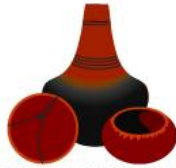


PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message

Wood - the product that seems to find its way into the lives of our members on a daily basis. It would be interesting to keep track of the number of hours in a week that we are doing something with wood. Even if we are not turning we will be reading or thinking of a project that we want to make.

This year in our club meetings we have seen how wood can be turned into a work of art as well as something we can have fun with. In the demonstration by Bill Ooms, we were challenged to understand how the design and individual parts were going to make such a beautiful piece. A month later our members were using wood to have fun with a little less concern for design in the WOODEO.

Bill Ooms takes the artistic approach in his woodturning. I think that most of us would agree the creativity and time to complete one of Bills turnings is beyond our individual goals. Bill shared with me that the amount of time to complete most of his work is about six weeks. Most of us would find that amount of time beyond our attention span. I, for one, find it difficult to think about a single piece of work requiring a completion date that far in the future. In watching Bill it was obvious that he needed to keep all of the parts and steps in focus from start to finish. A true master at work.

I do think it is only fair that we recognize those members who turned during our WOODEO. There were sixteen members who stepped forward to be on a team. The teams of four members were challenged to think of a project and take turns at the lathe trying to make it look similar to what was planned. In watching it was obvious we had some of our best turners at the lathes. One team member might spend his or her time making great cuts in the design, only to have the next member become a little too aggressive and it looked as if a beaver had entered the scene.

Working wood is fun, be it by an artist or club members spending time together. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to choose.

January Meeting

Bill Ooms Demo

A local resident with a national reputation, Bill Ooms brought to our January meeting a detailed description of how he creates his amazing ribbon sculptures.



Bill used slides, the “white board” you see in the background, and actual parts of the sculpture on which he is currently working. He used the lathe to demonstrate some of his processes and described various jigs that he has developed.

Oom’s work is represented locally by Van Gogh’s Ear on Whiskey Row in Prescott.

February Meeting

The February meeting was marked with a great deal of laughter. Members brought their entries for the President’s Bell Challenge. At right are some examples of the artistry displayed. Each one rang (OK, maybe “clunked” is a better word).



Competition was divided into sizes: small, medium and large bells competed against each other for best sound. The bells were donated for sale at the Stocking Stuffer Sale in December.



Jim Muehleisen was the clear First Place winner with his Medium Bell. Second Place was divided by Roger Harlow with his Large Bell and Wayne Hunt with his small bell.

As always, the **Instant Gallery** showed the artistic abilities of our members.



The **Woodeo** pitted four randomly-chosen teams of four in a timed relay. The teams were allowed ten minutes to plan their project. When given the cue to **START** the first turner in each



group was given 5 minutes to turn before surrendering the lathe to the second turner, and so on. There were two full rounds of turning before the contest ended.



Team 1



Jim Muehleisen,
John Armstrong,
Shermane Frei,
Wade Dawson

Team 1 created “two objects” and entered this mallet in the contest.

Team 2

Lee Blake,
Jim Winge
Gary Frank,
Harvey Stolz (not pictured)



Team 2 presented this goblet to the judges.

Team 3



Ed Jones
Woody Jones,
John Garner
Joe Carr

Team 3's Goblet was awarded First Prize

Team 4



Mac McBrayer
Jerry Shugars,
Jake Naujakas
Roger Harlow

Team 4 with their goblet.

Artists Among Us

Several members of Prescott Area Woodturners are currently exhibiting their work at the gallery on Whiskey Row called Van Gogh's Ear. Stop in and look for pieces by our members.



Gary Frank's lidded bowl with three legs was recently included as part of a juried showing of student work in the gallery at Yavapai College. The bowl was sold the evening the show opened.

Future Meetings

You won't want to miss our meeting on **March 12**.

Jason Clark, our guest demonstrator, will feature shop-made jigs. He will show and explain the use of various woodturning related jigs made out of materials you probably already have laying around your shop.

Be at 6640 Intercal Way at 1:00 p.m. to learn more.

Also in March:

The Annual Kiwanis Auction will take place from March 28 through April 8, on weekday evenings from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Watch it on local Chanel 13. Our members have generously contributed items in the past, and are asked to consider donations for this year's auction. Please deliver your donation to the Armory on Gurley Street by Friday, March 25 if possible. Fred Martenis has two-part forms for participants; the first goes with your donation and second should be retained for tax purposes.

And in April:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

The meeting on April 9 will feature a special full-day demonstration by internationally known turner **Trent Bosh** www.trentbosh.com.

Cost for the day, including lunch, will be \$35.00.

Details will follow via e-mail at a later date.