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Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on January 11, 2018 at the Marion High School wood shop, 675 S. 15th St. Marion, Iowa. Paul Rohrbacher will give a demonstration on his Oval Turning Chuck and the Perfect Hollower. The Oval Chuck uses a planetary drive system and Paul has indicated he will be explaining the Oval functions using the attachment accompanying this newsletter. The oval chuck is complicated and for this reason it would be a great help to understanding if each member would make their own copy & it to bring to the meeting.

The project of the month will be something made from a stabilized material.

Dues Time Again

Annual dues are payable now. John Sandor will have some envelopes and a limited number of renewal sheets at the sign in table. Please visit the web site (www.corridorturners.org) and download the renewal form. If you have the current version of Acrobat Reader DC on a Windows 10 computer, download the form into Acrobat. On the right side of the page there is a line that says fill and sign. Click on it and the form will reopen and you will be able to fill in the form on the computer. Print it out and bring it with you when paying your dues at the meeting. If your version won't allow this you will have to print out the form and fill it in by hand. This is OK but using the computer is so much more legible for those of us who keep the records.

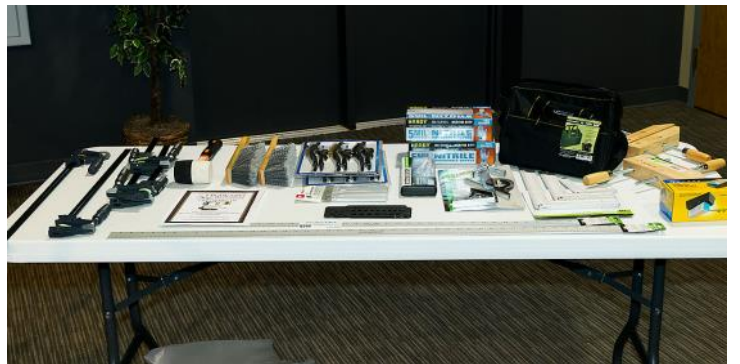
An alternative is to open the PDF file and copy it and then paste it into "Word" or other word processing program and fill it out and print it.

Empty Bowls Project

Deb Bailey, Director of the Marion Arts Festival will attend the meeting to give us some information on the festival and the part our participation in the Empty Bowls Project plays. Keep thinking about and making bowls for the event, May comes up quickly.

Last Meeting

Last month was the Christmas party with lots of fellowship, door prizes and good food.





Message from the President

Everyone who wished for a White Christmas had their wish come true. Then the sub-zero temperatures came to keep us on our toes. With that in mind, I am sure everyone has been inside, turning their special projects – including the creations for the Project of the month - Turnings from a Stabilized Blank!

I believe I speak for everyone who attended, the 2017 Christmas Party was a great time. Plenty of food and fun. Great discussion and a lot of terrific turnings on the Show and Tell Stage. If you have any ideas or want to help plan the event for 2018,

Bruce Kruse we welcome your participation!!!

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so. We ask that you complete the membership form and turn it into John Sandor with your money. Completing the form helps to keep the membership records in order. The Corridor Woodturners finished the Calendar Year 2017 with 85 members, which is our largest participation to date. I believe the CWT is one of the best values for your money!!! Dues for 2018 remain unchanged.

The CWT is entering our 12th year and we are thankful for the vast knowledge of our members. I anticipate 2018 being a successful year as well as we continue to schedule educational and informational programs for the Monthly Meetings.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Wood turning is a continual educational process. When you think you have seen every technique, you then seem to find something new to try and master.

We need your input on Program topics so don't hesitate to bring forth your ideas or thoughts. The Challenge Project is our year-round opportunity, which allows our members to try to turn something new – never attempted before. The Challenge Project will be a drawing for \$75.00 cash during the CWT Picnic in September. The sign-up Sheet is at the Check in table. See John Sandor to get your name and project on the list!!!

The CWT Board is looking at an expert Turning weekend event in November 2018. This Woodturning Expert Session – would be available to all members. We have a number of experts in mind and the CWT Board will be discussing this at length at the next Board Meeting. Remember, CWT Board Meeting will be the 4th Thursday Evening of the month on a regular basis.

The Website is a great resource for all of us.

Say informed on the latest Monthly Meeting details by visiting www.corridorturners.org

The CWT has participated in the Marion Arts Festival “Empty Bowls” project for a few years.

In fact, we have a number of Bowls already donated by Members to be “sold” at the event. All members donations sold at the M10 2018 event fund the “Empty Bowls” Treasury. Deb Bailey, Marion Arts Festival Director is to visit our January Meeting to learn more about The Corridor Woodturners. Please welcome Deb on January 11th.

Due to business travel, I will be unable to attend the January 11th Monthly Meeting but have no fear - Tom Nehl will be your evening Host. A lot to talk about, Empty Bowls, The CWT participation in the March Carvers Show, Show and Tell, Raffle and a presentation by Paul Rohrbacher on Oval Turning just to name a few items!!!

Stay Warm and Happy Turning,

Bruce

The Help Corner with John Sandor



HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It is time to get back into the swing of being back in the shop. With the weather we have been having, I can't think of a better way to spend your spare time.

The tip for this month is the use of sanding sealer. I have used sanding sealer in the past and have really appreciated it. I hope this will help our members. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday. Have a great week. Here is a tip from Jack Morse, Lawrenceville, Georgia

Why should I use sanding sealer?

As the name implies it is a sealer that is formulated to fill micro pores and to be sanded.

The best advantage is it will show up defects like the finish will, but gives you a second chance.

Sanded wood has micro fibers that are so thin and flexible they don't sand off until you harden them with the sealer.

DO USE sandpaper and hand sand! When sanding, the high spots will dull first so you keep sanding until all the shine is gone. I like to take a ¼ sheet, fold in thirds and use a slow circular motion with 400-800 grit paper.

DO NOT use steel wool or Scotch Bright on the sanding sealer! These will instantly dull everything. If you spray it on it will look good and feel good until you spray another coat and the ripples are back!

I am seldom spraying sanding sealer to cut down on waste and fumes in the air. I was using Deft Sanding sealer which is hard to get now. I now use Sherwin Williams Hi-Build Lacquer Sealer B44 FT4 clear, cut 50% with lacquer thinner and put it in a clear bottle I purchased from Family Dollar for \$1 and apply with a 2" square of paper towel.

The thinned sealer will separate over time so be sure to shake it up each time you use it. Using the paper towel, I can spread extra where it is soaking in, wipe down the excess and toss the towel in the trash.

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.

Library Materials

If you have any library materials out be sure to bring them to the meeting so others can use them. The library is a resource for the whole club. If you have any items that you would like to suggest, any additions, or any items to donate to the library see Gary Nosek.

Odds and Ends

Be sure to look over the information on the participation with the Carving club on the show in March that accompanies this newsletter. All of the information you will need is included in the flyer.

The Challenge project is something you can work on all year, or at least until the picnic in September. The idea is to challenge yourself to try something new to you and your efforts in woodturning.

Turn on Chicago will be held in August, put on by the Chicago Woodturners. This is a great symposium to learn from acclaimed woodturners. There is a great instant gallery with samples of turnings from the demonstrators as well as those who wish to enter and be part of the critique from two of the demonstrators. The dates are August 3-5, 2018. go to turnonchicago.com for all the information. The site lists all the demonstrators and gives information on housing, meals and all the other things you need to know about the event.

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

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.

Dues are for the calendar year January 1 thru December 31 with a grace period ending at the close of the February meeting. New membership cards will be distributed at the March meeting.

Dues paid in September and later by NEW members will be considered in force for the rest of that calendar year plus the following calendar year.

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.