



Prescott Area Woodturners

NEWSLETTER

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March 2006

New Meeting Place!

Saturday, March 11: 1:00-4:00

Mountain Artists' Guild: 228 N. Alarcon St.

Our room is downstairs and toward the back. Parking is on the street in front and in the small lot to the left.

President's Message

Our February gathering was the first meeting held at the Mountain Artists' Guild. Things went well but we need to rearrange or take down some of the tables in order to make better use of the space.

Hans Finsterwalder was our demonstrator. Hans did a great job of demonstrating how to make a pepper mill. We were all fascinated by the ease with which he was able to make a spiral design on the outside of the mill. I thank those who helped clean up the area after the meeting.

Warning The club voted to assess a fine of \$1.00 on each person who does not wear his/her name tag at the meeting. We have grown to the point where it is hard to get to know all the names so I think this is a good idea.

We still hope to refine the photo process and I would like to have a volunteer to head up that process. This person would bring the small PVC booth and lights to the meeting, set up the equipment and take the pictures and some notes on who the photographed

items belong to so that we can put the pictures on the web site and use them in the newsletter. So far Mike Cohee and I have done this but we have other things to do at the meeting and are not getting it done right.

Several of us attended the Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium in Mesa on February 18th and 19th. It was an outstanding event. The facilities were good and the food outstanding. Several vendors were present and most of us ended up spending a few dollars. I couldn't resist buying another tool with all the choices available! A couple of us bought a new hollowing system with a laser. As soon as I get some experience with it I will demo it for the club.

Don't forget to join the American Association of Woodturners for a fine magazine and the insurance protection afforded by membership. You cannot demonstrate at a club function without it.

Wayne R. Wolfe, Jr.

February Meeting: Hans Finsterwalder demonstrates making a laminated wood peppermill.



Our February meeting brought back one of our club's favorite demonstrators, Hans Finsterwalder of Lake Havasu City. Hans has demonstrated many wonderful techniques and materials in the past including turning Corian laminated to wood. This meeting he again used laminated woods but showed us an easy way to make a stunning peppermill.



Hans Finsterwalder is a master of laminating wood and non-wood materials together to create beautiful as well as functional works of art.



This photograph above shows the uniformity and ease of making a decorative spiral along the body of the peppermill using a spiraling tool. In addition to creating a beautiful design element, the spiral provides traction for a better grip when turning the grinder.

Prescott Area Woodturning club members are enjoying Hans' presentation in our new meeting space at the Mountain Artists' Guild.

*Make a difference with
your woodturning talents:
A request from the
National AAW*

During our AAW Symposium each year, we have a "return to the community" project. This year in Louisville, we will collect Christmas ornaments. They will be delivered to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital collects ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year they raised almost \$400,000 to help the kids in need. Have your chapter turn as many Christmas ornaments as they can and either bring them to the symposium or mail them to:

Greg Streif
7308 Abbott Glen Dr., Crestwood, KY 40014
gregstreif@insightbb.com .

This is a great opportunity for your chapter members to have some real fun while building their turning skills and at the same time, help sick kids in need. What a deal!

If you have any questions, contact Greg as shown above.

Thanks,
John Hill
Chairman AAW chapters and
Membership Committee
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828-645-6633

This year's National AAW Symposium will be held from June 22-24, 2006 in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information go to www.woodturner.org

Yavapai College Summer Workshops:

Dates to be announced

Mike Mahoney
John Jordan
Phil Brennion

***Mark Your Calendars:
Upcoming Meetings and
Local Woodturning Events***

Meetings:

March: Sean Troy: Phoenix, AZ
Decoration on Bowls: Carving and Aniline Dye Treatments, Finishing the Bottom of the Bowl

Sean Troy is a past President of the AZ Association of Woodturners and has been elected as a Board member for the American Association of Woodturners. He was the driving force behind the very successful Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium in Mesa.

April: Richard Anderson: Green Valley, AZ
Pyrography Techniques and Equipment

June: Michael Holland, Tempe, AZ
Hollowforms

July: Annual Combined Meeting
With the Arizona Association of Woodturners at Yavapai College

August: Dwight Klaus, Phoenix, AZ

November: Tom Arcaleo, Phoenix, AZ

December: Annual Christmas Party

Events:

May and August: Sale on the Square
Dates: TBD

Here's your chance to sell your work and help out our club with a small percentage. The club pays for the booth. Club volunteers demonstrate woodturning in the booth as well as help customers make their purchases.

December: Annual Stocking Stuffer
Dates: TBD

Start now making items to be sold at the Stocking Stuffer. All proceeds are donated to the club to help us with expenses and bring in all our great speakers.

Desert Woodturning Roundup: Two successful days of woodturning fun.

A dozen or more of Prescott's clubmembers headed down south to Mesa for the weekend of February 18th and 19th for the first annual Desert Woodturning Roundup. We all gave a resounding round of applause to Sean Troy and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly for a year to bring us an extraordinary woodturning symposium.

Back in November, it was very unsure as to whether enough people would sign up to make it financially feasible to go forward with the event. In the last month, they maxxed out the attendance and pulled together a spectacular event that was well executed in all areas. Having attended the National Symposium in Kansas City last July, I can say that this event rivalled the professionalism and rotations of the National. Being able to do that in the very first year, where there have been decades of Nationals, is truly a remarkable outcome.

The event was held at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa, which is a high school that specializes in programs in the trades, as well as Nursing, Cosmetology and Culinary Arts, among others. The classrooms and campus facilities were perfect for this event. The food, which was prepared and served by the culinary students, was exquisite.

The 52 rotations over the two days were presented by Jim Christensen and Gerritt Van Ness, Mike Mahoney, Stuart Batty, J. Paul Fennell, Paul Porter, Phil Brennon, Andi Wolfe, Dwight Klaus, and Kip Christensen. The subjects ranged from design, decoration, pyrography, coring, heirloom kitchen items, burial urns, assembly techniques, hollow forms, southwest vessels, translucent ponderosa pine, segmented turning, long thin stem goblets, off-center square bowls, home-made tools, ring and cap collars for hollow vessels, natural edge bowls, innovative surfaces, and inlaid boxes. Each rotation was 1-1/2 hours each, giving enough time to really explore the subjects.

Beautiful pieces were auctioned to raise scholarship money for the AZ Woodturners. More amazing pieces were brought by attendees for the Instant Gallery to inspire the rest of us. Those who attended this year felt that this was a well done event at a very reasonable price, and will be sure to attend next year. Those who didn't, will kick themselves that they didn't attend, and be sure to sign up early for next year.

Check out more photos and information on www.azwoodturners.org and our web site at www.prescottareawoodturners.com



Our own Phil Maass displayed these beautiful turned and carved pieces in the Instant Gallery



Mike Mahoney and Stuart Batty challenged each other to a bowl turning duel. They provided an educational and witty exchange of techniques and good spirited banter.