



CUMBERLAND WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the AAW
NEWSLETTER MARCH 2005

President: Jim Bentley
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The Cumberland Woodturners met on February 23, 2005 at the workshop of Bill and Jackie Westerbeck. President Jim Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 15 members present, and 3 visitors.

VISITORS

We were joined by visitors Bob Carrigan, Bill Gray, and Ken Warrick.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

OK, Ok, so you all "cornered" me into being President of this fine organization of ours. Now I am going to pay you back! I am going to write a PREZ PAGE for each newsletter (well, maybe not each one). Furthermore, you all have to read it because Teresa is going to put it in between some very good stuff that you will want to read!



So here goes -- your officers have met several times recently to plan ways to provide guidance to the club for the coming year (& beyond). Here are some of the things we have come up with:

WEB SITE - It is up and running on a limited basis. Right now it shows a link to our newsletter. This is the only way that most of you will get to see the newsletter from now on. An improved web page should be available by the next meeting. You can check it out at www.cumberlandwoodturners.com.

AV EQUIPMENT -- To enable the members to see and hear better during demos, your officers have authorized Bill W. to buy a TV monitor and a body mike. This setup will also provide a TV record for club use.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE - In order to get more member participation, the prizes have been increased to a choice of one of the following: a bottle of glue, ten sheets of sandpaper or six raffle tickets. We are also considering having member donated turned pieces added to the list.

RAFFLE PRIZES - To increase member participation, we are adding a \$10 or \$15 gift certificate as one of the prizes. Again we might be able to add member donated turned pieces.

MEMBER SURVEY - The results are in and are included in this newsletter. There was a great return response from the membership. The officers are already using your input to improve our club. Thanks for your great input.

Jim Bentley - the PREZ

MONTHLY PROGRAM

This month's program was a demonstration of turning a platter, by Teresa Paar. A platter can be turned from any dry, flat stock at least 3/4" thick. Cut a circle from the board, and drill a hole in the center for mounting on the screw chuck. Use 1/4" or 1/2" plywood circles mounted on the screw chuck as spacers, to reduce the length of screw that goes into the platter stock.

Turn the backside of the platter, making a foot with a recess to be used for mounting the platter on a dovetail chuck to turn the frontside.



Sand and finish the backside before re-mounting to turn the frontside. Turn the frontside, working from the rim to the center, keeping the center thick as long as possible to reduce vibration of the rim as it gets thinner. Check the flatness of the platter using a straight-edge section of wood or a ruler.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<i>March</i>	Randy Trentham: Candlesticks
<i>April</i>	Randy Trentham: Hollowing
<i>May</i>	John Lucas/Jim Bentley: Design

WOOD O' THE MONTH

The wood of the month is still MIA. A search party has been dispatched. We'll start up again at the March meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Westerbeck gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Previous Balance	\$1,599.56
Income	\$ 379.41
Expenses	\$ 666.84
Ending Balance	\$1,312.13

BACK TO BASICS

Several members have expressed interest in having more demos related to the basics of turning. As a first trial, Piper gave a very informative demo and explanation of how to sharpen a bowl gouge in a fingernail grind. (Based on the responses in the club survey, we will discuss what is the best way to continue basics training in the future.)



INSTANT GALLERY

There were 10 pieces in the Instant Gallery.

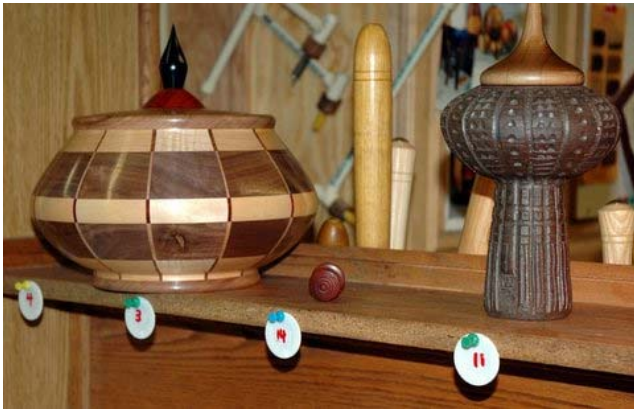


SOUTHERN STATES SYMPOSIUM

The symposium will be held April 29 – May 1 in Gainesville, Georgia. As a sponsor club, we need a representative on the symposium committee. This would involve attending a meeting at the symposium, and possibly another meeting later in the year. If anyone is interested to volunteer for this, please contact Jim Bentley. Visit www.southernstates.org for more info.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

There were 3 entries for the challenge of a turned lid for a household item. John Reiver won a bottle of glue for his winning entry of a lidded polychromatic vessel, below left.



UPCOMING CHALLENGES

<i>March</i>	Platter
<i>April</i>	Candleholder
<i>May</i>	Hollow vessel

Collaboration Challenge

Don't forget to bring your unfinished turning to the March meeting to trade!

Guidelines:

- Maximum Size: 9" diameter x 10" length
- Leave the mounting area intact (tenon for chuck or faceplate, waste block, etc).
- Bring your partially turned piece to the March meeting.
- Pieces will be assigned numbers, and those who brought a piece will draw a number and take that piece to complete.
- If you don't have the equipment to work on the piece you draw, arrangements will be made to swap pieces with someone, borrow equipment, etc..
- Bring the completed piece to the April meeting.

LIBRARY NEWS

New items added to the library:

"A Turner's Guide to Veneer Inlays"
by Ron Hampton

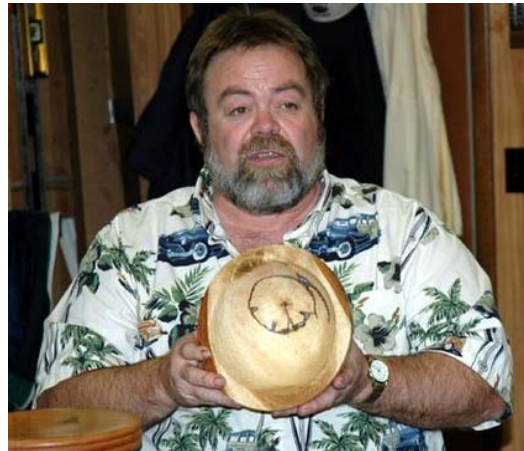
"Basic Bowl Turning With Judy Ditmer"
by Judy Ditmer

PHOTOS

Mike Elder shows why yard trees are not always the bargain they seem to be....



Randy describes his bowl with a branch through the bottom.



Bill holds Piper's partially turned hollow vessel during a Q&A discussion....



OUTSIDE DEMONSTRATOR

We have arranged for professional turner Larry Hasiak to give a full-day demo for us on Saturday, July 16. Larry is known for his hollow vessels, as well as ornaments and other types of turnings. This is not a club function, so the fee is \$20/person for those who attend. Please plan to bring your own lunch. The location is still TBD.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone for participating in the club survey, it was a great success. We received 25 responses, or about 76% of our members, which shows we have lots of people interested in making our club the best it can be. The complete results are posted on the website, and will be mailed to those who don't have internet access.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to the below members for signing up to provide refreshments in the coming year:

March – Pete Calkins

April – John Lucas

Ma y – Mike Elder

June – Joe Zarnitz

July – Randy Trentham

August – Everett Elkins

September – Al Revere

October – Teresa Paar

November - Don VanHouten

December – Bill Westerbeck

January – Jim Bentley

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: March 30 @ 6PM
WHERE: Workshop of Bill Westerbeck
PROGAM: Randy Trentham, Candlesticks
CHALLENGE: Platter

COLLABORATION CHALLENGE:
Part 1: Unfinished Turnings Swap

