



Newsletter

April, 2004

Discussion Points:

- Tom Mogford asked if there was any interest in the Chapter purchasing an "E-Z Up" display booth for use by members at craft shows. See Tom if you are interested.
- A reminder that the Mark St. Leger Demo is coming up Saturday, April 24th and space is running out. Contact Tom Mogford or Tim Morris to see if any spaces are still available.
- If anyone is driving to the AAW Symposium in Orlando and is willing to truck things back please contact Tom Mogford.
- Greg Smith and Leonard Krase from the Detroit Area Woodturners showed us how to make very inexpensive sanding mandrels using closed-cell foam from The Foam Factory in Sterling Heights, MI (www.usafoam.com), Industrial Grade Hook-and-Loop from Glenn Wing Power Tools in Birmingham, MI, and welding a fender washer onto a bolt. They brought several for sale (2 for \$3.00) but encouraged us to make our own.
- Jim Madsen mentioned that other chapters he belongs to had applied for and received a grant from the AAW and suggested we do the same. Jim will be writing the grant application perhaps by the next meeting. Such a grant might purchase a lathe to turn on at public demos.
- We have three new members. Welcome to Linda Moody, Eric Blom, and Ron Ewing. Folks, if you have any questions, just ask.
- A few stayed after the meeting for some informal coaching by Russ Clinard and Basil Kelsey. Russ and Basil have decided to offer a one-day "Woodturning 101" class on Saturday, June 12th, 2004. There is no charge to members. Total class size is limited to six. At last count there were 3 openings available. Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. until whenever at Russ's workshop, bring a lunch and your own tools for sharpening guidance. They will consider holding another at a later date if there is enough interest. Please call Basil at 734-572-9216 if you'd like a spot or to get on the wait list. This is a great opportunity for less-experienced members to get some one-on-one guidance in the fundamentals from a couple of our best turners. Thanks for donating your time and talents, guys.
- We'd like to expand the newsletter over the next few months. If you're interested in writing or co-writing articles on tools and techniques, jigs and fixtures, tool-making, finishing, tool, book, or video reviews, etc, please contact Phil Clevenger at 734-761-8737 or PhilClevenger@comcast.net. Also, beginning this month, We're going to send out all the newsletters by U.S. mail instead of (some) by email (you were right, John). Several members weren't

getting their newsletters by email because of bad addresses, security settings, etc.

- The current membership list is going out with the newsletter this month. If any of your personal information needs updating, please contact Tim Morris or Phil Clevenger.
- A belated thanks goes out to John Conway who brought in a huge plate of Brownies for the meeting, along with copies of the recipe. Somebody obviously went to a lot of work for our refreshments and they were most excellent. Thanks again, John.
- Art Varady will provide the treats for the next meeting.

Program:

A good number of members participated in Pete Buccellato's Thin-stemmed and Spiral-stemmed Goblet Challenge. The rest of the meeting was hands-on, with Pete and others making themselves available to critique and troubleshoot as needed. Thanks everyone for participating.

Upcoming:

- The May 2nd, 2004 meeting will feature a presentation on turning fixtures and jigs. If you have a favorite, bring it along and tell us about it.
- The June 6th, 2004 meeting will feature a Taming of the Skew demo by Russ Clinard and Basil Kelsey. Come and learn how to finesse this sometimes-intimidating tool.

All The News That Fits:

Some websites you should know about if you don't: Information only, no affiliation.

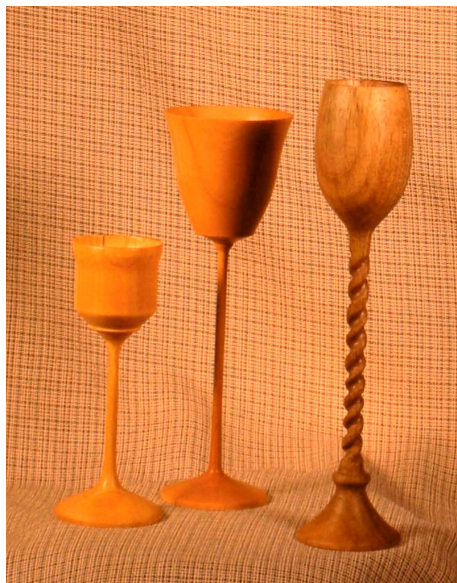
<http://www.freedompens.org> : A project with the goal "...of providing beautiful writing instruments for our military stationed in foreign countries who are in harms way. Every Freedom Pen that is delivered will serve as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and will have our continued support until every one of them returns home".

<http://www.woodcentral.com/index.shtml> : Good all around resource for all kinds of woodworking. Active Turning Messageboard. Excellent collection of articles.

<http://www.woodhat.com> : Johannes Mickelsen's site devoted to, guess what...wooden hats. Interesting information on technique.

http://www.delmano.com/2004/Wood_Art/Small_Treasures_2/small_treasures_2.html : A nice gallery of the smaller works from some of the most successful contemporary woodturners.

And now, our instant gallery:



One in every crowd, isn't there? Next time we'll try to give proper attribution. People seemed to enjoy the challenge, so we'll be doing more. We all learned something. Thanks again, Pete.

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.

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