



**MARCH 12, 2005
10:00
GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP
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OUTSIDE – INSIDE TURNING**

Our survey that was handed out and returned at the February meeting showed the main interest in our membership is bowl turning projects. I would have liked better participation in the survey, but it was sufficient to plan a good year. A good mix of different techniques on bowls, center work, and specialty turning will make it a fun year.

The handling of another popular "need" shown by the survey was the use and sharpening of gouges. The board felt this could be handled with a special session on "one on one" with the interested parties meeting together with an instructor. Contact me if you have interest in pursuing this.

DON FARRIS – Project Chairman

HOW ABOUT A JOKE

A woodworker had a neighbor that always borrowed his tools and never returned them, one day frustrated with this he phoned him.

“Could I put my tablesaw and drill press in your garage?” he inquired.

“Sure,” his neighbor replied, “ But why?”

“Just to have all my tools in one place.” he retorted.



WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems time is flying and the Club and its members are in the vortex of the activity. Professor Keith Hughes and his covey of “Assistant Professors” are in the midst of teaching the first beginning wood turning class at Midland College. There is a full compliment of ten students, and all appears to be moving ahead.

One never knows what will develop when a program like this starts, and sometimes it seems to develop it own engine and pushes ahead on its own, dragging us along for the ride. The college is excited and talking about intermediate and advanced classes. For all of our members, anyone willing to be an instructor should let us know as many of us cannot commit full time. This can be a paying job at some point in the future, but you won’t get rich. Think about it!

The programs for this year appear to be taking hold, and Don will keep you posted. I’ll try to keep everyone up to date on the SWAT information, and we should have tapes of the last years Demo’s soon. Keith will add them to the Library, and they will be available to all members.

Turning is an exciting and enjoyable hobby, and it is interesting to note that turning in dates from the 4th century. There was a Turners organization in Cologne Germany in the 12th century.

In the 1600’s, a man named Joseph Moxon described it as:

“Any substance, be it Wood, Ivory, Brass, etc., pitcht stedly upon tow points (as on an Axis), and moved about on that Axis also describes a circle concentric to the Axis; And an Edge-Tool, set stedly to that part of that Aforsaid Substance that is nearest the Axis, will in a Corcumvolution of that Substance, cut off all the parts of Substance that lies further off the Axis and make the outside of that Substance also Concentrick to the Axis. This is a briew Collection, and indeed the whole Summ of Turning.”¹

Lathes, tools, and techniques have changed since Joseph Moxon’s time, but the purpose has not. It is to make functional and beautiful objects. I marvel at some of the antique turnings and woodcraft, and feel humbled by the quality and beauty produced by craftsman that didn’t have electricity or M2 steel. Still, with our modern lathes and high tech tools, producing quality items is a challenge.

The craft of operating our tools and machinery is dependent upon the art of our hands, eyes and mind, as we strive for pleasing and functional form and feel. **(please note that some of these words appear to be misspelled but they aren’t)**

Keep the chips flying and “Be Safe”.

George Hancock
President – 2005

SAW FOR SALE

Jerry Bechyne has a 10” Craftsman Radial Arm Saw for sale, contact @ 6973982.
