



CUMBERLAND WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the AAW
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Vice President: John Lucas

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The Cumberland Woodturners met on September 27 at the workshop of Bill Westerbeck. President Jack Semelsberger called the meeting to order at 6PM. There were 18 members present.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

This month's program was a demo of turning a long-stem goblet by Randy Trentham. Instructions and photos are at the end of the newsletter. Thanks, Randy!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October Tool Auction

November Inlace Demo, John Lucas

TOOL AUCTION !

The October meeting will be our annual Tool Auction. Everett will be auctioneer. The auction is a good source of money for the club, and a good way to find a new home for those unwanted tools.

The success of the auction depends on everyone's participation, so start gathering up your donations now, and remember to bring plenty of \$\$\$, too!

The auction is not just for turning tools, you can donate nice wood, other kinds of tools, sandpaper, etc.. If you think someone might want it, go ahead and bring it!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was not available due to Ken's recent surgery.

We all wish Ken a speedy recovery!

INSTANT GALLERY



WOOD O' THE MONTH

The wood of the month was brought in by Charlie Adams, and won by Dennis Anderson.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The Challenge was for a goblet. There were not separate categories (Pro & Am) this month.

The winner was Bill Luinetti's long-stem goblet.



UPCOMING CHALLENGES

October No Challenge due to Tool Auction
November Ornament

NEW BUSINESS

Club Mentors

Sometimes you may be hesitant to call someone for help, not knowing if they are willing or able to take the time to work with you. To avoid this situation, Jim Bentley, Bill Westerbeck, and Jon Reiver have offered to be mentors. If anyone needs help with any turning issue, know that Jim, Bill, and Jon have

made themselves and their shops available to you. Please be sure to call them and arrange a meeting time in advance.

Thanks to these members for offering their time and service!

Demo Location

Randy reported that he and John Lucas may have access to a school building room rental to have special Saturday demo meetings. The Chattanooga club has rented similar rooms for \$50/year. Randy will continue to investigate.

Welcome Wagon

David Phillippe, Dennis Anderson, and Jon Reiver have volunteered to be a "Welcome Wagon" to meet/greet/take care of visitors at each meeting. This is meant to make them feel welcome and not forgotten after the initial introductions.

Thanks to these members for volunteering for this important function!

Christmas Party

Date: Dec. 16 (Sat.)

Place: David Phillippe home

There will be a covered dish dinner and turning exchange, more details later.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

October Bob Cummings

November Joe Zarnitz

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Oct. 25 @ 6PM (Social hr @ 5PM)

WHERE: Bill Westerbeck workshop

PROGRAM: Tool Auction

CHALLENGE: None, due to Auction

TURNING A LONG-STEM GOBLET

1. Turn a cylinder between centers, with a foot to grab in a chuck.



2. Grab the foot in the chuck, true up the cylinder, and shape the outside of the goblet bowl.



3. Hollow the bowl inside using light cuts.
4. Check depth and wall thickness, then take final cuts with a scraper – light touch! Angle the scraper nose slightly down for best cut.



5. Sand the bowl to finish now, before thinning the stem. After the stem is thin, there's too much vibration and the stem is weak.
6. Apply sanding sealer with the lathe running to polish the bowl. You can burn the rim for a decorative effect by holding paper towel or cardboard against it with the lathe running.
7. Wad paper towels inside the bowl, and bring the tailstock up into the paper, kind of a jam chuck to steady the piece while turning the stem. You can also use a tennis ball, golf ball, or mousepad inside the bowl.
8. Thin the stem from the bowl end, about 1" at a time, all the way to final thickness, then blend it with the previous section. Randy's reminder for a smooth cut is to remember "ABC": Anchor on the tool rest, Bevel rubbing, Cut.



9. Make a parting groove where the base will start, and turn the stem to that point.
10. Shape the top of the base, then sand the whole stem and top of base.
11. Part off the goblet, and sand the bottom on the belt sander. Randy's technique to get a flat base: Rotate the base to be cross-grain of the belt sander, and lightly touch the base to the belt sander. Rotate 90 degrees, touch it again, then rotate another 90 degrees, etc. Rotate it 4 times so you touch the belt sander 4 times – cross-grain, with the grain, cross-grain, with the grain. Repeat if necessary.
12. Apply finish.