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Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on August 10th at the Amana Furniture Shop ,724 48th Ave in Main Amana. We will assemble at the shop, which by then will be closed for the day, and be admitted by the tour guide who will then lock the door. **If you are late you are out of luck.** Bring any ornaments or other items you have to donate for Woodfest and they will be collected at the meeting.

Picnic and Member Challenge

The annual picnic will be Sunday September 10, at the shop of Tom and Stacy Nehl. We have used up the surplus tableware supplies so you will need to bring your own table service. The club will provide the meat and drinks and you are asked to bring a dish to share. We will have an open turning session starting about 9 o'clock with an emphasis on texturing tools and other special tools and plan to eat at 12 noon. Stacy has some door prizes planned and the raffle items to bid on will be on display throughout the morning with the bids being tallied and winners declared after the meal. The Challenge winner will draw and the \$75 prize awarded from the pool of those signed up and displaying their project.

This is a great opportunity to get answers to any questions you have related to turning techniques or tools and to practice techniques new to you. There are many members willing to answer your questions, all you have to do is ask.

Last Meeting

At the last meeting, we had demonstrations showing three different approaches to making a Christmas ornament. Tom Mills showed how to take a common 2x2 and turn it into a number of different ornaments using the same shape and coloring each differently. Starting with a four or five-inch piece of material, after rounding it down, a couple of sweeping



cuts to shape the top and bottom and a small ball at what will be the bottom end and you are ready for finishing. Tom painted the entire ornament with white acrylic paint and then used a small brush to add different colored stripes around the piece, finishing with gold paint for the ball at the bottom. A small eyelet screw in

the top and a hanger of your choice, be it a hook or piece of colored thread, and the ornament is ready to hang on the tree. The possibilities for decoration are endless and only limited by your imagination.

The second demo was how to make a sphere-shaped ornament with a finial. Kevin Bierman talked through the steps required to make this and keep it as light as possible. Starting with a blank and turning it round he added a tenon on each end to use as gripping points to use later in the process. Next he created a ball shape on the blank and then drilled a hole from the tailstock end to just past halfway into the ball shape. The ball was then parted at its center with a thin parting tool and each half hollowed out. Before gluing the halves back together a hole was drilled in what will be the top half of the ornament from the inside of the ball. The drilled holes will be for inserting the topper and the finial in the finished ornament. Make the ball halves as thin as possible but not so thin that they are difficult to glue back together. When gluing the halves together be aware of the grain and be sure to match it as best you can. A witness mark on the ball before parting it in half will aid in this operation. Do a final touch up on the ball when it is dry, sand and part it off at the tailstock end. Apply the finish of your choice and then part it off from the headstock end and touch up any marks. Turn finials for top and bottom being sure to provide a small hole for a screw eyelet or other hanging device.

The third demo was on making a small bell. John Cox went through the steps he uses to create these small ornaments.



Bruce Kruse

Message from the President

The Corridor Woodturners Club continues to grow and I greatly appreciate your support not only during the monthly meetings but throughout the month as you promote the club in your travels and daily rounds.

We have approximately 85 members at the time this newsletter is being published. A strong membership affords all of us an assurance we can maintain an annual dues fee which is a great value.

We strive to bring informative, educational and enhanced skill subjects and programs to you each month. Other events such as the participation in Empty Bowls, Woodfest and other projects allow us to give something back to the community and surrounding area.

As Woodfest is less than 3 weeks away, I want to thank you for your participation thus far in providing your turned "Christmas Ornaments" which we as a club will sell at Woodfest August 25, 26 and 27 at the AMA-NA Visitor and RV Center outside of Main Amana. As this point in time we have over 60 ornaments on hand. They all are very interesting forms, shapes and styles to peak the interest of the Woodfest attendees. Our goal at Woodfest has and continues to be to show the benefits of the CWT and woodturning to the general public. Over the years, we have made a good number of friends and acquaintances as well as introduced ourselves to individuals who have become members of the CWT.

I am sure this year will be just as rewarding as previous years. It is a great place to watch as well as learn and hone your turning techniques. The CWT will have (2) mini lathes as well as the sharpening system on hand to allow you to conduct hands on turning. Proceeds from the sale of the donations while at Woodfest are used to cover the expense of the booth and any additional proceeds will go to the CWT Club Treasury. If you haven't had a chance to attend, please consider doing so.

Thanks to Tom Mills, Kevin Bierman and John Cox for the July Program exposing the attendees to three different types of Christmas Ornaments.

Please come forward with your interests and ideas for monthly programs. If you have a subject in mind, mention it to a CWT Board Member.

September will be the month of our annual Picnic (in conjunction with the Corridor WoodCrafters), a great venue for turning as well as comradery, food and a silent auction. Tom and Stacy Nehl will host at their home/woodshop in Marion.

Marion High School has been a good venue for our recent meetings but the next meeting at this venue will be in October.

I look forward to seeing you at the Amana Furniture Shop on August 10th. We will be starting the tour of the facilities promptly at 6:30 PM, so don't be late!!!

Happy Turning, Bruce



Tim Wehr-Lacquer& Varnish-POM



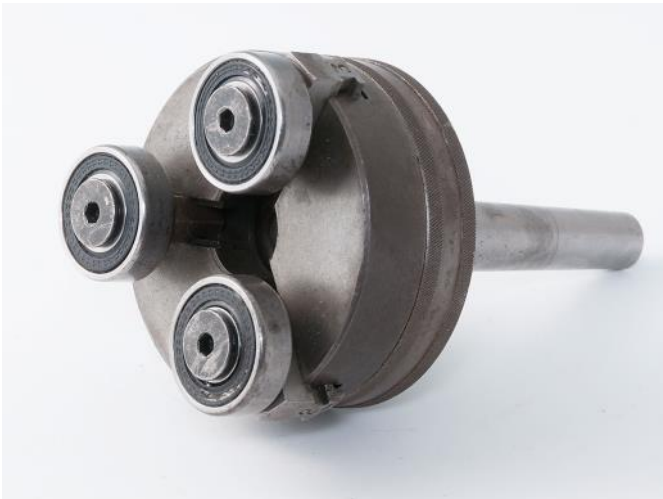
Paul Rohrbacher-Walnut-Tung Oil-S&T

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Tom Mills-Ipe & Zebrawood-SB-POM



Doug Nauman-S&T



Jeremy Hansen



Tom St John-Padauk-WOP-S&T

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



Ron Luckeroth-Walnut-Prism & Wax-POM



Jim West-Spalted Maple & Walnut-
WOP-S&T

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Greg Ellyson-Cherry-Wax-POM

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Gary Evarts-Acrylic-S&T



Tom Nehl-Apple-Sanding Sealer-S&T



Joannie West-Vallos- Bri Wax-S&T



Mike Haeder-Acrylic-S&T

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Paul Rohrbacher-Walnut -Tung Oil-S&T



Greg Ellyson



Tim Wehr-Maple & Ebony, Maple & Co-
cobolo-OB Shine Juice-POM



Kevin Bierman-Boxwood-S&T



Harold Rosauer-POM



Jeremy Hansen-Cedar-WOP-S&T

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Tim Wehr-Walnut Burl-CA-S&T

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Tom Nehl-Cherry Burl-CA with mother of pearl filler-S&T

The Help Corner with John Sandor

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.

The Library will be available at the picnic this September (at Tom & Stacey's). We presently have seven books and three DVD's out and some have been out for more than a year. We also have 4-DVD's that have been missing for a long time... Check your DVD's and books on the updated list on the web page to see if you are one of those who need to return some items. Please be timely on using the library. Gary will be getting with the noted individuals to assure he has not made a mistake or if there is a need for a reminder.



John is taking a break this month and will be back with some tips next month.

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Starting with a blank about 4-5 inches long and 2/14 or so square, turn it to round and then starting at the tail-stock end begin to turn a bell shape. After the first inch or so of the shape has been formed, hollow out the inside of the bell. Use the outside shape to determine the wall thickness and go in about an inch or a bit more. None of these dimensions are critical so long as you keep the inside diameter smaller than the outside diameter. Return to the outside and continue the bell shape until it looks like a bell, again bells come in all shapes and sizes so nothing is wrong. Sand and finish before parting off the bell at the top leaving a small spigot to be removed in the next step. Create a jam chuck for the large portion of the bell. This can be done by turning a round disc to fit all the way into the chuck jaws open to almost their widest position and slightly thicker than depth of the jaws.



Turn a hole less than the depth of the ring and slightly smaller than the bottom of the bell. Be sure the bottom of the hole is flat so that the bell will run true and not wobble when placed in the ring in the next step. Cut the ring apart and place it into the jaws. Add the bell into the hole in the ring and tighten the jaws to hold the bell. Clean up the small end of the bell, drill a small hole to hold the eyelet, sand and finish. An alternative to this, if you plan to make many items, is to get a set of soft jaws for your chuck and make the appropriate opening in them. If the bell is made of a soft white or plain wood it can be painted and decorated as the ornaments made by Tom Mills.

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

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.