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Next Meeting

The December meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be the annual Christmas party held **Saturday the 12th** at the Antioch Christian Church meeting rooms from 11 AM till 2 PM. We will eat at 12 noon. There will be **NO** meeting on Thursday the 10th. The church is located at 7215 Cottage Grove Parkway in Marion, just off highway 151. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting and drink container.

We will have some door prizes and a show and tell session after the meal so if you have anything you would like to show off bring it along. This is a good time to show the spouses and members of the woodcrafters club what we make and get an idea of the types of things they make.

January Meeting

The January meeting will be at the shop of Kris and Jeremy Hansen, 8212 County Road E-29 Onslow Iowa. We will be demonstration the video hollowing system and steady rest systems donated by Byron Bohnen in preparation for a buy a square raffle to determine the winner. More information will be available in the January newsletter and we are planning a car pool or caravan similar to the one we used to go to Manchester last year.

Dues

Dues will be the same as in years past and there is a form on the web site for you to fill out. It is necessary to use this form so that all the information is correct and monies are credited properly.

Last Meeting

Last month Stacy Nehl demonstrated several techniques she uses to enhance her turnings. She started off using a torch to lightly char the outer surface of an ash bowl. Then using a stiff brush she brushed off the char to enhance the grain pattern. The charring effects the softer grain more than the harder grain. She showed the inner side with a char pattern around the rim. This was done by charring the whole front of the blank before the bowl shape was turned in to it. Another technique she used was to rout out some of the softer grain with a tool such as a Dremel and then fill it with Inlax or some other material which is then sanded



down to the final finish.

The bowl she is working on and the one to her left is done in this manner. The bowl to the far left was done with the charring technique.

The final technique was on in which the rim or some area of the turning was pierced with a rotatory tool. Stacy described the tools she uses and limitations of the material to be pierced. Her tool of choice is a pneumatic tool similar to a dentists drill that uses very small bits and burs to do the work.



From the President



Kevin Bierman

Happy Holidays to all. I trust all of you are hard at work or getting close to putting the finishing touches on this year's Christmas gifts, always a busy time in my shop. Just want to take a moment to remind you all about the annual X-mas party with the flat woodworkers on Dec. 12th. Please make time to attend as it is always a fun event. Also the January meeting will be at the Hanson's shop near Onslow, nice road trip!

Now I want to talk a little club history, when we first decided to start a club in the Cedar Rapids area one the main wishes was that it would be an AAW (American Association of Woodturners, St Paul Minn.) affiliated club. One of the by-laws that go with that is all officers and board members had to be paid members of the AAW. Probably the biggest benefit to being an AAW club was the club insurance they provided. Everything went fine for 6-7 years until the AAW dropped the insurance coverage for all clubs. Many of you remember what a scramble that put us in but we were able to secure our own coverage that allows non AAW members to participate in all club hands on turning activities also, something we could not do before.

I tell you all of that to bring up a big problem our club is now facing. We need new blood to take over several positions that will be open in the near future. Since we are no longer getting insurance through the AAW we are thinking about opening officer and board positions to all members of our club. This is a very big step and one we will not take without much discussion. If you go to the AAW website they will tell you many reasons to be a member but without having to rely on them for insurance I think the future of the club is the most important thing to think about right now. One big downfall I can see is that people who search the AAW website would not be able to find us. Don't know for sure how big of a deal that would be. Please if you have any strong feelings about this move let one of us know or better yet plan on attending the next board meeting on January 21st, 6:30, Hardees meeting room corner of Blairs Ferry and Center Point Road, everyone is always welcome to attend any or all board meetings. I have appealed to you all a few times in past so hopefully you have already given this important matter some thought. I know I am starting to sound like a broken record but I really think we have a great thing going here.

See you all on the 12th. Kevin

Vacuum Chamber

For those who were the November meeting and asked about the stabilized wood Brad Davis brought in and where to get the vacuum chambers needed for the process, Brad provided this information. Charles Wagoneer, phone 405-420-4686, the 4 inch chamber \$189.00 and the 6 inch chamber \$266.00 These are not the chambers that are described at the Cactus Juice web site, for more information on the process go to www.turntex.com



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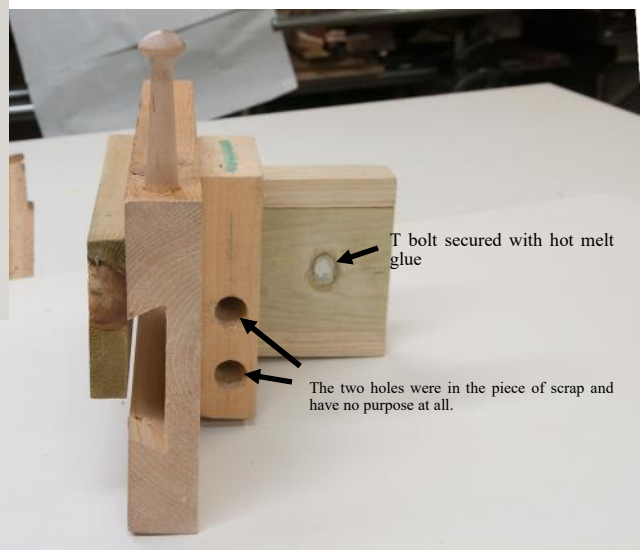
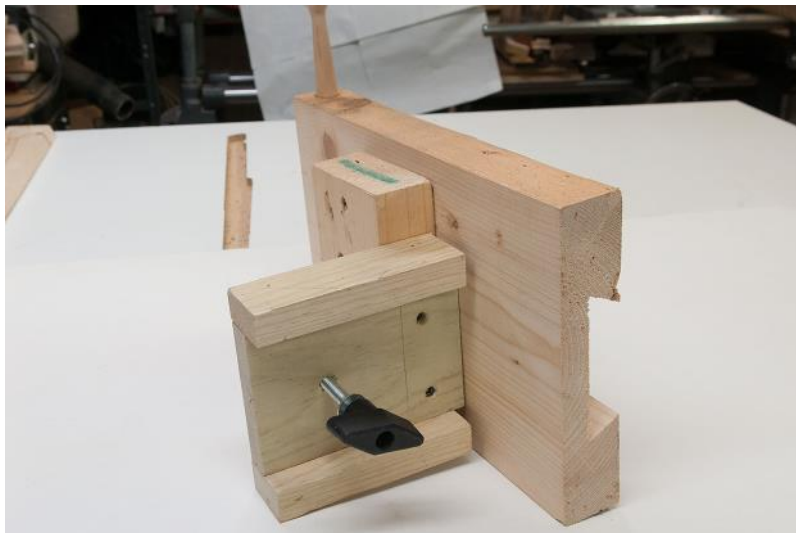
Sliding Dust Extractor for the Lathe by John Cox

In an attempt to be able to shift the business end of my dust collector to be most efficient I have looked and thought long and hard about how to make this happen. There is such a device on the market for the small sum of \$200, which for the amount of use it will get and who will see it and gaze with wonder at it's beauty, is ridiculous to my way of thinking. Some more thought and all the scraps of wood I have around the shop have morphed into this.



The jig, rig, or contraption, or whatever you want to call it is shown clamped to the back of my Jet 1642. In time the clamps will be replaced with nuts and bolts but first it must pass some evaluation time. The construction is simple and shouldn't take too much time if you have an idea of what you want to do. In my case it was trial and error, plenty of the latter. The most difficult part for me was the dovetail slide and how to make it, just, fit. After getting it just the way I thought it should be, I discovered that it wasn't critical that the dovetail in the sliding block and the one on the rail be just a bit loose. In fact with just the two dovetails the weight of the rest of the unit caused it to bind up and not move very well at all. A block screwed over the opening in the sliding

block to put more bearing weight on the slide rail made things work much better, still not gliding as if on ball bearings but workable. The following pictures show the parts and how they go together more in detail. The only two additions since this picture and the ones that follow was adding a shaker peg, because I had one, to the block to make sliding more convenient and to use a T bolt in the front to back adjuster. At first glance it may look crude and it is, but stuck between the lathe and the wall, who is going to see it and it didn't cost \$200.



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.

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