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Next Meeting

The meeting for July will be held Thursday the 8th at the Leisure Living Construction building 2700 Stone Gate Court, Hiawatha Iowa at 6:30 P.M.

We will have a discussion on finishing with information on salad bowl finish, wipe on poly, antique oil, CA, sanding sealer, and Beall buffing plus any other topic there may be questions about.

August Project of the Month

You have had two months to get your skew turned objects ready for this month's project of the month. Remember there is a possible reward, the gift card from Acme Tools for participating in this portion of show and tell.

A Word Thanks

A big thanks to Dick Lindenmayer for his donation of wood that will be used in the picnic auction and 18-20 books that will be added to our library. One that is quite relevant to last month's program is "Turned Bowl Design" by Richard Raffan.

Last Meeting

The program "Fundamentals and Principles of Design in Woodturned Forms" by Rob Wallace focused on what makes a pleasing form in terms of shape of an item and thinking about the shape you are creating rather than the technique of creating that shape.



Rob started off talking about proportion and scale of the vessel. How wide is it relative to its height. A tall skinny vessel is usually less pleasing to the eye than one that is proportional to its height. He showed several examples to illustrate his point. That led into balance in the shape of the vessel. Where do you put the widest part relative to the narrowest part. Is it the foot or the top and what is that relationship? The answers to these questions introduced the "rule of thirds" or the golden mean. Rob pointed out that the "rule of thirds" is a natural occurring phenomena and cited examples in nature such as plants and human body parts. This rule is used to help determine placement of features in a vessel to make a pleasing visual experience.

Most vessels whether used for utility or a pleasing visual have curves in their design. There are convex and concave curves. The transition between these curves must be smooth and gentle with no flat spots on the curve. Flat spots are picked up by the eye and detected as flaws. An easy way to detect flats on a curve, and they may be very

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Bruce Kruse

From the President

A BIG – THANK YOU - goes out to every CWT Member for their support of our organization. We would not exist without you. Our Monthly Meeting attendance continues to be at 70+ % of our paid membership. As we strive to keep relevant topics and demonstrations on the schedule, we also want to promote the idea of keeping challenged. The July Meeting help speak to the challenge by presenting ideas based on shape and form. Rob Wallace's presentation was well received by all in attendance. It appeared that everyone at the end of the meeting had a new or renewed thought process.

As always, let us know your interest(s). We will see what we can do to plan a meeting program around that subject.

We have a number of key promotional events which we request your attendance.

Please bring your donations to Woodfest 2013 – August 23, 24 and 25 in Amana. We will sell you turned donation so we offset the booth expense and it is a great way to bring extra value to the CWT Treasury as any proceeds above and beyond expenses will go to fund the club and enhance our meetings. The Signup sheet is on the Monthly Meeting Entrance Table, so please donate you time to staff the booth. It is a great time for all in attendance. Don't forget you can bring any turned item for display as well as we will have a display area. Those interested Woodfest attendees might just want to talk with you about your creation.

Eastern Iowa Airport – CWT Display. Kevin Bierman is gathering your turned submissions to organize and coordinate the CWT display at the EI Airport. Bring your items to the meeting. It is our goal to have the display ready and set up at the Airport before end of September. You can retrieve your items at any time by coordinating with Kevin or one of his many assistants.

We have the Acme Tools Fall Sale in November, so keep that on your schedule.

Last and not least – Plan to attend the CWT and Corridor WoodCrafters Picnic, Sept 8th at the shop of Tom and Stacy Nehl. This all day event will feature open turning and food / drink starting at 3PM. Fantastic Raffle items will be present – so you can spend your extra money!!!!

Visit the CWT Website www.corridorturners.org it is great way to expose the CWT to interested individuals. If you are so inclined, the CWT Facebook site is available as well.

We have many CWT members donating items to the club for the monthly meeting raffles. If you have any wood, woodturning or related items, you no longer want, need or desire to keep, bring them to the meeting and we will place them in the cabinet for future raffles.

Bring your Skew turned item to the August Meeting, which will be our Project of the Month for August 2013. If you recall, Harvey Jeck, enlightened us on the use of the Skew at the June CWT Meeting. Our program for the month of August is a discussion by a number of our members regarding Finishing Techniques and Tips – We will discuss a few different finishes as each member discusses their processes to that perfect finish.

Stay Challenged and as Always, Happy Turning. Bruce A. Kruse

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slight, is to use a straight edge such as a credit card or pencil, and roll it along the curve and check to see if there is any light visible under the straight edge as it is rolled along the curve. This faired curve gives grace and beauty to the form.

A good deal of time was spent discussing lift, that is how does your vessel sit. Does the curve toward the bottom of a bowl appear like it continues around to the other side and contribute to a floating sensation or does it look like the bottom continues down into the table. The former gives a light graceful look and the latter a heavy feeling no matter how physically light the vessel.

Practice and knowledge of these principals will improve your turnings and bring a better understand-

Web Site Addition

A calendar feature has been added to the CWT website. This should allow folks to check when events will be occurring, e.g., picnic, Woodfest, Christmas party, etc. in case they miss the info through other means. The events in the calendar are linked to descriptions, the details of which have yet to be added. As always, if you spot an error - like posting the wrong month, etc. - feel free to point it out to David Kesler, our web master.

Woodfest

Woodfest is coming up soon, August 23,24,25. We will have a sign up sheet for slots to work during the event. If you can help or just come down and talk to the folks who stop by feel free to do so. We will have the two small lathes set up as well as a shelf to display work that is not for sale. Get your donations ready so we will have plenty to display for sale. Proceeds from this event are for the club to use to improve our equipment and the ongoing expenses of the club, such as the sturdier chairs and the insurance policy we purchased so that any member of the club is able to turn during any event. Things undergoing discussion for the future are improving the video setup and a sound system.

Picnic

The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 8. We will start with general turning about 10:00 AM and the picnic at 3:00 PM when the challenge winner will be determined.

There will be a raffle and a silent auction for wood similar to last year and we will have a signup sheet ready at the August meeting. There are currently 34 signed up so if you haven't done so be sure to add your name to the list at the August meeting, we need to have an idea of the number planning to attend so there will be enough club provisions. The club will provide the hamburgers, wieners, buns, condiments and pop. Bring your own table service and something to share. This is a chance to get some hands on help on turning questions and techniques, there will be wood and lathes available, bring your own tools so you are practicing with what you use. The last general turning session was a huge success and this should be no exception.

Airport Display

The club has two display cabinets for use at the Eastern Iowa Airport to use to display club members items. We are asking for two items from each member to get the project started. The items can be anything you would like to display. Each item or group of items will be identified by a tent card with the club logo and the makers name. Our display placard with the website and facebook page will also be displayed in the cabinet. The display cabinets will be locked and the idea is to have rotating display throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to promote the talent in the club to the thousands who pass through the airport each year.

Universal Truths

Any wood can be turned. Some is just easier than others. On a scale of 1-to-10, I have yet to find a "Zero", but I have had some that came close.

Don't turn bad wood. There is good wood and there is bad wood. Experience will teach us the difference. And, a high purchase price is not a measure of wood quality. Some wood will crack, no matter what you do with it. Neither soap, nor bags, nor magic potions, or prayer will save it. And you will never know until after it happens.

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

Crown HSS Made In England - Chisel set - Eight pieces - All with Rosewood Handles - 1/2" Skew

Parting Tool

1/4" Spindle gouge

1/2" Spindle gouge

1/2" Flat Scraper

3/4" Spindle Roughing Gouge

1/2" Round Nose Scraper

1/2" Vee Point Scraper

\$180.00 Set is like new condition in original

(Sells new for \$280)

box.

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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.