

BUCKEYE WOODWORKERS  
AND TURNERS  
Jan. 15, 2005

The regular meeting of the Buckeye Woodworkers and Turners was called to order by Bruce Lance. Approximately 51 members were present at the meeting. The first order of business was to congratulate Ray Maar on the recently revised newsletter for our club. He did an excellent job for the January issue and we will be looking forward to the upcoming issues. Bruce mentioned that it did take a long time to download into our computers and that would be a reason for us to create a website and post the newsletter there for all to see. He indicated that less than ten members did not have computers and that this method of communication with computers was saving the club a lot of money. In fact he said that the amount saved would probably be enough to pay for our new website. He indicated that a BWT website would be a great way to communicate with all the members and then a small email to each member would all that would be necessary to inform them that the monthly newsletter is posted.

The problem with the website is that it would be tough to manage and that we should look into possibly having a professional web manager make monthly adjustments as needed. Jane Avnett indicated that she would be happy to create a website for us. She stated that she is currently managing 3 or 4 different sites for others. The club membership was delighted that she would undertake this responsibility. It was noted that we have been attempting to construct a website for several years and have never been able to do it. We will be deeply indebted to Jane for her role in this manner. Bruce indicated that the new web address should be BWWT.org and then be connected to the AAW website so that it would be easy to find. He indicated that this website will make it easier for prospective members to reach our club and gain further information.

Bruce mentioned that BWT club membership dues are to be paid this month. Each member should check with the treasurer to make sure that they have paid. He also mentioned that members should contribute to the coffee fund if they are using the refreshments.

Pres. Lance indicated that he is having a problem with getting people to do the monthly demos. He needed three people to form a committee to get the demonstration topics planned each month and who actually will be doing the demos. Hoby Horn indicated that he thought it would be helpful to get a list of names of individuals who would like to help out and then draw from that list. Pres. Lance reiterated the concept that it has always been very difficult to get enough demonstrators on a monthly basis and that this committee will help solve a big problem for the club. He asked for volunteers for this committee and Larry McCardel, Ralph Kubel, and Hoby Horn graciously volunteered their services. Hoby responded that "we now have a committee and we will get you all the demonstrators that you want". The suggestion was made by the Pres. that we should have three big name professional turners invited to the club throughout the year and give club demonstrations. He thought that all demonstrators were booked for this year, but it would be something to look into next year. It was mentioned that Alan Lacer is coming to North Coast for two days and maybe we could get him to come to our club for a third day. There is the possibility of calling AAW to see if anyone is in the geographic area and if they would like to come to visit us for a day. Bruce mentioned that the club has money in the treasury and that the club will pick up the cost for members only. George Reader stated that we should look into the getting other turners from nearby states such as Michigan, Pa. and West Va. They could present their program for a much cheaper rate than the pros and there are some excellent turners available. Gary Lansinger mentioned that we could become involved with an exchange of local turners from North Coast Woodturners. Another member mentioned that we have some great turners in our own organization that we could use. We could pay them for a days demonstration. In the

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Dave Hout mentioned that in conjunction with our effort last month to try to establish a woodturning scholarship for youth in the area, he was almost assured that he could get tuition scholarship at Campbell School for the Arts as well as at the Craft Supply Utah Symposium. He said that there would be an issue of trying to identify and select the proper student for these scholarships.

Don Karr stated that he would be willing to work on the selection committee. Gary Niehaus volunteered for the committee and the president selected Dave Hout and the club secretary to also participate in the selection process. Marty Chapman also suggested that we could try demonstrating at local schools to stimulate interest....possibly 11 and 12 graders. Hoby Horn indicated that he does demos currently at local Lions Club meetings which is attended by adults. Jim Arnett indicated that the Barberton Parks and Recreation Board wants him to provide woodworking demos for kids in the Barberton area. Jim Masters stated that he does demos for AARP and some womens garden clubs. He has found a lot of interest from individuals in those organizations.

Dave Hout addressed the issue of a new meeting place for our club meetings. He stated that he had talked to the Millers, who run Hartville Hardware Store and they would like to do something for our club. With the Christmas season just completed and Mr. Millers trip out of town, he had not had an opportunity to take it to the rest of the family for discussion. He indicated that the discussion will take place and they will attempt to come to some resolution. Currently, the Hartville Hardware store has no space available. In fact, they are having to adjust the square footage of their current departmental needs from time to time. It is a distinct possibility that a space will be provided in the new Hartville Hardware building. That currently is about 2 to 3 years away in the company planning stages. But with the reality of the building trades, it might be as far 5 years away. It will be a great facility when finished, but we need to do something in the mean time. The Longerberger warehouse might be available, but no one has contacted them. A contact person there would be needed to make an inquiry. Others mentioned that some church basements are available...still others mentioned that bank buildings have opportunities for club meetings.

Pres. Lance mentioned that Doll Lumber has their annual auction coming up in late Feb. or early March. This is a regional meeting for sawmill operators and wood dealers. They would like to have some wooden bowls or projects from local hardwoods donated to the organization to be auctioned off to the members of their club. Doll Lumber has been extremely generous to our club in the past by providing tours through their lumber mill and then providing materials for wood turners. They currently have a pile of offcuts and discarded logs that any woodturner from the club can acquire. If anyone would like to make a project for their auction, they should bring them to the next meeting. Bruce will see that they are delivered to the Doll Lumber Co. in Southington.

Pres. Lance also mentioned that we usually make some turned donations to the Hartville Christian School in April or May. This school is sponsored by the Miller Family Enterprises. These donations are a way that we can repay them for their generosity to the club. These turned objects should be brought to the May meeting of BWT.

Pres. Lance asked the club if we should participate in the Annual Christmas Tree Donation to Childrens Hospital. Members agreed in a vocal "Yes" and so that project will be undertaken during late spring and early fall. The tree will probably be donated by Hartville Hardware as they have done in the past. Other members suggested that given the fact that we made 314 ornaments for the last tree and it brought only \$900 + at the Christmas sale, that we could make more money for the charity by selling the ornaments on an individual basis for around \$10 per ornament. Some suggested that these could be available at a table in the entry or foyer to the Christmas Tree Show. Some suggested that maybe the ornaments could be sold at Hartville

Hardware and the money go to other charities, like the Hartville Christain School or other worthy causes. Others suggested that maybe a booth could be set up at the Hartville Flea Market. These opportunities would mean that someone would probably have to manage the tables and that might be hard to supply. Don Karr volunteered to chair the committee to look into the opportunity to sell items for charity. This will provide a valuable service to our club, since we are doing more charitable work for the community.

It was indicated by the president that some members of the club were concerned that we were sending our assets out of the country to Central America and that we should do more for projects and charitable activities inside the US. Others thought that our organization is big enough to do both activities. Others mentioned that with reports of some prospective woodturners in Honduras walking 2 1/2 hours to get lessons and that the learned skills will also provide them with a better livelihood, it was assumed that these areas will benefit from our generous contributions.

Harry Robinette donated a shop vacuum for our club use, however it lacked a hose kit. Gary Lansinger stated that he would see to it that we had a hose kit available at the future meetings.

It was discussed that we are now having enough members present at our meetings that about 10 to 15 members had to stand during the meeting. The president suggested that we should possibly purchase some chairs for our use. If we begin to meet at other locations, there is a distinct possibility that we will need quite a few chairs, since none would be provided. Harry Robinette indicated that he was going to Sebring to an overstock store and the last time he was there, the folding chairs were selling for \$5.95 per chair. He would look into the purchase price and see what kind of deal he could make. He was given the authority to spend \$300 to buy 50 chairs.

Hartville Hardware Tool stated that they would like to have a membership list of our club so that they could offer individual members a 10% discount on all catalog purchases. All items will have to be mailed since they are not set up for walk in purchases.

Dave Hout mentioned that he is setting up a hands on workshop for any beginning woodturners interested in learning some basic turning skills. He indicated that the first meeting would be on Jan. 24th with a capacity of 10 members for the first class. If more than ten individuals signed up, the additional members would be taken in the second class to be arranged later. This will be a session that will last from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM with a break for lunch. The cost of the all day session will be \$10 per person to help defray the cost of wood and refreshments. All participants are to bring their own tools. Lathes will be set up for every participant and there will be 4 or 5 instructors on hand to help teach the class. Dave mentioned later that there was overwhelming interest with 26 people signed up for the classes. Future dates for the remaining participants will be identified in future BWT meetings.

President Lance mentioned that numerous experienced club members were opening up their shops to our club members and welcomed them to contact him or other turners to come over for a visit. Bruce indicated that all they had to do was give him a call to make sure that he was home and we could get together for a turning session at any time. He encouraged members to take advantage of this opportunity. As is indicated by the generosity of Dave and Bruce, the purpose of our club is to help expand the concept of woodturning in our area.

The Hartville Hardware Tool Show is scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19th. This will be the same time as our next meeting of BWT and we will hold the regular meeting at the 9:30 AM and then after the meeting members can visit the tool show. We will need a list of volunteers to demonstrate at the tools show, so a sign up list was passed around.

The new Vice President of our club is Don Mills. He indicated that he has had experience with other non-profit clubs and he would like to help our organization.

The monthly raffle took in \$61 for the club treasury.

Marty Chapman stated that a clipboard is available for individuals to sign out books and materials. Any outstanding materials should be reported to him so that our library list can be updated.

#### DEMONSTRATION.....

Gary Lansinger provided a demonstration on the education of woodturners. He stated that he was involved at the national level with the AAW and that he was taking ideas from numerous organizations to foster development of teaching woodturning and providing scholarships for youth across the country. At the national level, the AAW is sponsoring a turning contest called, "Top This". Gary indicated that Bonnie Klein is also helping in this project to encourage local organizations to provide scholarships to their local youths to further the development of woodturning in America. They will be attempting to set aside a Youth Month on an annual basis. He indicated that there are 225 local woodturning organizations and that these groups could provide a tremendous amount of instruction to our youth. He indicated that at the National Symposium for the AAW, they are providing free admission to any youth from ages 10 to 18. They will also be giving away 10 mini lathes to the youth to help them get started in the art of woodturning. There will also be some tables set up for an Instant Gallery for the youth attendees. He also indicated that scholarships will be set up so that selected youth can attend Arrowmont and Campbell School of the Arts.

Gary then identified for the club members, a general lesson plan for the teaching of youth or any new woodturners. He stated that he had the opportunity to mentor a youth from his church and that he was interested in learning how to turn wood. When the youth arrived, the first thing that he wanted to do was turn a bowl. Gary suggested that they start from the beginning and learn the lathe parts and general physics and dynamics of the lathe. From there they began with some spindle turning of pine to learn the basics of hand held tools. They went through the roughing out stage that produced a very rough finish. Then he taught them how to develop a much finer finish with rubbing the bevel of the tool against the wood without any cutting action. Then with the simple raising of the back of the tool, the cutting edge very softly slid into the turning wood and began to cut into the cellulose fibers in a delicate manner. He emphasized that at all times, the turner should turn with the grain of the wood in order to have the fibers backed up by other uncut fibers. This provided the smoothest finish possible with the least amount of sanding. This process is similar to sharpening a pencil with a hand held knife and slicing the end in a direction toward the graphite point. Little progress and a rough finish is produced if one tries to sharpen in an uphill manner. To complete the afternoon, Gary completed the afternoon with a goblet with a captive ring attached to the stem. In this manner, all kinds of beads and coves were studied and developed in the turning. He recommended that one should constantly sharpen their tools when instructing individuals so that the cutting action would remain clean and virtually error free.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Schaible, BWT Sec.

