

West Bay Wood Turnings

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President's Message

Edgar Whipple, Vice President

It is a new year, and I'm off to a good start. I've done a bit of turning four times already, which puts me on a much better pace than last year. I'm still mostly making mistakes, shavings, and designer firewood, but I am learning and improving each time.

Clarence was unavailable for the officers' meeting at Jim Laflin's shop. I take this opportunity to extend the club's thanks to Jim Laflin for hosting these meetings as well as the beginner's classes, bar-b-que, and other events. In Clarence's absence, I am writing the President's message.

I, for one, am pretty psyched about the upcoming show with the Silicon Valley Carvers. (Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th, 2008 -- details to follow, but hold the dates). For one thing, I won't be doing the judging, as we will be reaching out to other clubs to recruit some knowledgeable outsiders. I shall try to bring some pieces to a successful completion for entry. I thought I was getting in pretty good control of tear out, but at last Saturday's beginner's class, I learned about "compression rings" and what causes them from Dave Vannier, and sure enough, I have those in spades. Start over... Anyway, it's fun even if it is cold and dark in the driveway (my "shop"). You should all be spinning up your own pieces for entry into the show, so get turning! We expect a healthy turnout, if you'll pardon the pun.

We need a total of eight (8) pieces from our membership to be donated for raffles at the event. Two pieces will be given to the Carvers for their raffle, and we will raffle three items each day. Please direct your pieces to Grant Allison.

Several members have not paid their dues for this year, and since they've missed the cutoff, they will either be cut off, or will have to bundle up the dues plus late fee to Ken Clifford. On a related note, please renew your AAW membership. The AAW is the sponsoring organization from which we derive considerable benefit, so please join if you're new to the club, and renew if you haven't already.

I attended the beginner's class on sharpening last Saturday at Jim Laflin's shop. There was some additional information and details handed out, as well as some hands-on both on the sharpeners (I almost wrote "grinders" there), and on the lathe. In addition there was some excitement caused by an improperly aligned wheel dresser (how not to do it), as well as some bloodshed from an improperly stowed tool rest. The moral is "SAFETY FIRST", as even the old-timers sometimes forget. Thanks again to Jim for hosting, and to those who prepared, provided, and presented. I got to practice -- under Dave Vannier's guidance -- an entry cut that Barry had showed me at the regular meeting. I tried it out yesterday at home, and it works like a charm!

I believe that the President's challenge is a hollow form. I guess I'll get to try out the as-yet-unused hollowing tool.

WBAW meeting January 8 2008, by Steve Baum, Club cub reporter

Clarence Kellogg started the meeting at 7:15 PM. Approx 40-45 devotees were in attendance.

*New folks: Neil, Larry Maggie's son came to this meeting. He stated he has done "some turning". Probably wood, but I'm only assuming.

***Officer's reports:** Ken Clifford our Treasurer asked us to make sure we have paid your dues, and he doesn't mean life experience folks, he means your greenbacks, your Susan B Anthonys, your hard earned nickels and dimes. Hey, you think boat payments are cheap? Oh, strike that, and another thing, check your club demographics. Maybe you've changed your email address, phone number or blood type. We need to know!

*Bud Trapp, our bookish Librarian has two new DVDs from Binh Pho. No, that is not a Vietnamese soup, it is the famous woodturner who pierces and paints his work. Beautiful stuff! Check it out (of our library!)

*Both Heidi Klum and Mr. Blackwell agree, Bob Tang has the best T-shirts, golf shirts and hats this side of the Mississippi! Hey, if the Hells Angels can show their colors, why can't you? Buy one today!

*David Vannier told us of the Basic Skills Class changes. The hands-on sharpening class is 1/19 at Jim Laflin's shop and in March there will be a home made tools workshop.

*Richard Winslow reminds us that you probably are about to miss the next Craft supply order again and you better get off your keester and call or email him right away.

*And as if you didn't know, the **Wood Carvers and Turners Show** (I think it should be called the Woodturners and Carvers Show) is April 4th & 5th. Grant Allison & George Lutz will spearhead this effort to get our turning to the show. Larry Maggie brought up the importance of signing up early to answer the public's questions about turning and highlight the magical qualities of being a WBAW member. The club lathe will be available during this event.

*New suckers, er Officers for WBAW were announced, and then laughed at.

*It was mentioned that the quality of the turning at Christmas club was better than ever and thanked everyone who lent a helping hand, They made it a very worthwhile evening.

*March 9th WBAW will host the world famous **David Ellsworth** at Ken Horner's home for a workshop.

Presidents Challenge:

Peter Pipe: Packed a peck of pint sized boxes holding a minuscule goblet in the last box.

David Vannier: A platter colored black and carved in a geometric pattern ala Al Stirt.

Harvey Klein: A couple of teeny tiny goblets and a box wood box (or was that a wood box wood?)

Patty Dowdon for Tony: "High class stuff for Barbie" as per Patty.. Three miniature goblets made from found wood.

Glenn Karcher: Three mini goblets, one with a captive ring.

Tom Howard: One mini goblet with ebony core and a smaller one with a captive ring and an even smaller one with a long stem made of blood wood.

Richard Winslow: A tiny turning of resin impregnated wood.

Show and Tell:

George Lutz: A bowl with decorations on the outside rim using a Sorby tool.

Ken Horner: A decorative bowl by Greg Smith that had maple segments and was ebonized. Also, Ken bought two turned Zircote bowls from Belize that were cheaper than the cost of the same wood state side. Ken re-turned one of the thick bowls to make a thinner elegant bowl w/ a significant savings in time and money.

Pat Crowley: Bird house ornament for a club member's spouse. It had icicles made of caulking and glitter.

Tom Haines: Mango bowl reclaimed from a damaged table top and grafted Walnut bowl

Bud Trapp: A square bowl made of Lyptus wood from Brazil and photos of a 3 tiered Maple burl table he made.

Harvey Klein: A Blackwood box w/ a carved face on the lid.

John Brugo: Showed us an upgrade he made on the handle of the banjo of his lathe.

Februrary President's Challenge: Hollow forms!

Other News

See the website for more complete details of news and Events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Website for current and upcoming events

Next meeting is at Hillsdale High School on Feb 12th.

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