

Shavings

DETROIT AREA
WOODTURNERS



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<http://www.DetroitAreaWoodturners.org>

President's Message

September has been busy for our club. Our booth at the Shelby Twp Heritage Day was well attended both by members and the folks attending the event. There was a little rain, but we all survived and had a lot of fun. Many thanks to Dave Earl, Ray Frase, Russ Holmes, Steve Kujawa, Glenn Lieving, and John Maravich. Dave managed to get his picture in the local Shelby Twp newspaper.

The Starkweather Gallery show was well supported by our club and the Blue Water chapter. I hope many of you had a chance to visit the gallery and see the great cross-section of work.

The plans for hosting Don Derry are coming together. The Elks club, as a location, will allow us to easily plan future events of this type. Many thanks to Ray Frase for offering his expanded shop/studio to use as a location for the hands on workshops.

With all this planning and getting ready for the Ohio Valley Woodturners symposium in October, the days go fast. For those attending the symposium, be sure and bring a few pieces to display in the instant gallery. Both Ray Frase and Bill Youngblood will be demonstrators at this event, so be sure and support them at the show.

At the September meeting there was discussion about the club sponsoring a collaborative work for the 2006 AAW Symposium, to be held in Louisville KY and a totem for Arrowmont. We are still looking for a member to take a leadership position on either of these projects. Contact any of the officers if you would like to know more or are interested taking either of these on.

Greg Smith

Join the AAW!



Next Meeting - Oct. 16, 2005

Meeting Highlight will be our Homemade Jigs and tools demo. The Detroit Area Woodturners meet at the Shelby River Bends Park, Shadbrush Nature Center, Shelby Township, MI, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The Park is located on Ryan Road between 21 and 22 Mile Roads opposite the Hamlin Road junction. All visitors are welcome.



Starkweather Show

I want to thank everyone who participated in the show at Starkweather Art and Cultural Center as well as those who attended the reception. The show runs through October 7th. Stop in Thursday, Friday, or Saturday between 11:00 and 5:00 and see some of our best. The gallery is located at 219 North Main in Romeo.

Bill Youngblood

Fundamentals of Sharpening Video Review

This video is comprised of a segment by each of the following four Turners.

Bonnie Klein demonstrates Sharpening Basics for spindle gouges and Scrapers; why they are shaped the way they are and how to cut with them. She covers Grinder Wheel truing and dressing, and understanding tool steels. Note the working height of the grinder. She also shows how to perform freehand sharpening without a jig. Bonnie finishes up with chatter tool sharpening and use.

John Jordon demonstrates sharpening a side ground gauge and a few cuts using it. He uses freehand grinding and stresses the importance of the wheel running true and clean. He discusses why we have the side grind and the angles used. John also covers both free hand and jig grinding and optimum the grinder height

Bill Johnston covers Grinder tune up and special jigs. He shows how the Oneway Wolverine balancing system is used and the Diamond truing jig. Scraper sharpening using a flat table, and a special jig for sharpening metal late tools used in boring bars

The **Alan Lacer** session covers grinding and honing skews and spindle gouges. He also shows how to grind a roughing gauge with a 45 degree angle and the fingernail spindle gauge. He finishes up with a discussion on honing, as a sharpening touch up technique.

The differences in their techniques is interesting viewing. One important item I learned was to raise my grinder height so it is easier to see. Greg Smith

Calendar of Events

DAW meets the third Sunday monthly, September through June, unless adjusted for holidays. General Meetings are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Executive meetings are open to all club members.

- Oct. 5/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. John Fitzpatrick's house.
- Oct. 16/05 - General Meeting. Christmas Ornaments demonstration.
- Oct. 21-23 - OVWG Symposium in Cincinnati
- Nov. 2/05 - Workshop on Shapes with Don Derry. Location to be announced.
- Nov. 5/05 - Demo at Troy Elks by Don Derry.
- Nov. 9/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bill Schrodt's house.
- Nov. 20/05 - General Meeting. Demo on using a duplicator.

Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy getting the prizes. The monies, from the raffle, pay for things like operating expenses. Please bring along any extra wood, tools or other items you feel you can afford to donate to our prize table.

Wood Source

Rockler just got a load of turning blocks in today. All of the stuff comes from Peru. There's a lot of bloodwood, tigre caspi, and stuff I never heard of. The blocks vary in size from 0.93 bd ft to 4.42 bd ft. It's all the same price, \$7.50 a bd ft. For those folks who are interested in turning blocks they'll have a good selection. I thought maybe you'd like to put it in e-mail or on the web site.

From Marty Mangold...

Craft Supplies Order

Dave Wiltse be collecting money and order information at the October meeting for a club order to be submitted at the end of October. Catalogs and order blanks will be available at the meeting or get your catalog numbers from the Craft Supplies web site at woodturner-scatalog.com

DAW Officers - Here to Help! Don't Hesitate to Call

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Clothing Order ...

This year's Club Shirt is a 7oz. all cotton Burgundy Pique Shirt Embroidered With the Official Club Logo.

Member price is \$25.00 for S/M/L & XL

XXL Add \$2.50 XXXL Add \$3.50

The Official Club Hat is an Embroidered Kaki colored Baseball type Hat. One size fits all.

\$12.00 per hat

NAME _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Shirts _____ Size(s) _____

Amount \$ _____

No. of Hats _____

Amount \$ _____

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____

Don Derry Demo and workshops

We will be hosting a woodturning demo by Don Derry on Saturday November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don will demonstrate a variety of techniques and projects. The cost for members will be \$20 this will include coffee and drinks, but **not** lunch. The demo will be held at the Troy Elks club on Big Beaver Road. They have a restaurant on site. Burgers and sandwiches are available for a reasonable price,

We will also have two days of hands on workshops. Each participant will have his or her own lathe. Don will teach basic shape and form and other subjects that we may desire. The Cost will be \$100 for each member for a full day of turning. Flyers and signup sheets will be available at the meeting or call Greg Smith at 248-649 3565, if you want to attend or for more info.

Turning Wood by Richard Raffin

In 2001 my wife purchased Richard Raffin's book and video, Turning Wood, at a yard sale. After pushing them around my office for a few months I considered discarding them. But out of respect for my wife, decided I should at least view the video. That video was my initiation to serious woodturning. I've had a lathe for 30 years, but had only used it incidentally because I had no idea of it's potential. Richard Raffin made that potential real to me and set me down the path to real woodturning.

If you're a beginning woodturner, I strongly recommend the book Turning Wood, and the video, as your key guides. The Raffin approach is basic - ideal for a beginner. He has probably turned everything possible on a lathe - but states his preference for basic, solid wood bowls. This is the ideal start for a beginning woodturner. Raffin uses simple language to explain basic tools, materials and processes to turn practical bowls. He doesn't promote super thin walls - he believes bowls are utensils, not décor. His preferred finish is paraffin melted into the wood for a non toxic finish that supports day to day use.

The book and video are keyed together - the video displays appropriate page numbers for woodturning subjects. There are numerous photographs, augmented with line drawings to explain all the basics. His comprehensive approach includes lathes, sharpening tools, body position and correct tool use. The book covers spindle and faceplate applications, exercises to build your skills and feasible projects to confirm your skills. Finally, this book and tape aren't a one shot deal. Raffin has a number of specialized books (some with companion videos) to further your turning skills on bowls, boxes and other projects.

Thanks to Chet Bisno for the book review.

Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium

Sean Troy, the President of the Arizona Woodturners, invites all woodturners to attend the Desert Woodturning Roundup symposium, February 18 and 19th, 2006, in Mesa, Arizona. There will be 10 nationally and internationally know turners at the two day event. They will have an Instant Gallery, vendors, raffle, hands-on, banquet, demos, lectures and great Arizona weather. Check out their web site:

azwoodturners.org

New Additions to our Library ...

Four books have been added to our library.

AAW PROJECT BOOK
AMERICAN WOODTURNER TECHNIQUES & PROJECTS VOLUMES II, IV & V.

The books have reprints selected from the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners. The Project Book includes articles from 1987 to 1992. The Techniques and Projects books include articles from 1996 thru 2004. The Techniques & Projects books are especially useful for those members who have not yet joined American Association of Woodturners (AAW) in that they can see the the type of projects and instruction presented in the quarterly magazine.



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Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Leonardo DaVinci