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Between Turns

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June 2017

Jim Lindsey demonstrated how he turns a coffee scoop at the June Meeting.

The July meeting was changed to July 9th due to the 4th of July.

Mrs. Fields is looking to sell her late husband's DVR XP lathe for 1000.00. If you know someone who would like a lathe. Mr. Fields was a member of our club who passed away a few years ago.

The OVWG will host their 2017 symposium Friday - Sunday October 13-15, 2017.



The club meeting will be held at:

Rose Township Hall
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 48442

This is not the same building as the Treasures Office. It is further down Mason Road from Milford Road and is on the Left (South) side of the street.

Empty Bowls will be collecting turned bowls for this annual Soup Dinner Fund

Raiser. Bowls can be brought to the September meeting. Donating a bowl will not only help a worthy cause, but you will get tickets to the soup tasting and a ceramic bowl.

MAW will be collecting Tops again this year for Children's Hospital.



Scoops are a nice way to use cut offs

Upcoming Dates

2017 Tentative Meetings :

July 9, August 6 Picnic, September 10,

October 1, November 5, December 3 Holiday Party

-Meetings are held monthly on the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

at Rose Township Hall 9080 Mason Street Holly, MI
48442

-OVWG 2017 Symposium October 11- October 15, 2017



Here is a link to a You Tube Video from Mike Pence on turning a coffee scoop.

Coffee Scoops

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpcv_qTW4AY

<http://chattahoocheewoodturners.com/CWTdArc/elegantcoffeescoops.pdf>



2017 Picnic

The entertainment for this year's picnic will be a Frisbee Contest. Turn your Frisbee so that it is between 9" and 12" in diameter and 1.25" thick. This is a Frisbee contest not a disc contest.

Here is a You Tube Video on turning a Frisbee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ws4n1Rgt6c>



Frisbee — Good



Disc — Not Good

Please remember to take proper safety precautions. Many of the techniques we use can be dangerous if not performed correctly..

Coring System

Come to a mentor workshop and take advantage of the clubs Coring System. Coring a bowl allows you to turn several bowls out of a single piece of wood.

You can see Dave made 4 bowls and another small inner blank from his piece of wood. Turning a bowl the standard way would have resulted in one bowl.

This is useful when turning figured or expensive wood as you can turn multiple bowls for the cost of one bowl blank.

The Coring system is for the Powermatic lathe. Sign up with Dave Worden if you want to use the Coring System
Dave Worden
248-917-2822.



Making a flat spot on the tool handle will stop the tool from rolling off of the lathe bed or work table.

MAW Mentoring

The Michigan Association of Woodturners sponsors a mentoring program for members. The scheduling of this is handled between the mentor and the club member being mentored. Simply contact one of the members listed to the right and they will either schedule a time and place to work with you or help you

contact a member who is able to help you with the topic you are working on.

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Photo's

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:

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Wooden Pendulums by Fred Holder

I recently had a lady contact me seeking a wooden pendulum. I had never made one but told her I would be happy to give it a try. I searched the Internet and found a picture of an ancient Egyptian wooden pendulum (see Figure 1). I made a copy of that pendulum (See Figure 2) and sent a photo to her. She indicated that she wanted a pendulum that was more plump and about 2" long. Based on that information, I made a second one as close to what I felt she wanted (see Figure 3). She was very happy with it, but wanted the hook on top removed.

She advised that she wanted to use the pendulum for healing purposes. I have used pendulums over the years to seek answers to questions that I did not have an answer to. If you can clear your mind when using it, you can get very good yes or no answers. For this article, I decided to include a bit of information from the Internet on the subject of pendulums. The following is some of that information:

"A pendulum is an object suspended by a cord, used for obtaining information which the normal senses are unable to access on a conscious level. You could improvise with an everyday object, such as a pendant, a chain, a plumb bob or a ring on a thread. However, a purpose-made pendulum is best because it has a shape and geometry, that is, a symmetry. This allows the swing to be more even and more sensitive and therefore more effective. The pendulum, as an extension of the person using it, may be influenced both consciously and subconsciously making the responses accurate as well as inaccurate. Wishful thinking or a preconceived outcome, however slight, can be magnified making the use of the pendulum in that instance ineffective. The user must take steps to prevent this. Insufficiently specific questioning can result in senseless responses."

Here is a brief description of how I made a turned wooden pendulum.

I cut the wood into a square piece about 1-1/2 inches square and about 1" longer than I wanted the final pendulum to be; i.e., for the final pendulum (Figure 3), the wood was three inches long. I mounted this in a chuck with a live tail center in the tailstock. This point made by the tailstock would be the place where the hook would be inserted.

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I then turned the shape, working down toward a point on the chuck side. Before it became so small on the headstock end, I sanded through the grits down to 400. I then cut down carefully with a skew until the point was cut clean. I then had to do a little final sanding on the point and then applied a coat of Kerf's Wood Creme, a very nice beeswax-based finish that works very well. I then installed the hook and a piece of string to check it out. It worked beautifully. It swung smoothly in the back and forth position (which I had defined to be YES) and sideways (which was defined to be NO). It also swung in a circle when it didn't know the answer to the question.

I should mention, if you decide to make one of these, it helps to draw a "plus" on a piece of paper that you place below the pendulum and mark the direction for Yes and No. You will know that it doesn't know when it swings in a circle. Have fun with your pendulum!



Figure 1. Picture of an ancient Egyptian Wooden Pendulum.



Figure 2. Picture of my copy of the Egyptian Pendulum.



Figure 3. Picture of the final pendulum that the lady loved.