



# First Cuts

The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners



October- November, 2008

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*By Jeff Turi*

As we look back on 2008, it was a great year for the club. The highlight had to be our first Chapter Challenge display at the AAW Symposium in Richmond. The First State Apothecary Shop was something we were proud to display and it held its own against the other clubs. The best part is that we sold it for \$500 to the Harry Levin Pharmacy museum so it can be visited any time when you are in Smyrna.

In terms of demonstrators, we had Judy Ditmer, Mike Kehs, Jeff Turi and Tom Jackson share their knowledge about turning. Demos are always fun and something we want to do more of.

As we look ahead to 2009, the recent survey of the club's interest will help guide us to the areas of greatest interest. Please feel free to speak up to any of the officers if you have an idea for a monthly meeting. For demonstrators, we already have lined up Barry Gross (master pen turner) in January and Michael Hosaluk (widely known artist) in March.

## November Program

For our November program, John Bacino provided us with two burls for Tom Jackson to use in his demonstration.

Tom talked about evaluating the burls to see if they could be turned whole or had to be cut to leave the most stable piece. Also, the question was whether to cut horizontally across the burl or vertically along the axis of the branch .

After sawing one of the burls across the center of the burl, Tom trimmed some of the edges of the burl to leave the most stable portions



He then mounted the burl between centers with the largest section toward the headstock. With a large bowl gouge, Tom began shaping the bottom of the burl making a narrow base.



that flows into a large top.

Our thanks to Tom Jackson for providing us an informative demonstration. And also thanks to John Bacino for providing interesting wood specimens.

## NOVEMBER

### Member Masterpieces



### Treasure's Report

#### October

Starting Balance	\$1,286.45
Deposits from 50/50 and Membership	\$75.00
Deposit from Sale of display	\$500.00
Deposit from Oct 50/50	\$35.00
Ending Balance 10/25/2008	\$1,896.45

#### November

Starting Balance	\$1,896.45
Ck to Woodcraft Gift Cert.	-\$25.00
Deposit 50/50	\$31.00
Balance as of Nov 17, 2008	\$1,902.45

## LIBRARY

We have a number of books, DVD's and informational materials. If you wish to check out something, please see Gerry Mekins. If you have any materials checked out in the past, please bring it in so we can make it available to others.

Our next meeting is our Christmas dinner on **December 3, 2008 at New Castle Corporate Commons Events Room, 12 Penns Way, New Castle.** Bring in your boxes for our gift exchange and bring an appetite as we will have a great meal (as we usually do) for our December meeting

Future Meeting Dates

January 4, 2009

February 4, 2009

March 4, 2009

April 1, 2009

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Holiday Dinner

Gift Exchange

**January Program**

**Barry Gross**

Barry is well known expert in making pens. He has published several books and magazine articles. His latest article is in the latest issue of "WoodTurning Design."

AAW CHALLENGE

We have finally arrived at a design we think incorporates all the attributes of a good chapter project. Thanks to Steve Childers who spearheaded the idea and produced the drawings for a "Marble Drop"

MEETING SCHEDULE

1 PM at the Woodcraft Store

December TBD

January 24, 2009

February 21, 2009

March 21, 2009

April 18, 2009