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Meeting Announcements



Tom discusses the mounting and cutting of a burl.

Burls for turning

December's MAW meeting saw a lot of input from members when Tom Mogford gave part I of his "Burls for Turning" demonstration.

Members discussed the many shapes and sizes one may run into when faced with the challenge of getting the most out of your burl. "Mounting these on your lathe for the most effective use is very important unless one wants to wind up with an expensive pile of sawdust and chips."

Tom started his demonstration by having members first examine the burl

for the best way to cut the section out one want to use. Mounting between centers comes next. This technique is done to so you can move the burl around as you are truing it up to see high and low spots and to get proper centering. One normally puts the top of your project toward the head stock.

Tom stated, "There is no right or wrong way on how to mount the burl for what you are doing." "If one were to ask 5 people this question, you would probably receive 5 different answers."

Members had a chance to see different burls as they came off the tree and discussions were held on how one might best utilize the burl for optimum effects.

Burls have varying grain patterns and many surprises on the inside when one begins to cut away at the surface.

Basic clean-up and mounting with a tenon being cut for mounting in a chuck took place. At January's meeting Tom will continue with part II of his burl turning demonstration and show members how to mount the piece in a chuck and begin hollowing operations. Members need to think about what they have seen and bring any questions up at the next meeting as the process continues. If anyone has a particular burl that they are having a problem with, please bring it in for everyone to evaluate at the January meeting.

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Novi Wood Show

The annual Novi Wood Show is coming up on December 14, 15, and 16th.

The MAW club will have a booth there and will be putting on demonstrations throughout the day. If you are interested in working, please contact Tom Mogford. Admission for **workers** to the show will be free.

Dues:

\$95.00/year. This covers local and AAW dues..

Remit at the December meeting or by mail to:

Tim Morris, Treasurer
1673 Woodlake Circle
Brighton, MI 48116

Meetings:

will be held from 1 – 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month at the workshop of:

Dave Gordon
10621 Milford Rd.
Holly, Michigan 48442

NEXT MEETING
January 6, 2007

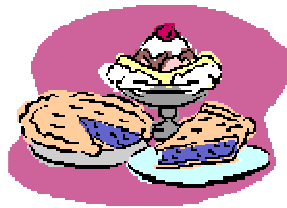
Calendar

The calendar listings are an attempt to keep you up to date on upcoming MAW events as well as other events of particular interest to woodturners.

- MAW meeting
..January 6, 2008
- Trent Bosch Demo
January 19 & 20,
2008
- Trent Bosch Hands
On January 21 & 22

Trent Bosch Demo

The Michigan Association of Woodturners will be hosting Trent Bosch on January 19 & 20, 2008. Costs will be \$75 for the 2 day demonstration or \$40 for one day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. There was a sign-up sheet that went around during the last meeting. If you did not get a chance to sign up, please call Tom Mogford. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a two day “hands on” with Trent Bosch on January 21 & 22. There is **ONE** slot left. Call now if you are interested.



Advanced thanks goes out to Colleen Brunning-Fann who will be bringing in treats for the January meeting.

AAW Annual Survey

Please take the time on your computer to go on the AAW web site and fill out their annual survey. This is important because it sends a direct message to your organization on things you want to see in the magazine. Now's the chance for **YOU** to give input.

Show & Tell

Thank you goes out to Bob Shepard for the wonderful job he does with the projects on the show & tell table each month. His critiques are appreciated and I believe help all of us to be better turners. This has definitely made the show & tell table more interesting.

Bob Shepard won the main raffle and went home with two very nice pieces from the Dennis Liggett demonstration. Congratulations Bob.

Club Store

Just a reminder for new and old members alike. The MAW club store has a variety of great turning supplies that are being sold at a substantial discount over what you would pay if you ordered them elsewhere. Shirts, turning smocks, sweat shirts, cutting tools, sanding supplies, CA glue, Epoxy glue, accelerator, vacuum chucking neoprene and more. See Tim Morris our treasurer at the back table.

OVERDUE LIBRARY ITEMS

FROM TIM THE LIBRARIAN

I Hope that everyone is enjoying the new library. The following items below are now overdue. Please return them at the January meeting. No fines will be charged until the February meeting at which time a \$2.00 fine will be charged for each item that is overdue. You will not be allowed to sign out any new items until the past due items are returned. IF YOU WANT TO AVOID THE FINE, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME AND LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WILL NOT BE AT THE MEETING. YOU CAN ALSO MAIL THE ITEMS TO ME AT:

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OVERDUE

Steve Russell Vol. 1 & 2.....Library # DVD518
Turning UpLibrary # DVD 534
Turning It On.....Library # DVD533
Laguna Tool.....Library #DVD513
Starting Woodturning.....Library #DVD561
Woodturning Tools.....Library #DVD505
The Skew ChiselLibrary #VHS405
Turning Projects From Scrap....Library #VHS420

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2008 will be collected from now until the end of January, but all dues must be paid in full by the end of January 2008. We will update our roster and mailing list at that time and anyone who has not paid their dues will be left out. Your dues can be paid at the January 6th meeting or can be mailed to **Tim Morris 1673 Woodlake Circle, Brighton, Mi 48116** Please make checks payable to: Michigan Association of Woodturners. Dues are \$95.00. This includes both chapter and AAW national dues. We are a 100% AAW chapter.

MAW Mentors

If you would like help getting started in woodturning or help with working out a problem, feel free to call any of the names listed below. As always, there is NO CHARGE to members of the *Michigan Association of Woodturners*.

Tom Mogford.....	810-629-6176
Pete Buccellato.....	248-634-7622
Bill Magee (Pen Turning).....	734-981-6117
Herman Spaeth.....	248-486-4720
John Becker (mugs, goblets, pipes)...	248-851-0437
Bob Shepard (segmented & ornamental turning)	517-655-3967

AAW to promote standardized tool names

Right name, right job

In the Spring 2006 issue of this journal, Bob Rosand wrote an article on the use of the spindle roughing gouge (SRG). "I wrote the article because I have always felt that the SRG was a misunderstood and underutilized tool," Bob wrote, "I was concerned that some novice turners were taking this tool's name at face value and using it as a bowl gouge.

"I was also delighted to read Nick Cook's article, '20 Ways Not to Turn a Bowl.' Nick put down on paper many of my own thoughts concerning bowl turning, especially Number 9, 'No roughing gouge for bowl work!'

"Ohio member Ric Walker was the first member to recount a SRG mishap. While attempting to turn a bowl, his turning experience with an SRG was interrupted by a broken finger, crushed knuckle, and 'flesh blown open.'

"Since then, there has been a fair amount of discussion on the AAW's website about similar accidents with the same tool. Some turners defend the use of an SRG to rough out a bowl, but most seem to agree that a bowl gouge is the appropriate tool for this job, not the SRG.

"The issue is confused even more when at least one seller of tools offers an SRG in its tool catalogue for beginning bowl turning. (The set includes a skew, too.) And to make matters worse, some demonstrators turn bowls using the SRG just to show that it can be done.

"Bottom line: The SRG tang is simply not hefty enough to turn bowls. Looking at the shape of the tool should tell you that if it catches—and it will—it's gonna roll, causing an accident. The SRG returned to Packard Woodworks, *right*, shows one tool that didn't survive misuse."

Across the Atlantic, Reggie Sherwin recalls a 1990 meeting with other demonstrators at Mick O'Donnell's home in Scotland to endorse naming the tool SRG. "Since that time, I have been very gratified to see that the name has gradually been taken up by a number of the other leading U.K. turners who teach, demonstrate, and/or write but who were not at the 1990 event. They read the articles, endorsed the reason, and took up the cause."

In the Fall issue of the journal, you'll read more about the AAW's plan to promote and endorse a naming convention for *all* turning tools. If you have comments, please direct them to Alan Lacer (alanr@alanlacer.com).

Alan recalls that standardized names introduced to woodcarving tools were generally embraced by tool manufacturers, demonstrators, and teachers.

We hope that standardized names will lead to better communication within the woodturning family, too.

Stay tuned.



Photo: Alan Lacer

Dear MAW Chapter President-

I am your new chairman of the Chapters and Membership committee of the AAW Board. It is my intention to establish a close connection with the Chapters and their members, and I welcome e-mails and phone calls about any and all issues that you have relating to the AAW and its activities. You will receive e-mails from me and periodically from other members of the Board to keep you connected with the AAW. The Board considers all 275 Chapter Presidents as its voice to all the Chapter members, so please provide the following news to all your members.

The AAW Board met in Chicago on Nov. 2 - 4, and several items of great interest to all 275 Chapters were decided upon. This message relates only to membership. (but please note the "Heads Up" at the end.)

Membership

We are having a membership drive. Only about half of all the members in the Chapters are AAW members, and this should really be much higher. Remember, besides all the tangible benefits of AAW membership, please impress upon your members that if not for the AAW there would be no chapters at all and we would all be toiling in our shops all by ourselves, all 13,009 of us re-inventing the wheel every day!

OK, here's the deal: Any member who signs up 5 new AAW members by Dec. 31, 2007 will receive a free registration to the AAW Symposium in Richmond VA, to be held June 20 - 22, 2008. A new member signing up in 2007 will receive all four 2007 issues of the American Woodturner journal. A new member signing up in 2007 may elect to have his/her membership begin in Jan. 2008 and still have

that membership count towards the sponsor's total. If you or one of your Chapter members do sign up 5 new AAW members, please let me know the names of the persons you signed up and I will look after getting you your free Symposium registration

There are about 20 Chapters who currently have 100% AAW membership. We would like to see this number increase. All Chapters achieving 100% AAW membership will be recognized as AAW Star Chapters. These Chapters will receive a set of the AAW Masters Series Videos and will be recognized by a plaque and be listed in the Resource Directory. If your Chapter is already an AAW Star Chapter, please let me know, so that we can get you the recognition you deserve.

Heads Up!!

The hall in Richmond can only seat 1700 people at the Banquet and Auction next June. There may well be more than this number of attendees at the Symposium, which means that everyone who registers might not be able to be seated at the Banquet. Therefore we have had to remove the tickets for the Banquet from the registration packet, so that you will have to buy these tickets separately **The take home message is that you'd better buy your tickets early to make sure you can get your Banquet tickets before they're all gone.**

Important

Other issues that I will send you soon relate to the Collaborative Challenge, newsletter and website competitions, recruitment of demonstrators, American Woodturner journal content etc.

Yours Truly,

Larry Genender.....Chapters and membership committee chairman



Bob Shepard, Richard Rowland, Ray Frase, and Dave Pierce checking out the nice Show & Tell table at the December meeting.



Bob Anderson, Bob Shepard, Dave Pierce, and Richard Rowland examining some nice projects at the December Show & Tell table.



Collaborative threaded lidded box of Bob Roehrig's with Bob Shepard's ornamental turned lid.



View of a nice turnout for the Burls demonstration at the December meeting.

Photo's
 Photographs for this months "Between-Turns" were provided by Bob Roehrig & Gary Smith. If you have digital photo's that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter, please send them to the editor at:
 rroehrig@charter.net



Gary Smith's Stave Vase

Angelo Iafrate, AAW President, has asked me to forward the following message:

Kip Christensen has informed the AAW that the Utah Symposium will no longer be held at Brigham Young University. In 2008 the Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU, on May 22 - 24, 2008.

This change in dates is important to the entire woodturning community because the dates no longer conflict with the AAW Richmond Symposium on June 20 - 22 2008. Attendees and demonstrators are now free to attend both Symposia instead of having to choose between one and the other.

For some reason Kip will not be able to get the word out very soon, so the AAW wishes to do so via this mass e-mail to the Chapter Presidents. Please inform your members of this change in place and dates. Angelo can be reached at angelo@woodturner.org.

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A Dryer For Turned Wood

This is a description of the "dryer box" that I use.

A dishwasher makes a better box for a dryer than either a refrigerator or an upright freezer. It has venting already designed into it, there are no holes to cut, there is no need for a fan, there is no messy insulation to contend with, it fits under a workbench or counter, and it is easier to carry home.

To recycle an old dishwasher, remove the motor/pump, center nozzle and silverware basket. Keep the racks. Place a drop light with a 100-watt light bulb in the bottom of the box, running the cord through the hole where the pump was. If the motor/pump is left in place, remove the plug and pass the cord through a 1/2" hole drilled in the side of the box, and then attach a new plug. Also, drill a 1/8" hole through the door for a kitchen thermometer, the kind with a dial and a probe. The new dryer is complete.

I have used these dryers for nearly ten years. I can keep the temperature inside the box at about 95°F with a 100-watt light bulb, and lower the wattage to 75 or 60 if it exceeds 100°F in the summer. A bowl that is finish-turned to 1/4" to 3/8" thickness will stabilize to around 10% moisture content in about 3 days, depending on the species, and the original moisture content. Thicker wood or a full 'dryer' will require a longer time.

Cracking and distortion is no more of a problem than with air-drying. For a slower drying rate, I either fill the bowl with wet shavings, wrap the piece in a grocery bag, place a pan of water in the bottom of the box, or do all three. The objective is to raise the humidity inside the box and slow the evaporation rate from the wood surface.

The slightly elevated temperature and low humidity in the box also makes it an excellent drying chamber for varnish and oil finishes.

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