



# First Cuts

The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners



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## Presidents Message

*By Jeff Turi*

While cold winter nights often are the best times for woodturning, there is plenty going on during the heat of summer. The May/June period is a real hotbed of activity because of all the Symposia going on throughout the country. The best part about woodturning is the sharing and camaraderie that just seems to come naturally at these big events.

At the end of May, the annual Utah Symposium was held at a new location. While the campus was new, the same excellent demonstrators got together to teach new ideas. Another event that is happening closer to home is the Echo Lake Design collaboration. At the end of June, the AAW Symposium will be held in Richmond and many people will be attending.

I hope that many people take advantage of attending these events. They really are terrific and help broaden your knowledge and skills. As importantly, we hope you bring back many of the new ideas, techniques, tools, etc. you learn and share them with the club. We will be using the July meeting to ask 6 people to give a brief presentation about their favorite topics. So, take some good notes!

## Program

The Chapter elections are due in June for a new term of officers. Nelson passed out a copy of the rules regarding the duties and terms of officers. If you would like to become an officer, please talk with one of the present officers or send us an email. In advance of the meeting a slate of nominees will be mailed to the membership. At the June meeting, a written ballot will be distributed for voting. The winner will be based on a simple majority.

As of the May meeting Jeff had agreed to serve as president another term.

We also reviewed the progress on the AAW Collaborative Challenge. Walt Coker finished building the cabinet. Steve brought in the crown where the logo will be displayed.

Bill Duffield brought in the finial he turned for the bottom of the crown. He also brought in several others.



Walt Coker brought us two cherry bowls. One of the cherry bowls had been woven with cane and was very striking collaboration.



Keith Holt displayed a pair of glasses made entirely of wood. They were very delicate and so realistic it appears someone had laid them on the table and forget to pick them up again. Keith plans to display them in Richmond at the AAW Symposium.

Ron Wilson brought his completed Leech Jar for our apothecary. Mike Adams brought in his stethoscope and bottle. Philip Hauser displayed his crystal bottle.

We will have all these pieces and more on display at the June meeting.

Philip Hauser talked about turning mementos for the "The Wood Turning Center" in Philadelphia. He received a letter from Albert LeCoff, Executive Directory, with photos and measurements. Albert sent along an additional comment stating the model as pictured is considered illegal in Pennsylvania. Albert therefore suggested that we make them half size, i.e. 1 foot long and about 5/8" in diameter.



If you would like the full size picture, please email Tom Sloan and they can be sent with the reply.

Jeff Turi brought in a burl which he had acquired some time ago and as a challenge asked the member to give suggestions as to how to go about cutting it to give the best opportunity for turning. The variety of opinions encouraged a lively discussion. Some suggested cutting in half horizontally. Other opinions suggested cutting vertically and in smaller segments. The idea being that the burl was not very deep.

Jeff also passed around a card for John Bacino who had a death in the family. Our condolences to John and the rest of his family.

Any one interested in a woodturning magazine "More Woodturning" The web site is 'www.morewoodturning.net.



The treasurer's report for May:

Starting Balance May 7, 2008	\$1,163.45
50/50	\$30.00
New Member	25.00
Balance as of April 8, 2008	\$1,218.45

If you haven't paid your due this year, dues are \$25. Be sure to see John or one of the officers if you want to renew your membership.

# LIBRARY

If you are looking to improve your skills or would like to read up on some techniques, try our library. Gerry Meekins will be glad to help with any of our library materials. If you have any previously loans, help out someone else and bring it in when you come to the next meeting.

## Coming Events

Our next meeting is **Jun 3rd** 7pm to 9pm at the Woodcraft Store.

### JUNE MEETING:

- 1) General Business - led by Nelson
- 2) Elections - pass out ballots to all members who have paid dues. Collect ballots and announce results at end of meeting
- 3) SHARPENING UPDATE:
  - a) Don Hart to share 2 new ideas he learned in at the Utah Symposium.
  - b) EVERYONE - bring in at least 1 tool to sharpen. Break up into smaller groups around the room. Discuss difficulties, compare grinds, etc

### JULY MEETING:

Assign 6 people going to the AAW symposium the task of bringing back a new idea. Each person will present 15 minutes on their topic. Jeff will present on the Echo Lake collaborative weekend.

### Future Meeting Dates

July 2, 2008

Aug 6, 2008

Sep 3, 2008

### AAW Challenge Meetings

AAW Symposium – Richmond

June 20 – 22, 2008