



Between Turns

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Meeting Announcements:

- For those who sold items at the Art Fair, please be sure to total your sales and remit the 5% commission to the Chapter.
- Bob Penfil and Harold Salow from the Livingston County Woodworkers Guild are asking for our help. The LCWG, along with the Marine Corps League Detachment 161 (Livingston County , MAW Treasurer Tim Morris is the Sr. Vice Commandant) are putting on a Fund Raising Buffet Dinner and Auction October 23 at Howell High School. Their members are donating wooden art/craft items for the auction, and they are asking us to donate some items also. Proceeds go to the Toys for Tots, The Salvation Army, Make a Wish and other charities for Christmas toys/gifts for kids. This is a worthy cause, folks. Let's see if we can manage a worthy donation. More on this at the September meeting.
- We've received a request for help in finding a lost turner. Michael Biggs writes: "Maybe someone in the club can help me locate an individual I met while down in Lansing a month ago. He said he was in the woodturners org and was getting a part from midstate bolt for his model 90 Powermatic lathe. We

agreed to meet later at his house the next time I was in town but I misplaced his name and number. Does anyone know a guy who is in his seventies and is from DeWitt"? If you can be of any help to Mr. Biggs, please email him at vaughanb@m33access.com

- Dick Sing will be giving a 2-day demo in Traverse City on October 2nd and 3rd, 2004. There is limited space available for a hands-on workshop on October 4th and 5th. Contact Lyle Jamieson at (231) 947-2348.
- We need a volunteer to manage the Chapter's library of books and videos. Once the inventory is updated, the job requires only minimal time. This is a great resource, especially for our newer members. See Tom Mogford if interested.
- Russ Fairfield will present a full-day demo focused on his "Polychromatic Plates" on Saturday, October 16, 2004, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Details TBA. In addition to demonstrating his techniques for segmented turnings, Russ will be sharing his thoughts on tooling,

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide education, information, and organization to those interested in woodturning. We meet on a monthly basis to share woodturning challenges, insights, and accomplishments. Our chapter accomplishes this through our mentoring program, library, mini-symposiums, monthly newsletters and friendship.

Announcements

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sanding, and finishing. Check out his work at www.woodturnerruss.com or read his articles on Woodcentral at www.woodcentral/russ/russindex.shtml. **We need to provide a 14" bandsaw, preferably a 14" Delta, with or without a riser block, with standard guide block holders. Russ will provide his own blades and guide blocks. If you can provide one please contact Phil Clevenger or Tom Mogford.**

What a Beautiful Day for a Picnic!

Indeed. Forty two people and one BBD (Big, Beautiful Dog) descended on Hudson Mills Metropark for what may become our annual August meeting venue. Tom Mogford and Pete Buccellato spent hours the day before making up a big batch of Italian sausages. Tim Morris and Tom Mogford manned the grills, and everyone passed a dish or two.



After the feast, people had an opportunity to look over and vote on their favorite pieces brought in by members. Best suggestion of the day (thanks,



Basil) was to let the participants decide for themselves whether to place their work in the beginner or intermediate categories. Lots of beginners! While the votes were being counted (thanks, Pam), Tom awarded several members for their service to the Chapter. Russ Clinard was given a lifetime membership in appreciation for his stewardship of the Chapter during the lean years. Without Russ, there wouldn't be a Chapter. Vouchers for a MAW cap or shirt were awarded to Pete Buccellato for his willingness to take over the V.P position and his goblet demo, Jim Madsen for his work on the Education Grant application and his chainsaw carving demo. Vouchers as well for Basil Kelsey for his work mentoring



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many of the newer members and for keeping Tom in line, and Phil Clevenger for his efforts on the newsletter and for arranging the upcoming Fairfield demo. With the votes tallied (nary a pregnant

chad nor lawyer in sight), Tom handed out the prizes: MAW ballcaps for third, MAW shirts for second, and MAW smocks for first place. Congratulation to the winners, and thanks to all who participated.



Peoples Choice Prize Winners

Intermediate Category:



First Place

Dave Pierce



Second Place

Greg Smith



Third Place (tie)

Richard Rowland



Third Place (tie)

Phil Clevenger

Novice Category:



First Place

Rick Rickman



Second Place

Bill Weber



Third Place

Richard Rowland



How I turn Lighthouses

Part 2

By Brad Adams

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Chapter Mentors have offered to share their expertise with members. Contact them for help. If you have developed skills that you would be willing to share with our members, please contact Phil Clevenger at 734--761-8737 to be added to the Mentoring Program.

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34. Finish turn, sand, and finish the top. In some cases I turn a finial out of ebony or some contrasting wood.



Photo #16

35. Cut 4 posts from 1/16th " brass rod (Ace hardware). I cut them about 1 1/4" long using a combination square as a jig.



Photo #17

36. The slot in the combination square holds the brass posts perfectly.



Photo #18

37. Using a tack hammer, tap the posts securely into the holes drilled into the base. (sorry for the distracting picture but you get the idea)



Photo #19

38. Using a bit of brass wire, attach a tiny screw eyelet to the crystal. I get my crystals from a company called Light Stones. <http://www.lightstones.com/> I usually get the round 20mm AB for about \$5 each. The AB stands for aurora borealis. That means they are coated to act like a prism and toss rainbows around the room. The standard crystals are a buck or two cheaper but just don't have the same appeal.

39. Screw the eyelet into the hole

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Photo #20



Photo #21

in the bottom of the roof.

- 40. Line up the grain pattern and insert the posts into the holes under the roof.
- 41. Carefully push the roof down onto the base, but not too hard. It's nice to be able to pull the roof off and clean the crystal from time to time.

42. The finished product: Photo #22



Letter From Kuwait

Jeff Provost has arrived safely in Kuwait City to begin his 6-month stint as an auditor of Department of Defense contracts. Jeff writes:

“Thanks for the newsletter. I’m sorry I missed Jim’s chainsaw demo.

I arrived in Kuwait on the 19th. I will probably not even see Iraq during my stay here. I have been assigned to the Kuwait City Office, so I am tucked away on the shore of the Persian Gulf. Quite safe, thank you.

One of the guys I "in processed" with is up in Iraq at Camp Victory and said they get mortar fire most nights. But there they live and work in bunkers. Most incidents happen during trans-



port, either by vehicle or chopper. I'll stay where I am and won't complain.

My office is in a villa in the Hilton Hotel Resort. See the picture...our half is on the right. Its about 50 ft from the ocean. Too bad I don't have time for a swim.



Dues:

\$95.00/year, includes A. A.W. Membership. Remit at the January meeting or by mail to:

Timothy Morris, Treasurer
1673 Woodlake Circle
Brighton, MI 48116

Meetings:

are held at 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month at the workshop of:

Russ Clinard
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Your Input Needed

- What would you like to see at future meetings? More instruction? More hands-on? Vendor presentations? More Show-and-Tell? Toolmaking demos? More cookies? Speak up! Any worthwhile organization needs the active participation of its members to thrive. Contact Tom Mogford or Pete Buccellato with ideas for future programs and direction.
- What would you like to see in future Newsletters? Have something to contribute? Are you happy with the current direction or should it just go away? Contact Phil Clevenger and share your ideas.

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Now don't be thinking its all Club Med, cause it's not. The standard for luxury here is different than in our culture. Any type of building is called a villa over here... except a crapper.

Me and another guy have rooms up stairs. The office for 8 - 10 people is downstairs. Every body else stays at a regular hotel

There are American restaurants around. Went to McDonalds yesterday for lunch ... but it's a bit of a hike, and until I get my car, I bum rides.

I have already started working the long days.. 12/7 'til I leave in January.

Woke up about 3:30 AM local time my first morning and saw it was getting light out, so I got dressed and went out to watch the sun rise over the gulf. Check it out.



Its very quiet here. Went to the airport today to deliver some papers about my damaged baggage (surprise!)

There are not a lot of roads and traffic usually isn't very heavy.. Good thing cause Kuwaitis are terrible drivers. They drive a lot of big, top heavy SUVs and if they get onto the shoulder of the road (which is sand of course) the one tire digs in and the thing flips over.

But so far most of the people have been

quite friendly.

I don't think I'll be doing any turning, mainly because there's not a lot of wood here to turn. Some palm trees and I saw a couple of scruffy conifers of some type, but everything else is imported."

Let's all keep Jeff in our thoughts, and look forward to his safe return. Jeff's email address is jpro54@yahoo.com.

MAW Member Turns Up at the Renfest Again This Year

For 7 weekends a year, longtime Chapter Secretary John Becker forsakes modern conveniences, steps into period costume, and becomes the resident woodturner for the Shire of Hollygrove during the annual Michigan Renaissance Festival.



John's opened his booth in 1998, and as

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Our 25th Anniversary!!

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Legend Lives!

August 14th through September 26th
(Special School Day! September 17th)

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he says: "it is nice to have a hobby that is fun and self supporting."

Indeed, from swords and daggers to mugs and goblets, and even a bowl or two, John's work finds it way to Lords and Ladies, Squires and Wenches all over the festival grounds.

John's booth is #501, "...between the Bakery (great cinnamon rolls) and the privies. May the winds always blow from the southeast."

press a wench or two. If you ask nicely, John might let you power his custom-built Lathe 4.0 while he awes the crowd with his deft craftsman-

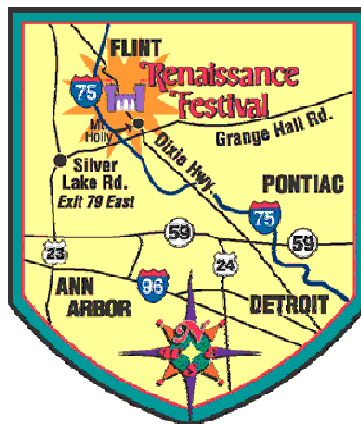


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ship and dry wit.

The Festival is located in Holly, Michigan off I-75, exit 106, on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint.



Festival hours are 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, August 14 – September 26, 2004. Come soak up the ambiance, enjoy a turkey drumstick or a Scotch egg, and

Check out www.MichRenFest.com for more information on the Festival, or www.reincarnatedtrees.com for more information on John and his wares.



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Visit our Website: www.MichiganWoodturner.org

Do you have something to sell? Something to buy?

Listing is free to members.

Please contact Phil Clevenger 734-761-8737 or PhilClevenger@comcast.net by the Friday following the monthly meeting.

Ads will run for three months unless you cancel.

Classified Ads

Shopsmith 520 with band and scroll Saws, belt (6" X 48") and strip sanders, jointer, and all miscellaneous equipment. Includes power station. Asking \$2000. Contact Norm Blake at 517-626-7083.

Wood? Jim Madsen has it. 517-645-4594.

Nichols lathe, 3 HP. Variable speed Leeson motor, 52" bed, 32" swing, 1HP Gast vacuum pump (John Nichols says it will hold a 30" bowl at 3000 rpm). Weighs > 800 lbs but on casters-can move with one hand. Many faceplates. Cost new \$7300, asking \$6100. Contact Bob Shepherd at 517-655-3967.

Upcoming Events

August 14 – September 26th, 2004, Week-ends and Labor Day: Michigan Renaissance Festival, Holly, Michigan. Come help MAW member John Becker make the woodchips fly.

September 5, 2004: Show-and-Tell after a discussion about the future direction of the Chapter: more education? more turning? more mentoring? more outreach? more cookies? You will decide.

Saturday, October 16, 2004: Russ Fairfield will demonstrate his segmented turning, tooling, sanding and finishing techniques. 9 a.

m. – 4 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Details TBA.

Saturday, October 23, 2004: Benefit Dinner and Auction at the Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell, MI. Items for donation will be collected at the September and October meetings. For more information, see Page 1.

Sunday, November 7, 2004: John Becker will demonstrate the techniques he uses to make some of the items he does for the Michigan Renaissance Festival.