

Last Meeting



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

Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday May 12 at Leisure Living Construction, 2700 Stone Gate Court in Hiawatha.

The meeting will be concerned with spindle turning, specifically in regards to rod building. Byron Bohnen and the rod builders in the group will explain how woodturning relates to building a fishing rod.

The project of the month will be any long grain, or spindle turning.

Possible programs for the future will be on pepper mills and methods for chucking or holding wood.

Empty Bowls

The Empty Bowls event happens on the 21st of this month. If you have any bowls to donate be sure to bring them to the meeting on Thursday.

Odd and Ends

A couple of interesting web sites:

Mike Waldt's website:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCymruBoy>

Mike Peace's website:

[https://www.youtube.com/user/mpax356?](https://www.youtube.com/user/mpax356?feature=iv&src_vid=p7huIBPIwHs&annotation_id=annotation_912134881)

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Turn On Chicago.com is the place to go to find out more about the event this to be held July 22-24. Several members of the club have attended in the past and will again this year, it's a great event close to home.

Last month the meeting was a question and answer session concerned with spindle turning and any other questions about turning. Everyone gets a ticket when they come in and then the numbers are called and that person has the opportunity to ask a question. There was a good back and forth discussion amongst the members about problems they were having and how to correct them. This format allows each member to ask a question and get a number of possible solutions to their questions or find someone who can help them with more extensive conversation later on.



Joe Lesko

From Joe's Shop

I have been threatening to do this for over a year now but my wife, Marilyn, and I will be moving to Colorado the end of this month. The reason for this is be closer to my son and his family who just made the move to Fort Collins, CO. We will be renting an apartment in Greeley, CO (about 45 minutes north of Denver) until we find a

house where I can start making shavings

again. After being a member of the Corridor Woodturners for 5 years and on the Board for 3, I will definitely miss the guys and gals of our great organization. Fortunately, I look forward to becoming a member of the Rocky Mountain Woodturners in Loveland, CO that is in my new area and appears to be a pretty darned active club.

Our veterans turning programs is progressing well, they really enjoyed participating in our April meeting. They particularly enjoyed meeting our membership and were very much impressed with all of the items on show and tell. Their turning program is progressing nicely as they are getting a new group of potential turners signed up and just purchased and received 2 new small lathes plus accessories for pen turning to add to their shop giving them a total of 5 lathes for the veterans turning program. We are going to need a new point person for this project that consists a few e-mails a week and a few Thursday evenings a month with other club members and the vets from 6 – 8pm at the Mission 25 building just across the river from downtown.

Would sure like to see one of our members stand up to take the lead for this program at our next meeting. Any questions, please e-mail me at joe.lesko7@gmail.com.

Got to get my last safety note in and as it is warming and we are spending more time in our shops, it's critically important we once again engage our brains and keep out of the emergency room (or worse!). If, particularly when we are tired, get a feeling that something could happen, take a moment and step away before it does.

I had a great time being a member will never forget all of the fantastic folks that I socialized, worked with and learned from over the past 5 years. With the current Board and new Board members coming up, along with a very active membership, there is no doubt that the Corridor Woodturners will continue to be one of the top clubs in the AAW.



Kevin Bierman

Hello to all, hope you are getting your outdoor work done and can find some shop time. I am back in the retirement mode and don't know how I ever got anything done before as the list of things to do keeps getting longer. Don't forget this month's project of the month is any spindle work.

As I have mentioned many times before the club is involved in the empty bowls project with the Marion Arts Festival on the 21st of this month. Please bring any bowls you would like to donate on Thursday night.

The board received some sad news at the last meeting as Joe Lesko announced he would be moving to Colorado soon.

Joe has been a great member of our club for quite some time, a board member and recently has been the point man with the veterans pen turning group. Joe will be missed by all and we wish him good luck in the future. Please think about maybe stepping up and taking over some of Joe's duties. On the same page the veterans group is non-profit so the board decided to give all proceeds from this month's raffle to help with supplies or whatever they have a need for. This is a good cause so please think about bringing an extra five if you can.

We have been asked to return to Woodfest again. We declined last year as we were very busy setting up the John Jordan demo. I am going to ask for a show of hands on Thursday night before we decide either way. This is not a huge money maker but it seems like we usually get a new member or two out of it. This year's Woodfest will be August 26th, 27th and 28th at the Amana RV park. If we do decide to attend we will be asking for people to man the booth, turn on the lathe and donate things we can sell to offset the cost.

See you all on Thursday Kevin

Why Can't I Buy Very Thick, Dry Turning Blanks?

This information courtesy of Cook Woods 4info@cookwoods.com

Thick, dry turning blanks are very rare on the market because the drying cost exceeds the market's willingness to purchase the wood. Additionally, thicker woods require expertise beyond most kiln operator's ability level. When you get thicker than 3" in most species and 4" in some like Mahogany, no one will pay the expense of the kiln and loss of material incurred. For this reason, mills don't produce it because there is not a viable market for it. For better understanding the kiln drying expenses and how they affect wood take the following list into consideration. Depending on the species, these are typical drying times in a conventional kiln:

- 1" hardwood lumber dries in 45-60 days
- 2" hardwood lumber dries in 90-130 days
- 3" hardwood lumber dries in 120 - 180 days
- 4" hardwood lumber dries in 165 to 250 days

If you dry any of these thicknesses too fast, they check and split; dry them too slowly and they mold or get dark stains that ruin the value of the wood. Our kiln has a relatively fixed daily cost. In thicker lumber, there is more wood that degrades in the drying process, so the cost for the surviving wood goes up 30-40%. Also, thick lumber contains the best cuts from the tree, which drives the price up for these pieces. A cost analysis in Poplar will give you a better understanding of this. 1" thick Poplar wood sells for \$1 a board foot wet and \$2 a board foot dry. 4" thick sells for \$ 3-4 a board foot wet and \$12 a board foot dry. The expense & loss of this process are typically too costly for the market.



Kevin Bierman -Willow-Antique Oil



Byron Bohnen-Olive-Oil



Don Coleman-Walnut-Poly



John Cox-Butternut-Poly

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Jeremy Hansen-Cedar Burl-CA Glue



Glenn Hunt-Walnut



John Mac Dougall-Custom Pen Blank



Stacy Nehl-Dyed Cherry-Lacquer



Tom Nehl-Hickory-Poly



David Tegeler

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Don Potter-Walnut-Wipe on Poly



Jim West-Mahogany-Poly



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Jim West-Black Ash-Bees Wax



David Tegeler-Maple & Walnut

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Paul Rohrbacher-Safety Driver



Byron Bohnen-Dyed Maple & Gold Leaf



Tom Nehl-Apple



Byron Bohnen—Ash & Maple –Burnt & Dyed



Jeremy Hansen-Spalted Maple-Antique Oil

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For Sale

Have something for sale? Let the club members know about it here. Get the info to John Cox to be added to the next newsletter

Library Information

Do you use the literature library? What items would you like to see added, what would make it easier to use? See Gary Nosek and make your wishes known.

Dues Structure and Meeting Attendance Policy

Club dues are:

\$25.00 per year for an General membership.

\$30.00 per year for a Family membership

\$100.00 per year for a Supporting membership.

Potential members may attend two meetings as a guest then must either join the club or pay 1/4 of the current general membership fee to attend a regular meeting.