



Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter

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President's Corner

AS THE WOOD TURNS.....

THE SAWDUST CONTINUES

And so does the Club. (They say that there is a sucker in every crowd.)

Thank you in advance for your support. It was only two years ago that I began going to a meeting here and there with Reb Bishop. I have a feeling that there were a few guys that started the same way – with an enthusiastic member spreading the word and growing the club. Way to go, Reb! I never thought I would learn everyone's names, let alone become president of the group in such a short time. Under Sam's leadership, our club has doubled in size since the first meeting I attended.

My plan is to stay the course. With the help of the veteran Directors, Vice President Chuck, and Sam, my hope is that you won't notice too much of a hiccup in the transition. I am probably the most receptive guy around when it comes to new ideas. So just as before, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have one.

The symposium was a great success. Mike met or exceeded all expectations – with his

talent and delivery. It also gave the club a little financial boost.

The November 5th meeting will include a discussion on what to do with the funds to make our club even better. You will want to plan on being there! Arnie

Great Falls Woodturners Symposium 2013

by Barry Rockwell

Well, we did it again. Hit it out of the park. The symposium, with presenter **Mike Mahoney**, couldn't have gone any better, in my humble opinion.



We had great participation from club members for work parties to gather, cut, and seal all the wood. Mike was very pleased with the quality of the wood we

provided for him. Volunteers were there at every turn to handle all the tasks involved. **Craft Supplies USA** came through again with a terrific discount on items purchased for door prizes, as well as providing tuition for a 3-day woodturning class at Craft Supplies for our Grand Door Prize. The other part of the grand prize was a 3-day hotel stay provided by the **Hampton Inn**, Provo. Every person attending won at least one nice door prize, and a friend of mine who drove all the way from San Diego, **Doug Buddenhagen**, won the Grand Prize. The number of donated items for the silent auction was truly amazing. **Kendra Owen** really did a fantastic job with the food and lunches with the help of **Marian Stratton**.



And then there's Mike Mahoney. What an entertainer! His woodturning skills are entertaining enough, but throw that together with his stories, anecdotes, and jokes, and it was over the top. It was fun having him as a house guest for a couple nights. The first evening he spent going through my shop, picking out pieces of wood to turn, tools he wanted to use, and preparing the burl he would turn into a nested set. When we got to the carpentry shop Saturday morning

and began setting up, he began going around meeting and greeting all the members and guests. I'm sure he met and talked to each and every person there over the 2 days. Reb Bishop was extremely impressed when Mike came up to him and introduced himself and began a conversation. What other demonstrator does that? His lectures and demonstrations were both educational and entertaining, and the number and quality of his turnings were outstanding. I think all who were there enjoyed the whole experience immensely.

And how about **Jerry Hall**, the Auctioneer? He was spectacular, and one of the reasons we made so much on the auction. Jerry told me he has always wanted to do that, and that this was the very first sale he has ever called. Wow! I think we can find more work for him!

My sincere thanks to all the members who participated in the work parties, details, setup, breakdown, cleanup, and all the other things that needed to be done. A special thanks to **Kendra** and **Marian** for feeding us all so well. The symposium couldn't possibly have been such a great success without all of you.

Editor's Comment:

What is missing from the above commentary is the fact that the 2013 Symposium would not have happened without the dedication and excellent leadership of **Barry Rockwell**. I think we all know that Barry immersed himself into this project and gave it his all. He was able to motivate all of us to

participate in one form or another to ensure its success. For his outstanding efforts and management of the symposium we offer him our sincerest thanks for a JOB WELL DONE!

Please see all the photos following the Instant Gallery section.

So Long.....

Our Club says so long to the following members:

Dr. Lloyd Taylor – Dr. Taylor has moved to Colorado so he and his wife, Barb, can be closer to their family. We will miss his smiling face, guidance to the club, and his expertise in turning.

Gordon Heikens – Gordon and Kathi have move to Yuma so they can be closer to the Equator. They will Flamingo (warm climate to cooler climate term for snowbird) in the Summer. I am sure that we'll all miss his smiling face, his incredible knowledge in woodturning, and, of course, his generosity to help us all become better turners.

Randy Gazda – Randy has moved north to Seeley Lake for his new position. I can say that Randy is a very generous man who shared his knowledge with his excellent demonstrations, his consistent donation of wood to the club for the wood raffles, and his contributions to this newsletter. We will miss him and his smiling face.

They were part of the 'Founding Fathers' of our club. To them all we wish them a very happy and healthy future.

Club Demonstrations

Wayne Petrini – Oct 1st

Wayne Petrini gave us an Excellent demonstration on turning a tree branch with leaving bark on the turning and creating a wonderful bud vase or a candle holder, or.....whatever you decide it would be.



His demo took a fresh approach to creativity and imagination. Although he indicated he is not very creative, the opposite was evident with the final product. Great job Wayne and thanks very much! Also, thanks so much for continuing to support the club as a demonstrator.



A very sincere thanks to all of you that participated in the planning and execution of the symposium.

Thanks to **Paul Snyder** and Barry Rockwell for the great photographs they took during the symposium.

Kudos Korner

Special Thanks

A very special thanks to **Kendra Owen** and **Marian Stratton** for the incredible work on providing nourishment during the symposium.

Thanks to **Wayne Petrini, Chuck Kuether, and Dave Stratton** for videoing the Mike Mahoney Symposium Demo on Sep 21st and 22nd.



Calendar of Events

Future Club Meeting Dates

- **Oct 19 CMR Learn to Turn Session
 - *Nov 5 Club Meeting & Demo – Sam doing Sea Urchin Ornament
 - **Nov 16 Demo - Treat, Kelly Treat will show us how he colors items like the two pieces he brought to the Mahoney seminar.
 - *Dec 3 Club Meeting& Demo
 - **Dec 21 Demo
 - * 6:30 PM
 - ** 12:30 PM
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Perpetual Bowl

The perpetual bowl, turned by Barry Rockwell, was won by Wayne Petrini. Wayne has the

honor of providing the perpetual bowl for the Nov 5th meeting.



Editor's Comment: My thanks to the following individuals who helped with the content of this newsletter:

Barry Rockwell

Photos of the Instant Gallery

(Photos by Paul Snyder)



Arnie Owen



Barry Rockwell



Jerry Hall



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Kelly Treat



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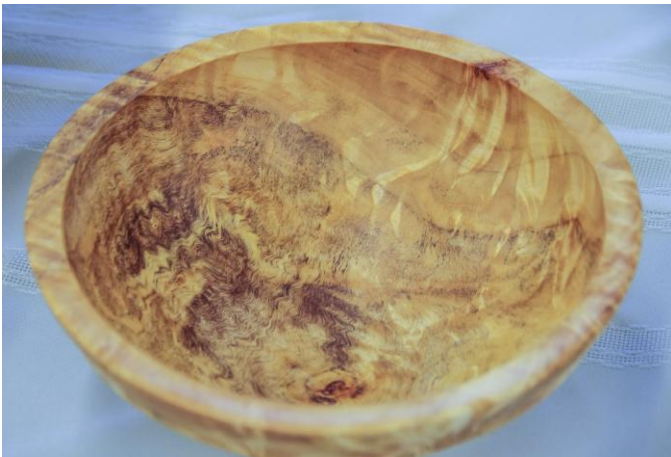
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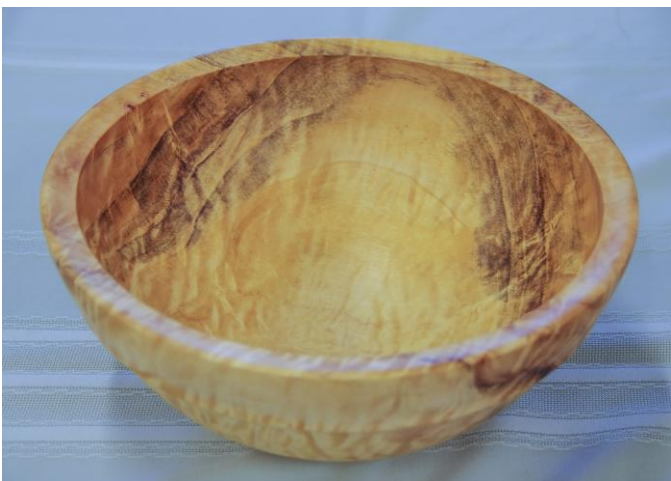
Mike Mahoney



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Wayne Petrini (Turned during Demo)



Mike Mahoney



Arnie and Richard Owen



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Dan Michener

Lethbridge Attendees Instant Gallery



Dan Michener



David Trewin



Jo Vandeerhorst



Jo Vandeerhorst



Vern Miller



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Mike Mahoney Symposium in Pictures

