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NORTH CAROLINA WOODTURNERS' ASSOCIATION

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PROGRAM As many of you will recall, it was a plan by the Board of Director to have demonstrations by J. M. Wise & Co. of their various woodworking machinery kits at this meeting. This included two lathes, a multipurpose router table, a tablesaw fence, and other interesting items. Due to some unforeseen problems, Jim Wise has informed us that he cannot be at our June meeting. We regret this very much, as many of us were very interested in seeing these lathes in operation.

The Board has tried to plan ahead for all meetings, so we will simply move up a notch on the calendar and present a program which was to be given late this summer. Also, we would like to include a very special show-and-tell segment at this meeting -THE FIRST AND THE WORST TURNINGS YOU HAVE EVER DONE! If you still have the first thing you ever turned, bring it; and if you have the worst thing you ever turned, bring it too. This might be something that you had particular trouble with. Perhaps we can profit from this by getting some valuable criticism, helpful suggestions, and maybe a laugh or two! This does not mean that you should not bring anything else too. Just try to include a thing or two that fits this category.

The other part of the program will include some spindle-turning demonstrations by Tony Bradley and Eric Hughes -and anybody else who wants to get into the act. Tony also suggested that we might talk and demonstrate more on tool sharpening at this meeting, so be prepared for that too.

NCW DIRECTORY I am enclosing a copy of our most up-to-date membership list, which gives the names, addresses and phone numbers for all members as of our last meeting. If there are any errors, please let us know so we can get them corrected on the computer.

A VISIT WITH JIM THOMPSON On May 6th. four carloads of us made a trip to Greenville, SC, to see Jim Thompson's "super lathe." Although we had already seen it on video, we all feel that we really got an eyefull of a very fine machine. Being right up on this thing is quite an experience, and not a few of us wished that we had unlimited budgets. Seeing a six inch diameter hole drilled 18 inches deep in less than 20 seconds into the endgrain of a pecan log was really something.

A SPECIAL THOUGHT A few years ago, Mary and I were visiting a craft show in Hendersonville when we met Hugh Quarles, who had some very nice wood-turnings. A very nice cherry burl weedpot caught Mary's eye, so it is now ours. Last year, when we were just getting our association going, Mary came home one day and said she had seen some very beautiful turnings by a man named Herb Quarles. Of course, I contacted Herb who put me onto Carlton Herman, who introduced me to Walt Hoyles, who was the president of the Apple Country Woodcrafters. This led to several others (over a dozen, I think), All this because I remembered Herb's father and his nice turnings.

Several days ago Hugh Quarles left the problems of this sometimes not-too-wonderful planet to the rest of us and went on to better things. But he will be missed by those of us who knew him, and we extend our warmest condolences to Herb and Ginger and the rest of their family.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION We're not through with Herb yet, and it is nice that we have something very good at this time to add about him. Herb was recently the recipient of an EMERGING ARTIST grant in recognition of his excellence in woodturning. It's especially nice that we can now add our congratulations to Herb. It is my understanding that Herb plans to use this grant to pay for studies with David Elsworth at Arrowmont later this year.

SOUND OFF At our last meeting, we handed out program evaluation forms to those who were present. We hope that you will use these to let the Board of Directors know how you feel about the programs we put together. Please be very candid about this, as we really do want to know what you like and don't like. Also, we want your suggestions for improving the programs and would certainly appreciate any contributions that you might make toward what we do. If you know how to do something that we need to know, how about letting us put you on a future program. Give any suggestions to Tony or any Board member -or send them to me and I'll see that they get to the right place.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY We are trying to build a good library of books and videos for use by our members. Bill Blackburn is our librarian, and he will have a bibliography prepared for us in the near future. We'll publish this and let you know in future newsletters whenever something new is added. These items may be checked out at any meeting or by contacting Bill directly. Please remember to return any such material promptly, as others will be wanting to check them out.

SUMMERTIME This is the time for graduations and vacations, so many of us will not be able to attend some meetings. That means that we need for everyone who can attend to do so. We always have fun, and it will be gratifying to those who are presenting the programs to have as much support as possible.

But if you are going to be away, why not try to bring something back that would be of interest to the rest of us -a nice piece of wood that you have found, information about other turners whom you might have met, or just some interesting trivia to share. If you have something that you feel is good for the newsletter, let us have that too.

HOW TO READ A TREE On Monday, June 17th., at the Opportunity House in Hendersonville, the Apple Country Woodcrafters will present a program entitled "How To Read A Tree," by Lloyd Sumner, a member of the International Wood Collectors Society, who is also a very excellent woodturner.

To cover the cost of this free program, Mr. Sumner will be presenting a slide show in the afternoon entitled "Around the World on a Bicycle." This will be at 2:00 P.M. at the Opportunity House, and the admission is \$3.00 per person. We'll have tickets and information on how to get there at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting and want to go, call Walt Hoyles (704) 693-0773 or Ken Bachand (704) 884-3712.

See you on the 8th. Be sure to bring those "terrible turnings!" -and some good ones too.

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