



Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter

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New Club Equipment

At Dirk's demo on Apr 16th, a suggestion was made to purchase a Powermatic Swing-Away for the club lathe. In the Director's Meeting a motion was made to purchase the swing-away and was passed. Also, a motion was made to purchase a small compressor that will be used for demonstrations and clean-up. It was also passed. We now have both items for club use.

He talked about turning flowers and just letting your imagination help in shaping and sizing the flowers. With that in mind, he decided to turn two different versions of wooden flowers.



The first flower was a four petal flower with the petals flared to the outside.



Sam showed how to mark the piece and cut out the notches with the band saw. Then he mounted the piece and shaped the outside.

Club Demonstrations

Sam Sampedro – May 7th

Turning Flowers

Sam started the demo with a safety caution based on a stupid that he experienced while rough turning elm blanks. As he was turning the bowl he let his concentration lapse and the bowl gouge had a catch that slammed the gouge on his finger. It was UGLY! The moral of the story keep your attention focused on what you are doing with the tools and lathe!



The second flower was a tulip with the petals shaped toward the center. He mounted the piece and shaped the outside and drilled the center with the Forstner Bit. He then used an Easy Wood Hollower and hollowed the inside

When the outside was shaped and sanded, he then drilled out the center with a one inch Forstner Bit and hollowed the inside so the walls were nice and thin.



With the walls nice and thin, he then demonstrated his technique to put petal definition on the turned tulip. He used a box cutter to scribe a line and then a hand file to make the groove. A Dremel Tool can also be used to accomplish the petal definition.

At the end of the newsletter there are pictures of tulips gathered from the internet so you can see the many variations of the flowers.

After parting off the piece, he showed how he colors the flower and then explained the process of applying sanding sealer and the final spraying with Deft Laquer.

The vase in picture one was one that Rudy Lopez demonstrated at the symposium in September. It is defined as a round to square vase and was turned from a piece of Ash.



Thanks

Tips

A Very Special Thanks To:

Dave Manix for making the dolly used to transport the overhead camera stand. His contribution sure makes life easier to bring out and store the camera stand. Thanks very much Dave....

A very special THANK YOU to:

Those of you that come early and stay late to help with the set up and break down of the facility and equipment.

Perpetual Bowl

The perpetual bowl activity was not conducted at the May meeting.

Education/Entertainment Tip – Chuck Kuether

How would you like to do some turning in your living room and not get yelled at?

New Axminster Tools Unit allows you to work in the house NOT create ANY dust or noise. Doesn't require heavy tools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsN UHYFfO0&feature=youtu.be>

Information Tip – Sam Sampedro

Using CA glue when turning bowls

Here's a video on using CA glue when turning bowls:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfKL UT73C8U>

Information Tip – Sam Sampedro

Here is the site address of the Segmenting Chapter of the AAW

<http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>

Tips From The Past

Woodturning Tips – Tom Krajacich

Have you ever been turning close to the headstock with the expanding jaws of the chuck spinning rapidly past your knuckles? Do you worry about brushing up against those jaws? Paying close attention to your hand placement when working close to the expanded jaws is very important so that lacerations or bruising doesn't occur. It would not be a pleasant woodturning experience. One additional way to help protect ourselves would be to get an old motorcycle inner tube and cut a length of it to make a big "rubber band." This rubber band could then be placed over the chuck and those "nasty expanded jaws with sharp edges" and you would then have a smoother more protected surface so that hopefully your hand would not get cut or even bruised as badly. Motorcycle shops may have old used inner tubes that they are just throwing away. These old inner tubes also make great rubber bands for clamping woodturning or woodworking projects for gluing. Happy and Safe turning. Tom Krajacich

Shop Tip – Paul Snyder

Since we all get prescription meds we also get the plastic containers that pills come in. They work great as containers to hold dust from sanding specific types of wood for use in mixing

to get a match for fixing problems in our "perfect" woodwork. The labels on the pill containers are easily removed by letting them soak in a little paint thinner for awhile. The label slips right off and it can be dried and ready to use. Magic marker works well to label the species of dust and general color. They are compact and easy to store, unbreakable if dropped, cheap - if you don't count the cost of the pills. You can get them at a drugstore just by asking a pharmacist for little or no cost. They come in a variety of sizes.

Club's Appreciation

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

Chuck Kuether

Items for Sale

No items submitted this month.

THE GOOD WOOD GUYS

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Meeting Location:

Great Falls Fire Training Station
1900 9th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Meeting Day

First Saturday of the Month
(Unless otherwise noted in
The club schedule)

Meeting Time

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM(ish)

Great Falls Woodturners

Sixth Annual Family Picnic

August 6, 2016

Noon until 5 PM

Burgers, hot dogs, sodas, & water will be provided. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Family & Friends Are Welcome

Location:

Fire Training Station (Club Meeting Location)
1900 9th Street South

Please RSVP to:

Dirk Johnson by July 25th
Dirk Johnson coopjord04@gmail.com

Or

Sam Sampedro by July 25th
csampedro@bresnan.net

We need the RSVP so we can have adequate food and drink for all attending

Instant Gallery

Photos

(Great Photos by Paul Snyder and Sam Sampedro)



Paul Carlson



Paul Snyder (Travel Mug)



Paul Carlson (This bowl was donated to the Shriners by Paul)



Paul Snyder



Paul Snyder



Ken Quaschnik



Roger Wayman



Ken Quaschnik



Sam Sampedro

Great Falls Woodturners Meetings/Demonstrations Schedule

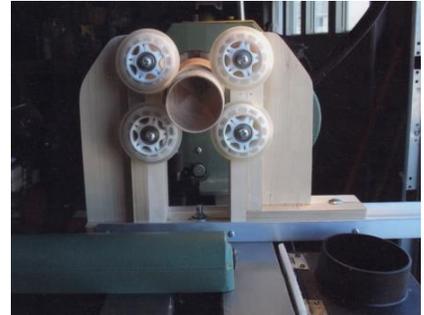
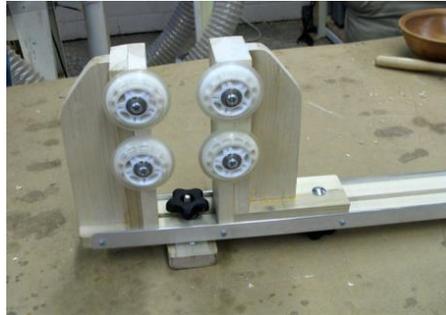
- June 4th** Meeting and Demo – Del Johnson
- July 9th** Meeting and Demo - Roger Wayman
- August 6th** Annual Club Picnic –**Please see flyer in this newsletter**
- September 3rd** Meeting and Demo – Tom Krajacich
- September 24th & 25th** Trent Bosch Club Symposium
- October 1st** Meeting and Demo – Paul Carlson
- November 5th** Meeting and Demo – Wayne Petrini
- December 3rd** Meeting and Demo – Jay Eklund

Please Note: Meetings starts at 12:00 PM

Homemade Steadyrest

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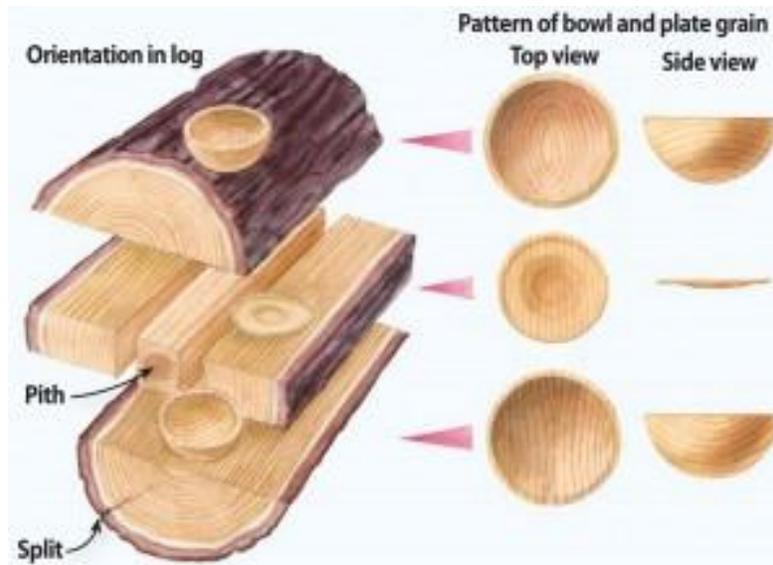
Greg Kubinyak made this steady rest for his lathe from used skateboard wheels. A long board forms the base. On one end of the base a few pieces of wood form a vertical upright piece that one set of wheels will be mounted to. The base is slotted so that the other upright piece can be mounted to it with a bolt and slide along the length of the base so that the width can be adjusted to the work piece.



To find the proper mounting spots for the wheels, move the steady rest up to the headstock and scribe a line at the center of the headstock. Use a compass to mark lines equally above and below this center line. This will give you the vertical placement for the wheels.

Wheels were purchased at Play It Again Sports and the bearings were from skates purchased at the Salvation Army

Go with the Grain



Go with the grain

When it comes to looks, how you cut the blank log is as important as how you turn it at the lathe. Changing the orientation of a bowl blank within a log will give you very different grain patterns.

Although some turners have found ways of using the pith in their design, removing that square from the center of the log not only will save stock but also make things safer. Big cracks are easy to see, but smaller splits, such as the one shown in the lower log section, can open up and cause a blank to fly apart when you flick the switch. For that reason, inspect your stock before turning.

Easy Access Tool Storage

A miter gauge grabber/holder is handy for storing various common tools that I use while I am turning. I attached the grabber with three strong magnets, which allows me to hang faceplate wrenches, Allen wrenches, and chuck keys within easy reach. An Internet search of miter gauge grabber will reveal several sources at about \$13 each.

~ Loel Gnad, Lincoln Park, Michigan

