

Minutes for the August 2011 meeting held at the New Castle, Delaware Woodcraft on August 3rd.

Jeff Turi (President First State Woodturners) opened the meeting promptly at 7pm.

21 people were in attendance.

Two new faces were in the crowd, Jay from Dover, and Ted, a friend of Tom Mumper.

Several members spoke about their experience at the AAW Symposium held in St. Paul.

Tom Sloan turned a box and Ron Wilson inlaid a silhouette of the State of Delaware in Holly, cherry, maple, white oak, and sassafras titled "A Diamond State Tribute" that was included in "Turning 25 a Celebration!" an exhibition and book to commemorate and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the American Association of Woodturners. Great job guys!

http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/AAW_Turning_25web.pdf

On the Show and Tell table along with the box that Tom and Ron crafted for the symposium was a computerized slide presentation that Tom put together for the group. Tom traveled to Norway and found a museum in Lillehammer that had several unusual tools in their collection. Tom snapped several pictures and was kind enough to bring them in for all of us to see. Thanks again Tom!

Ron also brought in a miniature table with a vase and cup and saucer detailed like only Ron can do.

Ross Kendall brought along a box he made five years ago, and yes the lid still fits!

Steve Childers finds figured wood in his burn pile and showed his recent "rescues".

Tom Blondes showed Cedar boxes and Vessels.

Don Hart showed a "His & Hers" bowl. His (Watco on the Inside) and Hers (Waterlox on the Outside) to make his wife happy! Don also brought along several boxes with chased threads.

Fred MacFarland showed mirrors that he created from scrap wood he friction polished.

Also shown was a Windsor Stool with a Milk Paint bottom with Natural Spindles.

After the Show and Tell "Safety in the Shop" was the topic of the night.

Jeff Schnell passed out a great safety list and read several of the items. Most everyone participated in the discussion by adding to the list from experiences they have encountered. Most everyone agreed, one of the greatest hazards we Woodturners face is from something with very little weight, D-U-S-T! Tom Sloan brought in a box fan that he equipped with a furnace filter that is easy to make and most everyone can afford. (And it works!) Tom also showed a common floor register that he pipes up to his Dust Collector and sets right next to his Lathe as he works.

One of the more obvious safety concerns for a Woodturner is Chainsaw Safety. Along with the obvious gear for safe chain sawing like gloves, goggles, and hearing protection, chain sharpening also was discussed. Tom Sloan also brought in his Log Cutting Stand, made from MDF and threaded rod. The weight of the MDF creates a stable and restorable base and the threaded rod allows for expandability.

The meeting wrapped up with the fifty-fifty drawing which added \$40 to the First State coffers.

The next meeting Date is Wednesday, September 7th. For this meeting, we will be having a demo from Ashley Murphy. He is a professional artist from PA who works with natural wood and reclaimed telephone poles.

<http://sashleymurphy.com>

Reminder: The New Castle, Delaware Woodcraft store is independently owned and allows the use of lathes, tools, and the meeting room without charge to First State Woodturners.