



First Cuts



The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners

January, 2008

Presidents Message

By Jeff Turi

FEBRUARY MEETING

Changed Date Due to Demonstrator

We are very lucky to have nationally known turner and author Judy Ditmer in the Philly area so we will be changing our regular meeting by one week to accommodate her travels. Please change your calendars to Wednesday, Feb 13th. The time will still be the same: 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Woodcraft. Judy's demo will focus on design and turning so it should be fascinating. Part of her resume is below:

I have been turning wood since 1987. I make everything from small finger tops to one-of-a-kind sculptural bowls and wall pieces; in between are many different kinds of ornaments, boxes, writing instruments, plates and platters, finely detailed salad bowls, and small utilitarian and household items. A staple of my work is a line of unique turned jewelry which allows me to explore variations in shape, texture, color combinations and other aspects of design. Each type of work has something to teach me. I always enjoy the challenge of making each and every item as well as I possibly can.

I have attached 2 photos of her work.



Member Masterpieces



Kendall Ross presented a bowl with an unusual history. He brought the maganolia from St Simons Island. Ross gave it to Tom Mumper to rough out. Ross got it back from Tom's give aways. It has some nice figure in it. Kendall used rub on urethane as a finish. The wood and finish had a very nice texture. Thanks Kendall.

Bert showed us his sycamore bud base from wood he found at Mt Cube. He finished it with oil and wax. It has some very distinctive figure.



Bert also brought a vase or urn turned to accept a finial. It is also made from the Mt Cuba sycamore. It is turn side ways so the pith is part of the turning as see. The urn was finished with oil and wax. Very nice hollow vessel.



Roger found a piece of maple with a great look and felt he could make something with it. But every time he cut it, it was in bad shape so it kept getting smaller. So he just stopped and tried to turn it. He found it a challenge because it went from hard to soft. Sanding was a problem because it sanded more aggressively in the soft, decayed areas and not in the harder areas. He finished with it with urethane. Roger also brought a tiger maple bowl which or curly maple. He described a challenge to turn it without tear out. He finished the bowl with lacquer.



Jeff described the bowl he made from a board. He cut segments from the board and glued them up as you would a segmented project. The difficult part was planning the glue up so the grain would meet through the center of the bowl producing the beautiful pattern. Excellent job. Jeff also brought in a pretty little box with an inlayed lid.

Program

Jeff Turi, Steve Childress, Frank Joseph and Tom Sloan discussed the progress on the AAW Challenge project. Tom visited the Williamsburg 17th Century apothecary. The ladies who worked there were very excited to hear about the First State Woodturners. They were very helpful in providing us with pictures and measurements of many of the apothecary materials of the colonial era. Below are a few of the pieces we were able to photograph.

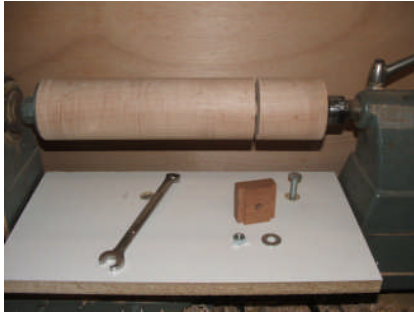


Also Steve provided some web sites with more examples of bottles and carboys.

Steve also presented his example of a bottle he hollowed from the bottom and provide pictures of the process including adding the grooving on the sides.

Here's Steves discription of the process:

First I bolted a piece of 3/4" melamine to my lathe ways



I made a carriage for my router and attached a 1x2 to the back of the melamine to limit how deep the router cut.



By adjusting the router in it's base I could get the exact groove I wanted and using my indexer. I used every-other hole.



This shows the finished grooves.



I switched to a 3/8" dato bit to cut out the label area. I clamped a couple stops to limit the area routed for the label. The resulting bottle was hollowed and is an excellent copy of the original. We will be experimenting with finishes to get the look we want.

Frank Joseph displayed a vessel he had turned from research at the local library where he found pictures and was able to determine the dimensions. Jeff brought in a carboy which had turned from a picture from one of the web sites. He had take the picture and enlarged it on a copier until it matched the dimensions of what the real object appears to be. We hope from all materials we will encourage other members to participate in the AAW Challenge it is a honor for our chapter to be able to present our work. Nelson brought up the question of how to display our pieces and there will have to be more work to come up with a good idea. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know or better yet come to the next meeting a 1pm Saturday January 26 at the Woodcraft store.



Treasure's Report

Annual Dues were increased to \$25 to continue supporting demonstrators and training opportunities as have other chapters in the area. With the collection of dues at the January meeting, the following is presented.

Starting balance Jan 2, 2008	\$892.28
deposit membership and 50/50	\$545.00
Total	\$1,477.28



Coming Events

Our next meeting is **February 13th**. 7pm to 9pm at the Woodcraft Store

Future Meeting Dates

March 5, 2008

April 2, 2008

May 7, 2008

Topics are TBD at this time.

AAW Challenge Meetings

January 26, 2008

February 23, 2008

March 22, 2008

April 19, 2008

1 PM Woodcraft Store

