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Next Meeting

The August meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on August 13 at Leisure Living Construction, 2700 Stone Gate Court in Hiawatha.

The program will be given by John Mac Dougall on ways to apply labels to pen blanks making them unique to you and triple dying wood.

Annual Picnic Information

The annual picnic will be held at the shop of Tom and Stacy Nehl on Sunday, September 13. Their shop is located at 1008 Rolling Glen Dr., Marion, IA. Open turning will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch will start at 12:00 and the Challenge Project drawing will be announced by Kevin as soon as everyone has food and is sitting down. Each person should be able to say a few words about their project and any challenges they encountered in completing it. We will then start the silent auction at 1:00.

The open turning session is open to all. This is a good time to ask questions of others and get some personal mentoring on a specific project or technique you may be having trouble with. We should have several lathes available to use. It would be best if you brought your own tools. Tool sharpening help will also be available for those who are having trouble sharpening their tools.

Condolences

The club was saddened to learn of the passing of Byron Bohnen's wife, Joyce, on July 17. A donation has been made to the Dubuque Humane Society in Joyce's name.

Last Meeting

Last month Harold Rosauer presented a program about turning an angel for use as an ornament or a Christmas tree topper. Harold is an accomplished teacher and during the presentation he gave many tips about using the tool he was demonstrating. Tips on pull cuts and shear cuts to get a smoother finish which helps reduce sanding. Safety tips were sprinkled throughout as they came up during the demonstration. Harold went through the process of turning the body and gave many options for decorating it as well as ideas to prepare the stock prior to turning to give the project an individual flair. The body was roughed out round on the band and turned round between centers with a tenon on one end to be held in a scroll chuck. The shape of the body was turned being careful, remembering that the interior of the body would be hollowed out. This procedure started with a forsner bit and then was completed with a bowl gouge much the way a bowl would be hollowed out. A hole was drilled in the body to hold the support dowel if a base was to be used. The body was parted off with a shallow undercut to allow the head to sit down into the body a bit. The head was turned from a small block and included the head and the halo. Options for this were to just turn the head and use steel or brass wire to form the halo. Wings were an option that some have used for this project and would be cut from thin stock on a band or jig saw. A small hole was drilled in the head and the top of the body so that they could be attached with a short dowel. Harold provided a sheet with all the dimensions but noted that you can make the angel any size you want keeping the proportions relative. Other options are to draw a face on the head or trimming the body with bits of lace or other fabric or adding sparkle or glitter. The options are endless and up to your creativity.

The Project of the month for August will be an angel or any other ornament of your choice.

John Jordan Seminar

The seminar will be here before you know it and we must have an accurate count of the participants in order to plan for seating and meals.

Unless you are going to mail your registration form and check to David by Sept 1, you will need to bring both to the August monthly meeting. Registration forms are available on the club web page and David will have some at the August meeting.

Challenge Project

With the picnic coming up in September be sure to have your project noted on the sign up sheet to be eligible. It must be something you have never shown at a meeting and hopefully something you have done for the first time.



Kevin Bierman

Hello to all. First I would like to apologize in advance for missing the August meeting, I am sure Bruce knows what to do in my absence. It is nice to know we have such good people to serve as officers and members of the board.

I'm sure most of you know that I am working at Acme Tools herein Cedar Rapids. The best part about the job is that I get to B.S. woodworking and woodturning with a lot of different people everyday. I pass out quite a few brochures for both of the clubs every week, if everyone that took one would show up at a meeting we would be sitting on top of each other!

One the most common questions I get is how do I turn a bowl? I go through the steps and try and explain what tools are needed and how much this could cost. About now is when I lose most of them. They come in with the idea they can just grab a \$20 dollar gouge and get right at it. I show them the Sorby tools we have at the store and explain that yes they are expensive but what good tool isn't? Not wanting to scare anyone off altogether, next I write down Penn State, Packard and Craft Supply and tell them that they should be able to save money with a larger selection available from any of them.

Now is when I grab one of our brochures and try to relate all of the advantages we offer. With the knowledge and age range (a lot of gray hair and no hair) in our club not many questions go unanswered. We have many members that are more than willing to mentor one on one, and the 10% off of accessories here at Acme it is a very good deal.

I invite them to just come and sit in at a meeting at no cost. I have gotten a few new members and will keep trying as long as I work here.

Hope you all enjoy the August meeting and look forward to seeing you at the September picnic. Thanks Kevin P.S. Don't forget your challenge project for the picnic!



Elizabeth Mac Dougall-Purpleheart-Friction Polish-S&T



John Sandor-Cocobolo & Acrylic-CA-S&T



Paul Rohrbacher-Walnut- Antique Oil-POM



Tom Nehl-Snakewood-CA-POM

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Bob Brown-Cherry & Basswood-Wax-S&T



Tom Nehl-Maple-Salad Bowl Finish-POM

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David Kesler-Antler- CA glue-POM



Trint Adams-Boxelder-Lacquer-S&T



Kevin Bierman-Walnut- AO-POM



Jim Colbert-Walnut & Honey Locust-S&T



Joannie West-S&T



Bob Brown-Cherry- Salad Bowl-S&T



Bob Smiley-Hickory-Tung Oil-BS&T



Don Potter-Pin Oak-Wipe on Poly-POM



Ron Luckeroth-Pine-Friction Polish-S&T



Doug Nauman-Rosewood & Resin-Poly-S&T

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From Joe's Shop

by Joe Lesko



Joe Lesko

I would like to thank Byron Bohnen for the first segment of this article: When making a bowl or vessel I try to drill as large a hole as I can.

A hole of 1" or 1 1/2" sure makes it easier to turn.

The problem is when I drill down the center the hand crank on the tail stock of my lathe is difficult to turn since it is so small.

The drilling process is slow which heats up the Forstner bits even more.

Discussing this problem with Paul Rohrbacher he suggested a steel bar.

I added a 12" steel bar to both of my lathes.

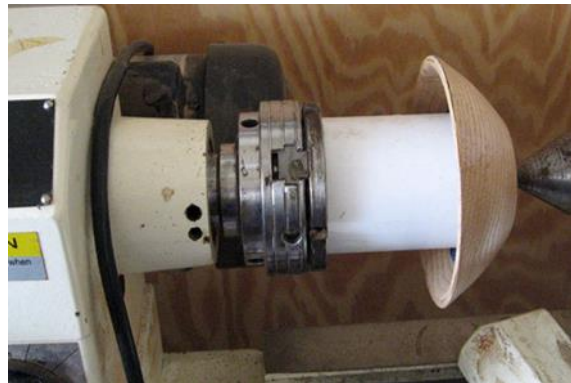
On the jet lathe I drilled and bolted this bar on. On the Rockwell the crank is secured using hose clamps.

The bar is steel because of the weight. With a slight spin on the bar, you get a lot of travel.

Drilling is a breeze now. Backing the drill bit out of the wood goes real fast.



Unfortunately I do not own a vacuum chuck or an set of "Easy Jaws" so it is bit of a pain to find a piece of flat stock that's not for an upcoming project, cutting it round on the band saw, mount it to a faceplate using wood, not drywall screws, mount it on the lathe, get out the parting tool and turn a groove in it to make a jam chuck. Somewhere I saw an idea to take a piece of 2" PVC pipe, cut it to an appropriate length (mine is about 2.5 inches), cut a circle out of an old mouse pad about 3/4" larger than the OD of the PVC pipe and CA glue it on.



Use the tail stock mark you made while turning the outside of the bowl when mounting your stock to your new PVC jig. It works like a champ!!!

I was going do an article on using guitar strings as wood burners, however, this month's AAW magazine beat me to the punch. One thing the article missed was what specific string to us as a guitar has 6. I recommend using wound strings made for electric guitars, a "G" string is great for fine, thin burns while an "A" or a "Low E" string works well for general purpose work.

Theses strings are cheap (~ \$2 each) and available locally but **please**, make handles for when using the strings as if you wrap the string around your fingers, you run a high risk of ending up with less than 10.

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.