

Let the Chips Fall where they
may



Cumberland Woodturners Association

A chapter of the AAW

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Monthly Program John Lucas—the Dreaded Skew!

John started the demonstration by talking about the various types and sizes of Skews, as well as how to sharpen them.

He suggests that you grind whatever type skew to a rough angle, then dress with diamond pad or leather strop.

One thing John recommends is to start by practicing on scrap pieces, not on your finished part. He noted that a skew will eventually “katch” and it’s better to have this happen on scrap.

There are rules to follow when using a skew—

1. Stay on the Bevel
2. Use only the lower 1/3 of the edge
3. Angle the skew according to how fast a cut you want.

A straight in approach acts like a scraper, while a 45 degree angle cuts about right. More obtuse angles up to straight on, cut slower.

John also discussed and demonstrated a variety of beads and coves that can be cut with a skew.

It was pointed out many times that the skew is not to be used on Bowls, it is mainly a spindle turning instrument.

John noted that a good way to start beads is to cut a “V” on each end of the bead, then begin rounding the bead while staying on the bevel and turning and lifting the skew while developing the bead. This is where body motion is a necessity. Just moving your arms will probably run out of motion before the bead is developed, or produce a “katch”

In turning Coves, the size of the skew will determine how big/small the cove can be.

John also showed and passed around several skews he has made over the years from scratch. He also discussed the advantages/disadvantages of blunt vs. curved edges— he doesn’t see much difference.

Upcoming events

April 25th Meeting

Randy Treatham will do a demonstration of “Split Hollow Turnings”

May 30th Meeting

Brian Laing from Houston Texas will demo Bowl making, and Discuss Bowl design

Sept 14-16th

Turning Southern Style
In Georgia

NEXT MEETING
April 25th
5PM Social Hour
6PM Meeting

General Club Affairs

16 members with no guests attended the March meeting. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jack Semelsberger who talked about the recent events held during the month. One group met at John Orban's shop, where they were given hands-on instruction in making decorative inlays. Another group went to Jon Reiver's ranch where there was a short Officers meeting followed by a walk of the property and

Visit to Jon's shop. There was an exchange of log blanks, and several members cut blanks from trees on Jon's property. Jack also discussed upcoming events, and it was decided that there will be a trip to Asheville in the future to attend a seminar there. He discussed the survey results where the most frequent response was that there is too much talking during demos.



Tip of the Month sorta like John's 3 Point!

1/4" Round Skew

A while ago, I was at a demonstration given by Bod Rosand where he showed us how to make ball and icicle Christmas ornaments. He also showed us how to make the 1/4" round skew he used for the icicle. You just take an 8" long, 1/4" diameter round tool bit from Enco or elsewhere, insert into a handle and sharpen it. Here is a picture of the tip. This is my

favorite tool for long and narrow spindles.



Challenge of the Month
For
April

Turn a
Candle
Holder

[use that Skew!]

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Dennis Anderson

As of: 3/28/2007

For the period 2/28/07-3/28/07

Inflow = \$173.80

Outflow = \$145.30

Balance as of 3/28 \$2326.44

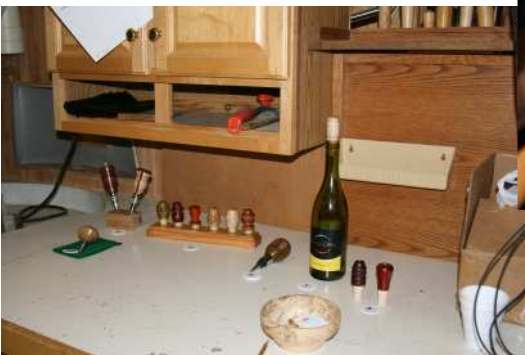
Refreshments next month

Will be brought by *Jon Reiver*



Challenge of the Month Winner: Bill Luinetti — for his Wine Stopper

February Instant Gallery



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