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Next Meeting

The November meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 12th the shop of Tom and Stacy Nehl, 1008 Rolling Glenn Drive Marion, Iowa. Stacy is going to give a demonstration on piercing, pyrography, and blackening with a torch. **Bring a chair if you wish to have a place to sit.**

Show and tell will be open to all with no specific project.

John Jordan Seminar Financials

This is the most he current accounting of the demo. All the income was from registrations.

Income	\$3,700.00
Expenses	\$3,564.09 (to date)
Net	\$135.91

by David Kesler



We work with a variety of wood types, from logs gleaned at local woodlots to purchasing blanks of exotic species. As consumers of wood from all these sources, I feel we have a responsibility to know what impact our consumption is having. Clearly, gleaned wood from a wood dump or from our own back yards has a low impact. But what about buying wood from distant lands?

Many people are familiar with the wood called *wenge*. It is also known as African rosewood, faux ebony, dikela, mibotu, bokonge, and awong. To avoid confusion its scientific name is *Millettia laurentii*. This wood is very hard, dark, and valued for its figured grain pattern. Turners like this wood is for its stability and color contrast in segmented turnings. If you do turn wenge, be careful.

Splinters are said to be more likely to become infected

Seven Thousand Miles To Your Lathe - Wenge (Cont. next column)

Last Meeting

Last month we had a club wide discussion on any topic. Each member was given a ticket and numbers were drawn for that member to ask a question. All who asked questions had their tickets put in a drawing for gift certificate. The response was very good with questions ranging from how do you do a specific thing, to finishing, sharpening and tool use. Member had answers for most of the questions and in many cases there were more than one solution to a question.

Seven Thousand Miles To Your Lathe - Wenge (Cont)

and the dust can cause dermatitis and respiratory problems.

So, where does the wenge come from that we use? This tree grows in Africa, specifically the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, and Gabon. Unfortunately, the habitat destruction and over harvesting of wenge has resulted in its being an “endangered” species. What does this mean? According to the IUNC ([International Union for Conservation of Nature](http://www.iucn.org)) Red List, this means it is at high risk of extinction in the wild. According to the Wood Database, “It is listed as endangered due to a population reduction of over 50% in the past three generations, caused by a decline in its natural range, and exploitation.”

Does this mean that if we buy wenge we are contributing to habitat destruction and extinction of this tree species? Obviously this is a complex issue. For some poor third-world countries, lumber export is critically important to their economies. What impact would curtailing these exports have on people? Is the extinction of this species inevitable, so we might as well go ahead and make the most of it now? And, on a personal level, what impact could my use of one or two bowl blanks really have?

Decisions about use of wenge, or other endangered tropical woods, will certainly range widely. My goal here is not to admonish, belittle, or chastise anybody’s perspective. Instead, my goal is to help inform those who take seriously their responsibility as wood consumers.

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.

Presidents Message



Kevin Bierman

Hello to all, hope you are enjoying this fantastic weather, it could stay this way until March and then warm up if I had my way. The best part of cold nasty weather is more shop time so there is always a silver lining if you look hard enough. I have put the boat away for winter and am hard at work on this year's Christmas presents. One of these years I am going to smarten up and just give everyone money, which would save me a lot of time and be way cheaper in the long run.

Now that we have most everything settled after the Jordan demo club activities are back to normal. As always we continue to struggle with the hardest part, meeting demo's and programs. We welcome anyone with an idea or skills of their own to please let us know.

We do have the next three meetings set up, and all in warm places. Our November meeting will be at Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop north of Linn Mar school in Marion. Most of you have been there before and know you will need to bring a chair if you want to sit. This will be a regular meeting and will include show and tell and a raffle. Stacy is going to give the demo on some of the wonderful embellishment's she was been bringing to the meetings.

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party with Corridor Woodworkers. This has grown into a very nice affair and it seems like everyone enjoys it a lot. It will be held once again at the Antioch Christian Church at jct. Hwy 13 and Cottage Grove Road. This will be held from 11 am to 3 pm. on December 12th. Clubs will supply entrée and drinks, you are asked to please bring a dish to share, your table setting and your significant other. Please bring something for show and tell as this is one of the best parts. We have been gathering some nice items to give away so please plan on attending; you might go home with something nice.

On to January, something new! Jeremy and Chris Hansen have invited us to their shop near Onslow Iowa. We still have details to work out but I think this will be well worth the drive and might even be closer to home for some of you. Right now we are planning on doing a demo with the hollowing system donated by Byron and Lyndal. We have been bouncing around a couple different ways to raffle this system off and think we have it figured out, more details to follow.

Please mark your calendars and I hope to see you all soon. Kevin

P.S. If you know anyone that might not get the newsletter please let them know of the changes in meeting places and days.

Project Wood

Gary Nosek has volunteered to help members obtain wood for their projects. The form, below will help him determine what to look for. His main problem in the past has been lack of given size of the wood requested. The more information he has the more successfully he will be able to fulfill your request. Check with him for the possibility of other woods he may have access to and any other questions you may have.

Request for Project Wood

Common Native Woods Circle the variety or choice you are looking for.

Walnut	Elm(American, Red)	Maple(Silver, Sugar etc.)	Oak(white, red)
Linden(Basswood)	Locust	Boxelder	Hackberry
Cherry	Hickory	Cedar	Ironwood Other _____

What condition should the wood be in? Wet, Dry, Spalted

What are you going to make? Bowl, Spindle, Platter, Other. _____

What size or quantity are you looking for? Ex. Log (diameter and length) _____

Branch Wood (diameter and length) _____

Crotch Wood (size) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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

Jet "OneWay" Style Live center with Cone and knock-out rod MT 2 - Excellent Condition - \$75.00

Remote Push Button Stop / Safety Switch assembly with Magnet attachment on back -
New box and Switch with cord - for interfacing to Jet 1642 or Powermatic 3520B - \$65.00

Hitachi 18V Li ION Cordless 1/2" Drill / Driver - High and Low Torque with adjustable clutch.
Excellent condition. With One 18V 1.5 Ah Battery - Charger and Light - \$70.00 or offer

Ryobi 12v 3/8" Cordless Drill - 2 NiCd Batteries - Charger and Light with Manual and Canvas Carrying bag.
\$25.00 or offer

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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.

More tools for Sale

I am a former member of the Corridors Woodturners but have not done any turning for several years so I am selling most of my equipment. Almost all the equipment is used but not abused.

I have a Nova lathe with 1.5 HP variable speed motor. The lathe will spin 16" over the ways and has an extra bed segment so will hold up to about 36" spindles. Estimating \$900.

Chucks:

Oneway Stronghold which includes three jaw sets.

Oneway Jumbo and Mega jaw sets

Axminster Machinist chuck with dovetail jaws and stepping jaws.

Bandsaw:

Jet 14" cabinet band saw that has been extensively modified for woodturning. It has a riser block so can cut up to 12" depth, Carter bearing guides, an extra set of tires, mobile base and a rip fence with resaw guide. Several 105" blades.

Turning Tools:

Large collection of turning tools including bowl and spindle gouges, scrapers, parting tools, etc.

Many of these are high quality, made with Sheffield steel.

Bench grinder with white and pink stone wheels.

McNaughton Center Saver system

Bent Hollowing tool with adjustable extension and cutter configuration.

Face plates.

Large supply of pen kits.

Contact Terry Clark Iowa City 319-338-2571
for more information