

Shavings

DETROIT AREA
WOODTURNERS



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President's Message

At a planning meeting, this summer the executive board made a good start on the activities for the 2006-7 club year. We have committed to one professional demo /workshop and are investigating at least one other. One of the activities covered at the planning meeting is the appointment of a nominating committee for the December elections. We will be asking some of you to join this committee in preparation.

Some of the events that took place this summer included the national AAW symposium, in Louisville and a one afternoon demo by Jerry Whitehurst covering scraper use and natural edged work.

As many of you know, I will not be running for President this year. It is time for some new blood. I will remain active and remain on the Executive Board. We will have an outline of officer and committee chairmen job descriptions.

One of the items at the symposium this summer, that really hit home, were the remarks by the keynote speaker Andrew Glasgow. I have taken the liberty to adapt his ideas to our club.

We are a group that is 6 years old and have 120 members. We are almost a mature club. With a

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*** Notice ***

September Meeting will be Sunday, September 10, 2006

renewed passion, commitment and responsibility by each member, what will the next four years look like. How do you find that renewed passion? Where does the a sense of more commitment come from? How in the world, at the ripe old age, of a 6 year club, will each of you find a renewed sense of responsibility to this club, woodturning and our community?

Why do you come to meetings? Why do you teach new turners how to get started? Why do you try again, when that piece of wood blows up or you get that one last cut catch? What do you feel when someone compliments you on your work? Could these be the seeds of passion?

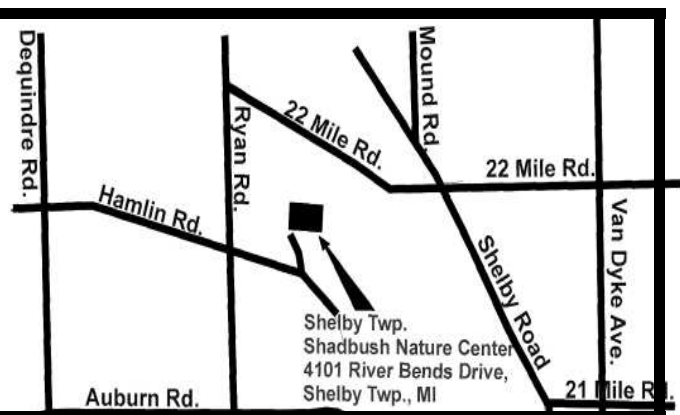
Since most of us attend some of the club activities, we should at least take some responsibility and commitment to its improvement. Come share with me, the other officers and committee chairmen and take responsibility, to create more passion by being committed.

More news regarding elections will be presented at the next General Meeting.

Greg Smith

Next Meeting - Sept. 10, 2006

Meeting Highlight will be an off-centre triangular box demo by Mike Foydel. The Detroit Area Woodturners meet at the Shelby River Bends Park, Shadbush Nature Centre, Shelby Township, MI, from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. The Park is located on Ryan Road between 21 and 22 Mile Roads opposite the Hamlin Road junction. All visitors are welcome.



DAW Calendar of Events

The DAW meets the third Sunday of each month, unless adjusted for holidays, September through June. General Meetings are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Executive meetings are open to all club members:

- August 30 - executive meeting at Ray Frase's house
- September 1 - General meeting.
Triangular boxes with Mike Foydel.
- September 16-17 - Heritage Day at Shadbush.
- October 15 - General meeting
- November 19 - General meeting
- December 17 - General meeting
- January 21 - General meeting
- February 10 - demo by Al Stirt
- February 11-12 th - Hands on work shop with Al Stirt
- February 18 - General meeting

Upcoming Professional Demos

Al Stirt will be doing a one day demo on Feb. 10th 2007. The cost will be \$35 including lunch. The demo will be followed by a 2 day hands on workshop Feb. 11 and 12th. The cost is \$150. Registration information will be available at the Sept. DAW meeting.

Andi Wolfe will be doing a two day demonstration of her embellishment, carving and colouring for the Northwestern Michigan Woodturners in Traverse city on September 9-10, 2006. All are welcome, \$80.00 includes both days with lunches provided. Andi will follow with two days of hands-on workshops.

If you are interested contact Lyle Jamieson for more info.

Lyle Jamieson, 285 Lauri-Wil Lane, Traverse City, Michigan 49686
231-947-2348 or email: ar785@tcnet.org

Nick Cook Will be doing a 2 day Demo December 9th and 10th at the Michigan Association of Woodturners. The Location is the shop of Dave Gordon, 10621 Milford Rd, Holly MI 48442. Cost is \$80.00. **Contact Tom Mogford at 810-629-6176 for details and to register.**

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D.A.W. Equipment User Program

Just a short note to remind Club members, and associated groups, of the D.A.W Equipment User Program. As a D.A.W member, in good standing, or equivalent, you may request the use of the Club's equipment, for designated periods of time. At present, Club members may request the use of the Club's Delta full size lathe, Jet mini lathe, turning tools, art fair tent, art fair display stand, and art fair table and chairs.

We encourage first time turners to request the lathes in conjunction with our mentoring program. This linking gives the new turner the opportunity to receive instructions and then practice what they have learned. Individuals looking into purchasing a new lathe may consider requesting the lathes to give them a reference point in what to look for in a lathe. The art fair equipment is geared to aiding members interested in entering the art fair circuit. It gives the member the opportunity to experience offering their work for sale, and to get a feeling if this is something they might consider doing on a larger scale.

All requests for the use of the club equipment go through the Asset Manager. He / She keeps a list of all use requests, and coordinates the scheduling. Storage of the equipment is the responsibility of the person in possession of the equipment until the next user is scheduled. The Asset Manager will inform the current user of the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the next scheduled user. He /She will also inform the next scheduled user of the current user's name, phone number and e-mail address. It's the responsibility of the person in possession of the equipment and the next scheduled user to coordinate the transfer of the equipment at a convenient time for both parties. The person relinquishing the equipment must notify the asset manager when the transfer is complete. The two parties must reconcile the transfer of equipment by verifying that all the components of the package are accounted for, and in working order. The replacement of any missing or broken components will be the responsibility of the transferor.

If you have any question concerning the program you may contact the Asset Manager as follows;

Ron Sztumerski

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Library Notes from Glenn

Three new books have been added to the library:

Wood for Woodturners by Mark Baker

Segmented Wood Turning by William Smith

A Turner's Guide to Veneer Inlays by Ronj Hampton

In ***Wood for Woodturners***, Mark covers 50 woods in detail and another 100 with less information. Included are the name, weight, size, the possible health risks from the dust and the wood its self. Covered are the description, working qualities, and seasoning characteristics of the wood. There are coloured pictures of the wood, before and after applying a finish, as well as, finished pieces that he and others have turned. He also adds a hint for the detailed woods - covering items like how to get a good finish off of your tool, what to do prior to applying a finish and what finish he has found to be successful for that particular piece. I highly recommend this to everyone.

Calling All Writers

During the months of September through June, I try to put out a newsletter that is interesting and full of information for you, the club members. For this to happen, I need two things:

1. Information regarding the types of material you wish to see printed in the newsletter.
2. Information to print in the newsletter. This includes photographs and articles. For example, if you took photos at a show, one of the meetings or classes, I would like to receive them for publication. If you have taken any classes recently, we could use an article regarding your experience. Don't worry about the grammar or spelling, we'll edit your material.

Please contact me if you can be of assistance. Thanks. Ruby e-mail : rubbycler@sympatico.ca

Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy getting the prizes. The monies, from the raffle, pay for things like operating expenses. Please bring along any extra wood, tools or other items you feel you can afford to donate to our prize table.



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The education, of the will, is the object of our existence.

Metro Detroit Woodturners Holiday Show

**Where: Masonic Lodge
850 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071**

When: Saturday, November 18, 2006

Time: 9:00am until 6:00pm

Take I-75 to the Twelve Mile exit, then West 1/8th mile to Stephenson Hwy (first traffic light), then North (right) to Thirteen Mile Rd (one mile), then East (right) go under I-75 overpass to first street on your right, Montpelier, South on Montpelier until it turns left, then left and look on your left for Northwood-Ancient Craft Lodge, (brick building with brown trim & Masonic emblem on front. Entrance and parking is in the rear for members.

First Annual Wood Turning Show and Sale

This idea first started out as a comment by Ray Frase. He suggested that maybe a few of the turners in the club should get together and rent a hall, to sell some of our work. At the last planning meeting, I offered to chair a Committee and get this idea off the ground. Well a hall has been secured (thanks to Ron Aldridge) and a date has been set. Nov.18, 2006 at a Masonic Lodge in Madison Heights.

We can handle 16 turners and it will be on a first come basis. Tables will be very reasonable at \$30.00. This price will pay for the hall, flyer printing, and newspaper advertising. If we don't fill the available spaces with DAW members, we will open it up to the other Turning clubs in the area. Since the date is only three months from the time I am writing this article, we have to move fast to get this ball rolling. Anyone interested in doing this and securing a spot can send me a check now or take your chances and wait till the Sept.10th meeting. At the meeting we will have application forms and more information. If you are interested, e-mail me (mfoyd@comcast.net). Thank you. Mike Foydel.

Harber Nips Fischer for Croquet Tournament Win

By John Sabina

The croquet tournament held at the DAW picnic in June provided to be a lot of fun. The pre-picnic publicity specified the requirements that each DAW member entering had to make his/her own croquet ball and mallet. Only four members present at the picnic made their own equipment –Dave Blacker, Mike Foydel, Lowell Gnadt, and the writer. Rumor has it that several other members made balls and mallets as well, but they did not attend the picnic. At our president's suggestion, the writer and tournament organizer brought a commercial lawn croquet set "just in case."

Thirteen people enter the tournament, including seven DAW members, four wives, and two sons. A good time was had by all. Instead of a well manicured lawn, a classic hourglass shaped court, and bent wire wickets, the DAW version used the very rough grass on the island in front of the Shadbush Nature Center, a very large u-shaped court, and very sturdy square wickets fabricated by Greg Smith. Each of these differences had an effect on tournament play.

The rough grass made many shots unpredictable. The large u-shaped court with ten wickets meant that several groups could be on the court at the same time which definitely sped up the play. The size of the course also meant that heavier, homemade mallets had a distinct advantage. The very rigid wickets meant that only accurate shots went through. Many players saw a near perfect shot bounce back and forth between the two sides of the wicket without going through.

The first foursome of Russ Layle, Judy Sabina, Alex Fischer, and Austin Fischer saw the first two, Russ and Judy advance. The second foursome of Mary Sue Layle, Matt Harber, Tracy Fischer, and Mike Foydel let Mike and Matt advance. The last group of the first round was a fivesome. The players were Ellie Fitzpatrick, Dave Blacker, Ray Frasz, Dave Fischer, and Lowell Gnadt. Lowell and Dave Fischer advanced to the second round.

The second round consisted of two threesomes, with only the top player from each group advancing to the final. Both second round matches were very close. Matt Harber defeated Russ Layle and Mike Foydel to advance to the final round. In the other group, Dave Fischer edged out Judy Sabina and Lowell Gnadt to advance.

The final round saw Matt Harber gain a large lead early, but Dave Fischer nearly caught Matt at the end. Matt received the coveted handshake for his win to the thunderous applause of the on-lookers. Don't be left out next year!