitors, Don Robinett and Robert Buford, present. John asked each of the club's officers in turn for their comments. Vice President Byron Young informed the members that he would ask Tom Schottle to do a presentation summarizing his recent turning cruise to Norway. Treasurer John Gregor reported that the club has replaced their antiquated cash register with a \$200 new one. The register is used at the Mountaineer Turners booth set up at the Cedar Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair. The club's account balance is \$2982.19 after the purchase. Jim Morrison informed the members that the new club projects book from the AAW is available from the Mountaineer Turners' library. After those reports, President John called for the show and tell items.

Auction

Each year the MWT members donate their extra or unused tools and wood to the club. These items are auctioned off during the September club meeting. President John appointed John Gregor to conduct the auction this year.



"Whatya you gonna give, boys??"

By day's end, Colonel John had worked his way through the "pile" and converted the members' donations into \$709.50 for the club treasury.



Thanks to all who donated items and helped Colonel John with the auction.

Show and Tell

Dave Jones had a collection of his turnings.



Two dark olive and a maple bowl.



Avocado form & Mimosa bowl



John Sheets brought a nice thin-walled holly bowl with decorative beads turned on the perimeter.



Larry Weese had two well-turned lidded boxes.



Tom Hart brought a



maple bowl, a mahogany bowl, and maple and walnut paperweight

Two spalted sugar maple bowls by Richard Northrup



John Crede displayed his sewing kit which consists of a custom turned thimble and a base that encloses two needles.



Warnie lore is working with an art teacher at the South Charleston High School in her attempt to develop turning skills in her students. The particulars of her program are here: <http://www.woodturner.org/community/youth/> Her funding for the program did not materialize, and without some assistance, her program won't get off the ground. Here is a copy of Warine's communication with Karen, the art instructor.

*Karen,
I will contact the Mountaineer Woodturners (a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, of which I am a member) to see if someone can donate a lathe or sell one cheaply. Ditto for a couple of turning tools. We might be able to do this on the "cheap." Do you have anything at all in your budget for this project? Wood for turning should not be a problem.
Please give me your idea about the amount of class-room/shop time that I would be participating in. As an alternative to me doing the instruction, I could teach you the basics in turning and finishing simple projects like a "weedpot" here in my shop and you could handle the shop instruction at school. It really isn't difficult and I'm sure that you could master it in a short time. If we were to go this route, I could speak with the students in class to give them an overview of artistic woodturning in general and the tools of the trade, "preach" a little about safety when using a lathe, display some of my projects, and answer questions. As I think about it, I believe this would be my preference as to how to go about this. Let me know what you think.*

Any help you can provide Warnie and Karen will be greatly appreciated. Contact

John, Warnie, or myself if you have a contribution or you can offer assistance. My email is wgs@wvonline.com

Dough Kemp has been busy turning shift knobs for Holman/Moody.



It has been confirmed.

At the October meeting, Tom Schottle will have a presentation on his Wood Turning ocean cruise across the Arctic Circle to Norway. Tom will have interesting pictures and stories to relate on his "trip of a lifetime" where he was in the company of many world renowned turners.

Decision time

Ipower is the service provider for the Mountaineer Woodturner's web site. Their annual fee is due to be paid soon. Ipower provides many services that we don't use and consequently we are paying more than may be necessary to maintain our website.

The club may stay with Ipower, or we may seek a provider who can supply our needs at a lower rate. We need input from all who have knowledge of web service providers so that we may make an informed decision. We need to resolve the issue soon. John will provide time for a discussion at our October meeting.

Next club meeting
Saturday, October
8th
10:00 at Cedar lakes

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