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President's Message

By Renhard McLaurin

Time well spent, versus Time, well, spent. . .



In trying to come up with a theme for this month's president's letter, I went through many iterations before deciding on a topic. I thought about the Art of Zen and talking about walking through a project and enjoying each aspect of the journey rather than only the final product. I thought about personal sacrifice. I also had a pretty good letter about looking for inspiration in all areas and places I go. Each topic had its merits but none quite captured what I was thinking.

I have been on vacation for the past week so when I received my monthly reminder from Beth about getting off my arsenic and preparing a letter, I had plenty of time to contemplate and ponder. After all, the diploma on my wall says I have a philosophy degree and so I should be able to take incredible philosophical journeys and contemplate many superfluous ideas.

Happy 4th of July!

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The AAW is dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, organization, technical assistance, and publications relating to woodturning. The North Carolina Woodturners Association purpose is to promote an interest in wood turning for persons of all levels, and to encourage membership in, and give support to, the American Association of Woodturners.

I had a chance to reflect on my life, the life of the woodturners' club, and how they both relate to the "outside world." What I kept coming back to was the need to be positive and influence others to do the same. I spent a few hours on the beach contemplating what I have done in my life to have a positive effect on the world around me and, in my life, what restricts me from achieving that goal.

I had the same thought about us as a group. What do we do as individual members to have a positive influence on other members and what do we do as a club to have a positive influence on our world. In a word the answer was "PLENTY" but the exercise of identifying the ways and then thinking about how those actions have a positive influence on others was worth the time. There was one event that I kept coming back to because it illustrated my point so well.

As you were hopefully aware, we cancelled our regular club meeting last month so that we could host a yard sale. It wasn't just a "yard sale"; it was a "community event" that went beyond the transfer of material. It was one of those times when we as individuals had the opportunity to affect others and ourselves.

Our club, and by our club here I mean Evanna and Scott, were able to assist a wonderful couple make preparations for some major transitions in their lives. Our club was called upon and, by extension, our members responded. The effort that Evanna and Scott put forth cannot be lauded enough. What they did in their name and ours was amazing.

The day of the sale was another opportunity for our club and its individual members to have that positive affect on others. Throughout the day, many of Evanna's neighbors showed up and she was able to connect with them personally. Countless numbers of people came through our "small" yard sale and were able to hear the story of why and how it was taking place as well as walk away with some great merchandise as a great price.

I was also personally affected. Yea, I spent a lot of money and came away with some wonderful merchandise but that is not what I am talking about. Remember the theme; have a positive effect on the world around us. Through this event, our club and its members had a great effect on each other and isn't that the point of having a club in the first place. That's why we come together each month. Many members were able to come out to the event and ended up sitting around talking with each other. The conversations didn't matter. It was friends being with friends. I met some members on a more personal level during the event and I know I was influenced in a positive way. I hope they were. I was also lucky enough to spend most of the day with several members of our club as we worked the event. I was led to the conclusion that we as a club are amazing because of the amazing nature of our members. Just spending that much time talking to and learning about each other brought me closer to them and gave me an appreciation for their life.

In the end, the philosophical pursuits of friendship and bonding gave way to cold hard cash. Again, thinking about that positive affect on our world, I am able to report that \$2,013 (after expenses) was raised for our club and another \$670 was raised for the donors of the equipment. You can argue whether the

money alone has a positive enough affect to make it worth the effort but when you think about the totality that was gained through the efforts of our club, and especially Evanna and Scott, there can be no doubt that we affect our world in positive ways.

July Demonstrator – Orville Shook

By Beth Parham

This month's program will be a demonstration by one of our own. Orville (Gene) is planning presentations that will include miniature multi-axis turnings, earrings, and the hot air balloons (segmented). Some of our club have called his turnings "unique"; he says that's because "you have to 'neak up on it'". Orville has been turning since 2005. He got started turning when his brother gave him a homemade spindle lathe. (And, yes, he can turn a toothpick down – I've seen him do it. - editor's note).

Thank You Everett Tucker!

By Evanna Brening

Five weekends, four full trucks, three trailer loads, two NCW members, and one massive garage sale later Scott Caskey and I successfully emptied NCW member Everett Tucker's work shop. It was Everett's lifetime accumulation of exotic wood, power tools, lathes, tool benches, camera equipment, nuts, bolts, screws, and so, so, much more Plexiglas than one can even fathom. A sale, hosted by NCW board members Evanna, Scott, Renhard, Beth, Gene, and Mike Mills, was held in lieu of the June monthly meeting at Evanna's house. More than 50 NCW club members and local woodworkers benefited from the sale. Overall we were a success; NCW also benefited to the tune of a little over \$2000 and 25% of proceeds was sent to Everett's wife Margaret. When Scott and I were clearing away her husband's shop, I promised her we would raise enough to provide 12 months' worth of pedicures.... We raised enough for 21 months.

Thank you Everett and Margaret for trusting Scott and myself with a lifetime of sawdust and memories.

Turning with Penta

By Beth Parham

I'm not trying to be presumptive and speak from the entire group that went to Frank Penta's shop in Chapel Hill on June 22, but it was an awesome experience. Frank's shop is incredible and members of his club were our "turning buddies" throughout the day.



I turned my first full-sized bowl ever; the multi-axis bottom was amazing and I would not have believed I could have done it. Also texturing and spiraling work was an amazing experience for me. Learning tool technique was as great a lesson for me as the turning. And, I love the statement posted in his shop: "We do not make mistakes. We do, occasionally, create design opportunities." I'm thinking about creating this sign for my studio. Thanks for the club's scholarship funds to send members to engage in this learning experience. \



July Raffle Items

By Evanna Brening

Not positive of all of the raffle items for this month. With the sale in June, the June raffle items will be used and other scheduled items pushed out for use at least one meeting into 2014. Additionally, there are some items from the sale that, since they did not sale, will be included in the raffles for the club. So, the raffle will be filled with the normal assortment of various goodies for us to use in our woodturning endeavors.



2013 Challenge Projects

By Scott Caskey

Bring BOTH the June and July projects. We will do a separate drawing for winners for each project. This is because we did not meet in a regular meeting in June due to the sale.

MO	PROJECT	HOLIDAY	SUGGESTIONS
Jun	Make a turning tool (hollowing tool 3 point skew...)		
July	Toys (tops, checkers, chess, whistles, other games, cars, etc.)		http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.php?catid=112
Aug	Honey dipper and honey bowl (make a set)		http://www.teknatool.com/projects/project5.pdf
Sept	Natural edge bowls.		
Oct	Turn a jack-o-lantern (turn it paint it dye it carve it make it a jack o lantern get creative)	Oct 31 Halloween	
Nov	Turkey or other game calls (even old crow)	Thanksgiving	
Dec	Snowmen	Christmas	

2013 Programs (and presenters)

By Mike Mills

MONTH	PRESENTER	TOPIC
July	Orville Shook	Miniatures w/multi-axis; earrings; hot air balloons
August	Kurt Herzog	Sputnik Shell Ornaments / Beyond the Basic pen
September	Open	
October	Sam McDowell	
November	Open	(NC Symposium demonstrator)
December	Christmas Party	

Newsletter/Membership/Library News

By Beth Parham

Newsletter

I am always looking for information, materials and topics that you would like to see as part of the club's newsletter. Share ideas you'd like to see incorporated in **OUR** newsletter.

Library

The library is being inventoried and evaluated for worn materials, missing videos and/or DVDs, broken or items that do not play properly. We also have obtained some new materials from the Tuckers that are being separated and cataloged where they may be additions to our library.

Membership

Types of Membership and annual pricing. See me at meetings if you want to join or have questions regarding membership. Also, remember that membership entitles you to a 10% discount from Klingspor on all purchases (except things with a plug).

-  Regular \$50/year
-  Centurion \$100/year (paid to NCW Education Fund. Includes special name tag.
-  Lifetime \$600 one time paid to NCW Education Fund. Includes membership for life and special name tag
-  Benefactor \$1,000 one-time paid to NCW Education Fund. Includes honorary membership in NCW (designed for businesses)

Challenge Project Photos

By Scott Caskey

No Challenge Project photos from June due to "Sale" in lieu of the normal club meeting. Be sure to bring June and July's Challenge project items to this month's meeting. There will be two separate drawings from the items shared by members.

Gallery Photos

By Scott Caskey

No Gallery photos from June due to "Sale" in lieu of the normal club meeting.

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium

Biennial Regional Symposium

November 1st - 3rd, 2013 Greensboro, NC3

Join us as we bring some of the best turners from around the world to Greensboro.



Our fourth biennial symposium will be held November 1st - 3rd, 2013, at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. The symposium is sponsored by North Carolina Woodturning Symposium, Inc.

There will be 7 simultaneous demonstrations at each of 9 rotations over the three days so you will be able to choose from a total of 63 rotations. This will give you an opportunity to see the demonstrations you desire. We are happy to present 6 featured and 8 regional demonstrators.

Our Featured Demonstrators for 2013:

(information courtesy of NCW website)

Jimmy Clewes, USA *"Square Oriental Box", "Platter Design", "Natural Edged End Grain Vase"*



Jimmy has over 22 years of experience in woodturning. His services as a freelance demonstrator and teacher take him all over the world including his homeland of the UK, Europe, Canada, Norway, Finland, New Zealand, Belgium, and Australia.

Douglas Fisher, Canada *"Off Axis Turning", "Surface Enhancement", and "Coloring"*



Douglas has been a full-time artist since 1992. He is interested in the art of indigenous cultures and exhibits his unique style of turned sculptures internationally. Douglas's works are in private collections around the world.

Bob Rosand, USA *"Christmas Ornaments", "Acorn Bird House", "Rudy' Style Candle Stick", and "Lidded Box"*



Robert began working with wood as a child and for over 20 years has been a woodturner, teacher, demonstrator, and writer. His works are in private collections throughout the US, Europe, and Japan.

Avelino Samuel, St. John, VI *"Turned Vessels Spiral and Carved" and "Finials"*



Avelino learned to handle tools at an early age in the tropical setting of his native Coral Bay, St. John. He developed a keenness for form and function and a passion for teaching. He was recently selected to demonstrate for Turners Without Borders in Tanzania, Africa.

Keith Tompkins, USA *"Finials", "Winged Bowl", and "Design Inspiration"*



Keith is an award-winning wood turner known for his imaginative style. His work has been published in several magazines and he has demonstrated at many national and regional symposiums throughout the country. Keith is also an inventor and writer.

Molly Winton, USA *"Mini Vessels with Carving", "Pyrography Pens", and "Surface Enhancement"*



First introduced to woodturning in high school, Molly endeavors to make wood pieces that pursue excellence in form and design. Her interest in Native American and prehistoric art are a source of inspiration for her artistic interpretations.

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NEXT MEETING:

July 13, 2013

Remember, our meetings are always on
the second Saturday of the month
at

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