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**November Meeting**

The meeting was held at Hardware Specialities and was followed up by a demonstration by Heather Ashley. Seventy six people attended the meeting.

**Annual Symposium**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium will be held at Hardware Specialities on January 28th & 29th, 2012. Jimmy Clewes and Eli Avisera are our master turners. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$50 per day. Gift certificates for the symposium may be purchased at Hardware Specialities.

There are two Beginning/ Intermediate hands-on classes with Eli Avisera . The cost is \$125 per day. More information can be obtained from the AWA website. Members should contact Bill Bowers or John Lane to sign up for the classes.

Club members are asked to make something special to enter in the 2012 Symposium Instant Gallery. The club will award the new Randy Farris award and prizes will be given.

**Online Member Gallery Pages**

Bill Bowers took more photos of member’s turned items at the November meeting. Kristine will be creating more member pages featuring these items in the Member Gallery section of the AWA website.



**AWA Woodturning Classes**

Bob Congdon is scheduling the advanced woodturning classes for November 12 and 19. If anyone is interested in taking the classes please contact Bob at: [Congdon@acsalaska.net](mailto:Congdon@acsalaska.net) or see the AWA website to enroll in the class.

The fee for the classes is \$20 per class paid in advance (please make checks out to AWA). The advanced classes are as follows:  
Turning 301 - turning a useful off-centered (oval) tool handle  
Turning 302 - turning a small cylinder box.

**AWA Fair Superintendent Acquired**

As you know, the club needed a volunteer to be the new Fair Superintendent as Burt Biss has retired from the position. Anne Farling, Kristine Chase and Sharon Combs have volunteered to help. (Yes, three volunteers to replace one. Burt left big shoes to fill.)

**Upcoming Raffle**

Raffle ticket sales have been slow. Please help to sell the raffle tickets or purchase some yourself.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Club members can purchase raffle tickets at the meetings or check out a book of tickets to sell from John Lane, club Treasurer. Prizes include a 14" Powermatic band saw, a Jet 1220 lathe, Jet Sharpener, a Oneway chuck and a bowl gouge.

The drawing will be held at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**AWA Library**

Heather Ashley is the librarian for the club video library. The library is open at the monthly club meetings. DVDs can be checked out with a deposit of \$10 per disc required which is returned when the DVD is checked back in.

**Great Showing at Instant Gallery!**

An instant gallery was held at the meeting and we had a great showing. Lots of beautiful items to look at and enjoy. A big thank you to all who participated.





## Instant Gallery – Continued

2nd Place Bragging Rights was tied between three beautiful pieces.



*Trudy Carlson's decorated bowl*

Club members all voted on their favorite piece and the results were tallied.

Jeff Shrader won 1st Place Bragging Rights for his spectacular bowl filled with wooden spheres.



*Kristine Chase's decorated Alaskan Birch Canister*



*Bill Poole's beautiful wooden table with turned legs.*



## Instant Gallery - Continued

3rd Place Bragging Rights was tied between two items.



*Trudy Carlson's beautifully shaped bowl.*



*Blacky's beautiful pens.*

Seventy six people attended the November meeting and several turners brought in items to share at the instant gallery. There were many outstanding items to view. Jeff Trotter brought in some peace pipes that he had created. Jeff molded the metal hatchet blade himself with a sand mold several years ago. Jeff is a very talented man in many ways, and he never ceases to surprise us.

## A Safety Moment

Woodturners should wear a helmet-face shield and respirator combination (preferable safety measure), or at the very least, a face shield and a dust mask.

Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. Protecting your face from dust, wood chips and even larger particles flying off the work piece is an important safety measure.

Wood dust is not good for our lungs, especially spalted woods. Many woods are detrimental to our health and can cause sickness or serious health issues.

AWA would like every member to review the [Lathe Safety Guidelines](#) by the American Association of Woodturners, our parent organization, and to use the safety tips while working in your shop.

Knowing the toxicity of woods you work with can help you avoid adverse reactions and allow you to enjoy woodturning more by being prepared.

Review the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild [Wood Toxicity and Identification](#) guideline.

## December Meeting

The next club meeting will be held on December 3. The meeting will be followed by a demonstration by Arnie Geiger on Christmas ornaments and we will be holding the drawing for the 2011 AWA Raffle. You do not have to be present to win, but we hope you will come and enjoy yourself.