



DATE: JULY 8, 2006 MEETING

TIME: 10:00 Am

WHERE: George Hancock's Shop, 1709 Clark Street, Midland

DEMO: George Hancock Making Kaleidoscopes

WOODCHIPS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It's time for another newsletter article already; and as usual, I have no idea what to write. Well, I'll just make it up as I go...like normal. *Speaking of making it up on the go*; don't blame Vance if the format of this month's newsletter is messed up, blame me. Vance had some computer problems at the last minute and couldn't do the newsletter this month.

First, I would like to thank Max Richards for the fine demo that he put on at the last meeting. I have made a couple of pens (OK, maybe more than a couple) and I learned quite a bit from Max's demo. I was especially intrigued by how little equipment Max used. No drill presses or fancy stuff, just a mini lathe and quite a bit of skill. Thanks for an excellent demonstration Max!

It is hard to believe that it is almost July already. Where has the first half of the year gone? While thinking about that question I came to a surprising revelation. I am over half way through my term of office as president. I am amazed at how easy the task has been so far. Our club is blessed with a group of outstanding officers. They are really making my job easy. If I could just find someone to write this article I'd really be in high cotton!

In all seriousness, your officers are some of the best folks that I have ever worked with. They are hard working, and all around great people. They must be woodturners! Please show your appreciation to them for their hard work.

The web site hasn't been forgotten. Please email me some ideas or examples of what you would like to see on it. Please also send me some of your favorite sites, so we can create links to them. Additionally, let me know if you have seen a site (woodturning related or not) that has a format/layout that you like. Perhaps we could get some good ideas for the format on our site.

This doesn't have to be a difficult task. You can type, or copy and paste, some website addresses into an email and send it to me at keith@grandecom.net. It is also possible to export your favorites and email them easily. To copy your favorites from Internet Explorer simply open your web browser, select **File**, and **Import and Export**, from the toolbar at the top of the browser.

This will open the Import/Export wizard. Click the **Next>** button, select **Export Favorites** and click the **Next>** button again. This window will allow you to select where your favorites are stored (it defaults to the correct place for most people), click the **Next>** button again. The form will open asking where you want to save the file. You can save it anywhere you like, but try to put it somewhere you can locate it again. Type or browse to the location where you want to save the file and select the **Next>** button again. The default file name is **bookmark.htm**. Select the **Finish** button and a window will pop up saying that you have successfully saved your favorites.

The file created above can be attached to an email and we can use the code from that file to include your favorite links in an easy manner. So...help us include the stuff you want to see on the club's website. I will compile the information that you send and get it to our website designer.

Since I'm asking you to share, I'll do the same. I will include a small list of websites that I compiled for the beginning woodturning class later in the newsletter.

Midland College has advertised a beginning and intermediate woodturning class again. The intermediate class will be on pen turning. I believe that they will be published in the fall class schedule listing. I'm not sure when they will start, but I'll let you know when I find out. I also request your help for our new primary instructor, Doug Mee if (when) he asks for your help. Please don't think that you have to be an expert turner to help with the classes. It may even be better for the students if we instructors are human, and make small mistakes. It's not as intimidating for them. The assistant instructors just walk around and encourage (visit with) the students while trying not to let them do anything that will hurt themselves. This is a fun and gratifying way to spend a couple of hours.

We had a report from the AAW National Symposium and the Utah Woodturning Symposium. Both reports were from our members that attended and were very favorable. I'm not sure that you could go wrong attending either one. I also really recommend attending S. W. A. T. if you're able. The demonstrators have been very good when I attended. See the notice elsewhere in the newsletter for more information on this topic.

I also want to thank you for helping to make our club what it is. I enjoy meeting you folks anywhere. I was privileged to see one of our newer members (Jerry Bechyne) last Sunday evening at the Museum of the Southwest, and it made my evening. It's like seeing an old friend whenever I meet one of you folks. I'm also excited to see the new visitors at every meeting. They only attend because of your invitation and enthusiasm. You guys and girls are the greatest!

Please don't forget to bring something for the raffle if you won something last month.

I hope to see you at George's shop on Saturday, July 8th. It's always neat to see George turn, and kaleidoscopes are a really cool project.

Keith Hughes

Program Chairmen Report

LAST MEETING JUNE 10, 2006:

Max, I want to compliment you for a job well done. I think it was a demonstration that shows it doesn't take a shop full of tools to do finished turning on the wood lathe. If you would ask him how long it takes to make a pen he would say, "Oh, around fifteen minutes". Then why does it take an hour and a half for a pen making demonstration? We were introduced to how to do all the steps of pen making using only the mini jet lathe. How to drill the blank on the lathe, how to trim on the lathe, how to turn, how to add segments of contrast were all detailed as part of the demonstration. We were also advised what to expect from different pen kit suppliers in the way of quality and pitfalls. Sanding and various finishes were demonstrated. It was an excellent show to new turners that it doesn't take hundreds of dollars to get a started in wood turning.

There are several turners in our chapter who make pen and pencil turnings their favorite choice of woodturning. It's inexpensive, allows making items of a wide variety of woods. The wide selection of pen and pencil styles and other small turned items in the pen section of the catalogues are desirable woodturning projects. Ask those that make these pens and pencils how many they have on hand. If you remember, Max asked several of our turners to bring some of their turnings because he didn't have many to show. For someone who has made hundreds, where did they all go? The answer to this question was interesting. He said when he got started they were sold, but now most of what is made now is given to individuals interested in wood turned items

NEXT MEETING JULY 8, 2006:

I have witnessed George making his first kaleidoscopes and have seen the latest production. His latest was on the show table at our June 10 meeting. Folks it was a masterpiece compared to his first models. George's demonstration will be to show what he has gone through to make the kaleidoscope that is his now kaleidoscope. He made several versions trying to improve over the last. One of the improvements was a bearing made of PVC pipe and BB gun BB's. It worked very well but is not what George calls acceptable for his latest quality control. The demonstration will show all of the steps to get the desired performance including the PVC bearing. The latest uses a purchased ball bearing that gives unbelievable performance.

The first models consisted of wood blanks long bored hole. It was just a step to get to the barrels now being made. The latest model consists of segmented staves for the barrel. The long hole hollow drilling just didn't produce the quality barrel George wanted. Segmented pieces did.

The kaleidoscope George wanted required material not available locally. The demonstration will show how, why and where all parts are made and where you can get the special material. I have seen the kaleidoscope demonstration at SWAT. I must say this demonstration far exceeds the SWAT demonstration. There will be a handout that shows on Paper the how, why and where required to make a top quality kaleidoscope. This demonstration will be a repeat of the demo's we have recently had for our monthly program. Bringing in what is called professionals could do no better.

RAFFLE:

A comment should be made in regards to the quality of items brought back by our raffle winners. Our members are purchasing raffle tickets hoping to get one of the items on the table. Yes the more we spend for tickets the better our balance looks, but those buying tickets could care less about the balance. They hope our raffle auctioneer will have their name drawn to be one of the winners. Look at the list below of items that were taken home by the winners.

\$15 gift certificate	Tom Farrell	Dogwood blank.....	Jim Davis
Myrtle wood blank.....	Wayan Lyles	Turning blank.....	Tom Farrell
Myrtle wood from Oregon..	Max Richards	2 pen blanks	Bob Harbaugh
\$10 gift certificate	Ernie Showalter	2 pen blanks	Charles Swift
Pencil.....	Aubrey Easley	Pen.....	Bill Garner
6 pen blanks	C. W. Simons	5 pen blanks	Mary Tipps
Birdhouse chain-pull.....	Wayan Lyles	5 pen blanks	Max Richards

Upcoming Programs:

July 8,	George Hancock making kaleidoscopes
Aug. 12	Vance Ford making the natural edge bowls
Sept. 9,	Jim Ketcham green log to rough turned bowl
Sept 29 thru Oct. 1,	SWAT at Temple Texas
Oct. 14	Hamburger barbeque social
Nov. 11	Jake Kemper inside/outside turning
Dec. 9	Christmas Party

Program Chairmen:
Ernie Showalter
Tom Chandler

Special Raffle Prizes!

We will raffle off one paid admission to S. W. A. T. at the July meeting and again in August. To win you must be a current member of the club (dues paid for this year), be present for the drawing, and buy a raffle ticket. Jim said that he will draw this ticket first, so that everyone has an opportunity to win. The club will reimburse you for your entry fee after you return from S. W. A. T. Please save your ticket stub, or some way to show that you attended, if you don't see one of our officers there.

Our Board Meetings

The Club's Board Meeting is held two Wednesdays before the regular club meeting, at 6:30 PM, the location is announced by the President and is normally the Clarion Hotel on Wall St. near South Midland Drive. You are always welcome, and encouraged to attend. Contact Keith to verify the location.

Southplains Woodturners Meeting Times

The first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, the meeting will be held at Target Sheet metal

Safety Corner

PLEASE wear appropriate safety equipment; *especially a face shield or safety glasses*. This colorful addition to our friend Tom was caused by a small bowl blank coming loose from the chuck while being roughed out.

I thank Tom for allowing us to learn from his experience.

I thank God that my friend wasn't seriously injured.



Woodturning Web Sites

Information Sites

www.woodturner.org
www.woodcentral.com
<http://wr.avwa.org>
www.thewows.com

American Association of Woodturners
WoodCentral
Woodturner's Resource
World of Woodturners

Inspiration Sites

www.woodturningcenter.org
www.delmano.com
www.kestrelcreek.com

The Wood Turning Center
del Mano Gallery
Kestrel Creek

Suppliers

www.packardwoodworks.com
www.woodturnerscatalog.com
www.pennstateind.com
www.cuttingedgetools.com
www.leevalley.com
www.woodcraft.com

Packard Woodworks Inc.
Craft Supplies USA
Penn State Industries
The Cutting Edge
Lee Valley Tools
Woodcraft

www.envirosafetyproducts.com
www.robert-sorby.co.uk
www1.mscdirect.com

Enviro Safety Products
Robert Sorby Tools
MSC Industrial Supply

Publications:

www.fholder.com/Woodturning/woodturn.htm More Woodturning Newspaper
www.woodturningdesign.com Woodturning Design Magazine
www.woodmagazine.com Wood Magazine

Usenet Groups:

rec.crafts.woodturning

More links than you can shake a skew at:

<http://mgorrow.tripod.com/index-2.html> Marshall's Woodturning Links

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