



Newsletter

January, 2004

Meeting Discussion Points:

Tom Mogford welcomed several new members as well as all returning to the first meeting of 2004. Once again Tom brought in cookies baked by his thoughtful SWMBO. Phil Clevenger volunteered cookies for the February meeting.

Tom made several announcements:

- The AAW Symposium will be held in Orlando, Florida July 23-25, 2004. See <http://www.woodturner.org> for details.
- The Chapter will be involved with a display during the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Details TBA.
- The Chapter will be involved with a show at Studio 23 later this year. Details TBA.
- Mark St. Leger will be giving a one-day demo the 1st or 3rd weekend in April, details TBA, but cost should run \$40 or \$50 for Chapter members, depending on participation. Fee would include breakfast and lunch.

Bill Shelt announced some changes proposed by the Board:

- We will be trying for a more formal meeting format, with 1 or 2 Show and Tells a year. The rest of the time, we will be developing more hands-on programs for the meetings in advance based on feedback from the membership. To start, At the March meeting, Pete Buccellato will demo the tools and techniques used to make his thin-stemmed goblets as well as his method for spiral-stemmed goblets. Members will be encouraged to bring some wood along and try out Pete's techniques after the demo. Members will be encouraged to finish their goblets at home during the month of March. At the April meeting, member can bring their finished goblets to show off, or get help from Pete and others as needed.
- Upcoming programs would follow a similar format, with a demo and hands-on at one meeting followed up by a show and troubleshooting the next.
- A show of hands indicated that about half of those attending the meeting had three years or less woodturning experience, so this approach will serve to educate our membership and encourage skill development in line with the AAW's mission.
- At the semi-annual Show and Tells, Chapter Photographer Jeff Provost will be setting up a light booth so that members can have their pieces photographed if desired.
- Website Administrator Paul Elert encouraged everyone to check out the Chapter's new site <http://www.michiganwoodturner.org>. Here we will have space

for a news and information section, a gallery of our member's work, links to member web pages and other internet resources, up-to-the-minute schedule of upcoming programs and events, as well as membership contact information and an updated mentor list. Check it out and let us know what you think.

If you have not paid your dues for 2004, please mail them to:

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Membership is \$95 and includes membership in the AAW.

Make checks payable to Michigan Association of Woodturners.

Show and Tell:

- Alan Nachman showed 3 nice bowls made of Ash, Maple, and Macassar Ebony.
- Pat Blake showed 3 nesting plates of maple burl, a nicely spalted maple limbwood bowl, a nice Eastern Red Cedar bowl, and a poplar bowl.
- Bob Savit showed 2 nicely crafted small hollow forms of African Blackwood, with Bloodwood and Tulipwood collars.
- Richard Rowland showed a nicely done covered bowl of Ash and discussed the design opportunities the piece had presented to him.

After the Show and Tell, Tom gave a brief presentation on the sharpening station he recommends as well as the three basic tools (1/2" U shaped bowl gouge, 3/8" spindle gouge, and a diamond parting tool) he recommends, and some notes on his preferred tool grinds. Handouts on these topics and more are available in the Chapter library.

Upcoming:

- The February 1st, 2004 meeting will be a presentation by a sandpaper vendor. Sandpaper will be available at a reduced cost, so bring your checkbook.
- The March 7th, 2004 meeting will include a demo by Pete Buccellato on thin-stemmed and spiral-stemmed goblets, with hands-on time available. Bring your wood.
- The April 4th, 2004 meeting will be a showing of goblets as well as discussion and troubleshooting as needed.
- The 1st or 3rd weekend of April there will be a demonstration by Mark St. Leger. This will be in addition to the regular meeting.
- Late word in that Lyle Jamieson will be in the area later this year conducting one-on-one workshops for turners of all levels from beginners to "multi-axis hollow forms." Details TBA. Check him out at <http://www.lylejamieson.com/>.

Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at Russ Clinard's workshop, 2892 Bateson Ct., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Telephone: 734-663-9689. **Meetings start at 1 p.m.**