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## Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be on November 11 at Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop, 1008 Rolling Glen Drive, Marion. More information about the schedule is in the Presidents message. Stacy is going to have a social hour one hour before the meeting with chili and cinnamon rolls. She says "be there or be square". This will be a great time to visit, ask questions and find out about new ideas and techniques.

November 11 Dyeing-Tom Nehl & Brian Norwak-Thompson

December 4 -Christmas Party at Antioch Church.  
No meeting December 9

January 13 Sharpening –Ray Hamilton & Bruce Kruse

February–Travel mug - Don Potter  
March 5-6 Carvers/turners show

March 10 TBD

April-TBD

If you have an idea for a meeting or would like to demonstrate a project or technique let us know.

## President's Christmas Gift Promotion

As he did last year, President Tom Mills asks for your photos of items you are making to give as presents this Christmas. No names will be attached so you won't be able to tell who made what.

He will compile them and ask for the members to rate them. A prize or prizes of some sort will be awarded to the winners. Send your photos to [tg mills@mchsi.com](mailto:tg mills@mchsi.com)

## Last Meeting

Last meeting was about the upcoming season where ornaments play an important roll in holiday decorations. John Cox and Bruce Kruse gave demonstrations on making small ornaments suitable for use on a Christmas tree or just for festive decoration.

Both demonstrators showed the use of jigs to make material holding and turning easier and safer.

John turned a small bell. Starting with a blank about 2 1/4 in square and 3 1/2 in long he turned it round and then put a tenon on one end to fit a chuck. Using the tail center for support a bell shape was started. The opening in the bell was done next and when determined to be deep enough the tail center was again brought up for support and the bell shape was finished. At this time any embellishing work such as grooves or patterns could be applied. The bell shape was then parted off. A jig to finish the upper portion of the bell was made by turning a thin ring that would fit in the fully open chuck jaws. An opening was cut in this ring just the size of the flare end of the bell and about an eighth of an inch deep. The center was then bored out. The ring was removed from the jaws and a cut was made along the grain lines to make what is essentially a clamp. The ring was returned to the chuck so that the cut in the "clamp" was between two jaws and the bell put in and the jaws tightened down. The top was then finished. This is not a very secure hold and care must be taken not to have the bell jump out of the fixture.

Bruce's instructions on how he turns a small bird house.

Birdhouse body -- Start with a 1 to 1 1/8 Inch block of wood about 1 1/2 inches long. Bore a 3/4 Inch hole in the length about 1 Inch deep. Then take the block and bore the bird entry hole (3/16" diameter) as well as the perch hole (while the blank is still square). I use a round wood toothpick for the perch (1/16 " diameter). After that boring is complete. Mount the blank on the pin chuck or jam chuck via the 3/4 Inch hole. Turn the body of the birdhouse round to your liking. You will end up with a round body with the lower end finished as you desire - 3/4 inch center - ready for the rooftop.

## From the President



This month's meeting will have two demonstrators teaching us about adding colors to our projects, and which types of colorants work better than others. Brian Nowak-Thompson and Tom Nehl will be showing us the finer points of coloration to add pizzaz to your work. The meeting will be this coming Thursday, November 11, at Tom and Stacy Nehl's house, 1008 Rolling Glen Drive, Marion. The fun starts at 6:30. Bring your ornaments for show and tell.

Sadly, we lost our friend, John Sandor this month. He was a board member and our club treasurer. We now have two unfilled leadership positions; Vice President and Treasurer.

I'm making a plea for volunteers to join the board and to accept these positions. The vice president has few duties beyond the other board members, but has the distinction of acceding to the presidency when the current president's term is completed. The other board position of treasurer has the duties of handling the finances of the club, plus keeping the membership list. The club doesn't run itself; it needs the board of directors and officers to keep it vibrant and alive. Please consider volunteering to be on the board.

See elsewhere in the newsletter about my Christmas gift photo contest.

If you have some ideas for future meeting topics, make sure to let the board know. If you'd like to present a technique or project you've done, we encourage you to give a demonstration yourself.

Get geared up for the Wood Carvers and Wood Turners joint show on March 5-6. This is the annual show that was held at the Kirkwood College building in Hiawatha. We've moved up in the world and it'll be held at the Czech and Slovak Museum this next year. An information sheet is available on the club website. Follow the link under 'Upcoming Meetings'.

Time to get in the workshop and get those gifts and ornaments finished.

---Tom Mills

PS Speaking of ornaments, take note of an internet ornament challenge, organized by Alan Stratton and Matt Deighton. There are prizes for everyone that submits, and grand prizes for the big winners. You can watch an informational video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOeonF-wgVY> (Sorry, I gave the wrong link in last month's message. That was to last year's challenge.) This is the right link. The video also has some outstanding ideas to inspire your designs. Entry cutoff is November 30.

**Last Month** *Continued from page 1*

**Birdhouse Roof** -- Use a 1 1/2 inch cube of wood. Chuck that in your lathe. Turn a 3/4 tenon (to fit into the body) about 1/2 inch in length. Under cut the roof edge to tenon to allow the roof to overhang the body. Turn this around and chuck via the Tenon.

Turn the roof top to a cone shape of your liking (to complement the body). Drill a hole in the top to place the hanging eye or use a cut off fish hook and pliers to drill and seat the eyelet in the very top center of the roof.

You can finish either of the above items prior to taking them off the lathe / chuck or leave them natural. You can embellish the body or rooftop anyway you desire.

Glue a proportional length of round toothpick in the perch hole. Glue the Roof to the body. If you so desire, you can find small birds (at the craft or hobby shop) of the correct proportion to glue to the perch.

You can scale this birdhouse or bell design to any size you desire.



Brad Davis-Boxelder  
Dye & Sanding sealer S&T



Harold Rosauer-Cherry Burl-Poly-S&T



Neal Olson-Black Palm & Chake Viga-S&T



Brian Nowak-Thompson  
Maple-Shellac & Poly-S&T

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Name -Wood - Finish - Category  
 Legend: AO=Antique Oil WOP=Wipe on Poly POM=Project of the month S&T=show and tell  
 BLO= Boiled Linseed Oil SB= Salad Bowl finish FOG=Found on Ground

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Mike Marini-Spalted Maple & Ash  
Beeswax & CA-S&T



Neal Olson-Walnut & Maple-S&T



Brad Davis-Sycamore-Unfinished  
Dye & Sanding Sealer-S&T



Brian Nowak-Thompson-Cherry-Poly-S&T



Neal Olson-Black Palm & Red Heart-S&T



Brad Davis-Black Palm & Tagua  
Nut-Oil & lacquer

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Brian Nowak-Thompson-Maple-Tung Oil-S&T



Brian Nowak-Thompson-Ash-  
Blue dye & Poly S&T

### **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.

### **Column Writer**

With the passing of John Sandor there is an opportunity for someone to write a column for the Newsletter. Do you have something you would like to contribute?

### **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.