

September 2012

Mountaineer Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

September Meeting

The Mountaineer Woodturners met on September 9th at Cedar Lakes for their monthly meeting. President John Sheets called the meeting to order and thanked the club members for their help in setting up and operating the MWT booth at the Mountain State Arts & Crafts fair. He also recognized the volunteers who participated in the Make and Take demonstration at the fair. The MWT club received a \$300 donation from the fair board for operating the Make and Take program.

During the meeting, a suggestion was made that the participants in the Make and Take program should wear face shields for safety. After discussing the issue, the members present agreed to the suggestion. Mandatory face shields for Make and Take participation will be implemented as club policy in the future.

Treasurer John Gregor reported that the club treasury has a balance of \$4529.56.

VP Byron Young reminded the members that the WV ornament contest deadline is closing in. Here are the details for the contest. [Governor's ornament contest](#)

The September meeting featured the annual tool auction.

Show and Tell

Dave Jones had three pieces turned from camphor wood. He remarked that the "fumes" generated while turning the wood were rather intense. Tom Vensel brought a nice pen made from deer antler. Tom chose a section of appropriate size so that the horn retained its natural surface – a very nice effect. Byron Young displayed a well-turned pepper mill. Byron's mills will be featured in an upcoming *Woodcraft Magazine* article.



Larry Weese had a walnut bowl with a Corian rim and a bowl turned from willow.

Larry insures that the wood is dry before attaching the Corian with



superglue.

Willow is considered "junk" wood. However, Larry's bowl belies that assessment.



Irvin Jones displayed two unusual artistic turnings, which he produced from spalted honey locust.

If you are interested in Ervin's technique, you should ask him. I have no idea how he put that "eyeball" in there.

Annual Tool Auction

There were numerous tools donated for the annual club fund raising auction. Colonel John Gregor, our ensconced auctioneer, diligently worked his way through the collection.

At times Colonel John seemed somewhat distraught with the unenthusiastic crowd



However, true to his profession, the colonel persisted and in the end found a loving home for each treasure. John will have a financial report of the auction's outcome at the October meeting.



The next Mountaineer Woodturners meeting is scheduled on Saturday, October 13th at Cedar Lakes. The main event for this meeting is "Hands On – Ornaments."

Mark St. Leger is confirmed to provide a turnig demonstration at the November meeting.

Now is a good time to submit your 2013 dues of \$30. The club will endeavor to schedule at least two prominent turners in 2013. A significant prortion of your dues is used to finance these presentations.

Someone "borrowed" my sign in sheet and failed to return it. In consequence, the attendance record for September and any correction or additions to the data base are lost. If you need a club listing, please ask first.

Regards,

Bill

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