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Website address:

akwoodturners.org

September Meeting

The meeting was held at Hardware Specialities and attended by 70 members and 2 guests.



Meeting was attended by 72 individuals

Jeff Trotter presented recommendations from the board for new board members, Richard Raynor as a director , Kristine Chase as webmaster, and Arnie Geiger as new president. The slate of candidates was approved by the membership.

Upcoming Raffle

Proceeds from the AWA raffle go to help support our Woodturning Symposium. 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 bandsaw, a Jet 1220 lathe, Jet sharpener, a Oneway chuck and a bowl gouge. The drawing will be held at the December meeting.

Membership Dues

Membership renewal dues for the upcoming year must be paid by/at the October meeting (first Saturday of the month).

- Individual Membership \$25
- Family Membership \$35

Memberships can be renewed via the AWA website with a PayPal payment or at club meetings.

A question from the floor was entertained regarding the possibility of a lifetime membership, which may be considered in the future.



Annual Symposium

The 8th Annual Symposium will be held at Hardware Specialties 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 Specialties.

The advanced master classes with Eli Avisera and Jimmy Clewes are full. A wait list has been started for both of the advanced classes.

The Intermediate class with Jimmy Clewes still has 4 slots remaining, and the Intermediate class with Eli Avisera still has 5 slots remaining. Members should contact John Lane for more information.

AWA Woodturning Classes

Bob Congdon is scheduling woodturning classes. If anyone is interested in taking the classes please contact Bob at: Congdon@acsalaska.net.

The fee for the classes is \$20 per class paid in advance (please make checks out to AWA). Information and payment options are on the club website.

Turning 101 - basic spindle turning (has been completed)

Turning 102 - green bowl turning

Turning 201 - turning a candlestick and base

Turning 202 - finish bowl turning with power sanding

Turning 301 - turning a useful off-centered (oval) tool handle

Turning 302 - turning a small cylinder box.

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.

AWA and the Alaska State Fair



Special thanks were extended to Burt Biss for his many years faithful service as the organizer of the clubs State Fair demonstrations. This was his last year to serve in this roll and once again did an amazing job. Thanks were also given to Bob Congdon and others for setup and takedown. A show of hands was requested for all who helped in any capacity with the efforts and there was an impressive showing including several new turners. All who helped were invited to take a ticket for a drawing for a shop stool and Sterling was the lucky winner.

Honoring Randy Farris

For those not already aware, it was mentioned with much sadness that Randy Farris passed away this past summer. In his memory, we will be having an annual award for the Best Turned item presented in the instant gallery at the annual symposiums. There will also be an auction at the October meeting to sell some of Randy's tools and wood.





Instant Gallery in November

An instant gallery will be held at the November meeting. Members are encouraged to bring an item to present. Gallery items will be juried for bragging rights for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Online Member Gallery Web Pages

Bill Bowers will be available at both the October and November meetings to take photos of members turned items so that they can be displayed on the club website.

Help Needed for Monthly Meetings

A need was presented for extra help with set-up and take-down for the monthly meetings. Help is needed starting around 8:30 am so the room is set and ready on time. The volunteer does not necessarily need to be the one actually doing the work each meeting but someone is needed who can be responsible for making sure that adequate help is available each meeting. A sign-up sheet was provided for those interested.

Monthly Demonstration

Kristine Chase did a demonstration on how to make tornado shakers. Tornado shakers are easy to make salt and pepper shakers, or spice shakers, with a twist – they only have one small hole which is used to fill the shaker and to shake the contents out, and the hole is on the bottom.

This an easy project to make. Kristine watched Kirk DeHeer of the Utah Woodturners Organization make one of these during their Symposium last May, which Kristine and Sharon attended.

Kirk has written up instructions on how to turn this project and it is available on the Utah Woodturners Organization Website.

<http://www.utahwoodturners.org/mags/may11-2.pdf>

<http://www.utahwoodturners.org/mags/may11-3.pdf>

October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on October 1 and will be full of events. Bob Congdon is going to do the woodturning demonstration, which will then be followed by an estate auction. Bill Bowers will also be conducting a Member Gallery Photo Shoot so members can have pages added to the AWA website. Members are encouraged to participate. Membership Dues are also due, and members are encouraged to renew their memberships at this meeting if they have not already done so.