

# April 2006

# The March Demonstrator was Paul Kosmos with Segmented Turnings

By Jerry Schaible



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Thank you Paul for and outstanding demonstration.....



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## Presidents Soap Box

I want to thank everyone for their concern regarding my recent back operation. I really am starting to feel great, however am not allowed to drive a vehicle, lift anything, bend or twist as yet. Can't wait to get released so I can get back into the shop and start doing all the things I would like to do.

Want to remind everyone to bring a plate or platter for the Project of the Month. Remember, only domestic woods and be on your honor for placing your piece either on the novice or experienced turners table. Lets have 100% participation. Also don't forget to bring your work for the Show and Tell table. We all want to see what everyone is doing.

Although not announced, we will have some type of program after the break. See you all Saturday the 15th.

Best regards,

Larry

# **Calendar of Events**

# April meeting at Y-Noah Saturday April 15th

Meeting starts at 9:30 am

**April demonstration** is open at the time of this writing, President McCardle states that He is working on something, and there will be a demo.

May BWWT Annual Auction. Start gathering up your unwanted wood items, tools, and other misc. stuff that someone else might want. This is our clubs major fund raiser.

June; AAW Symposium June 22-24 in Louisville Kentucky

Please see a list of tools for sale at the end of page 6.

Please see an article on the Lake Erie Artists Gallery written by Paul Kosmos on page 7.

Remember the Project of the Month for April is Platters.s

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#### BUCKEYE WOODWORKERS & WOOD TURNERS March, 18, 2006

The regular meeting of BWWT met at Camp Y-Noah on March 18, 2006. Approximately 50 members were in attendance. A welcome to the members was given by Ben Fix and of special note to Larry McCardel from surgery, and Bruce Lance, on his return from Saudi Arabia. New members were introduced as well as visitors. Special introduction was given to Paul Kosmos, who was the featured speaker for todays session.

Vice President Fix indicated that there would be two tables set up for the monthly projects. One table was to be for the Old Hands group of woodturning members and the Novice group would be open to members that had about 2 years experience. Voting on all pieces would take place during the regular meeting. Winners were to receive a \$10 prize for their efforts. It was announced that next months projects would be a display of platters. Members were encouraged to bring their pieces in for Show and Tell.

Mr. Fix identified that the newly purchased bandsaw was sitting in the room for members observation. The saw was purchased from Hartville Hardware and assembled on site. Some members indicated that they would like to see a demo on using the bandsaw to cut various blanks for woodturning projects and issues of safety. The issue of bandsaw use will be discussed by the executive committee for presentation at a later date.

VP Fix indicated that there is a gallery in Tower City, in Cleveland that is in need of wood turned objects to sell in the store. Interested individual can look on our website for the contact phone number. Local artists are encouraged to have their works disp[layed in the store.

Business cards for the BWWT were placed on display for the membership to observe. More of these will be available at future meetings so that they can be handed out to interested individuals.

Lou Mineweaser, club treasurer, indicated that several members have not paid their dues. The membership list will be adjusted in the coming weeks to reflect only the paid membership. He also indicated that the club had \$1508.18 in the treasury. He also indicated that we had club patches available for shirts and caps. Money from the coffee and donuts totaled \$27 and the club raffle netted \$100.

Don Karr indicated that the library materials were available to be borrowed and then returned at the following months meeting. Members were encouraged to take advantage of this tremendous resource.

Marty Chapman stated that AAW was making available some Youth Grants that were worth \$1000. This money could be used to buy tools for young people to begin their woodturning experiences. A sophomore at Louisville High School has already won this award.

Catalogs to the John C. Campbell Folk School will be available for next months meeting. This will show all the craft options that are available in the coming year.

Doll Lumber will be heading to the Ohio Lumbermans Conference in the coming week. Any member that has produced a turned piece and wants to donate it to Doll Lumber, should deliver the work to Doll Lumber facilities by Thursday at the latest. Approximately 8 to 10 pieces have already been donated to help support the Childrens Miracle Network.

Jeff Hoffman, a Louisville teacher, received a \$1000 AAW grant to help outfit his school shop.

Don Somich has a Woodfast lathe for sale. It has a 39" bed length with a DC drive.

It was mentioned that copies of the club newsletter is available for those who did not see it on the clubs website. Accolades were given to Dave Floyd for his newsletter presentations each month.

Bruce Lance mentioned that he had 3 or 4 long boring bars available for anyone wishing to acquire them.

The winner of the Old Hands candle stick holder was George Raeder. The winner of the Novice group was Carroll Jones.

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Respectfully submitted Jerry Schaible, Sec.

## Tools For Sale

Black walnut Formica covered craft bench with one high side and one side with table height work surface covered with blue Formica. One drawer and adjustable shelving underneath.\$300. Steel frame wood top bench \$25. Reach me at 330-854-4678 or dalseave@sssnet.com

Dal Seaver

Jet Mini Lathe, Never Used ,reduced to \$175.00 Contact Adrian Cook 330-697-8284

Ridgid EB4424 Oscillating Edge Belt/ Spindle Sander \$75 cost \$250 New. Contact Bill SEABOLT 330-882-3335 lazybolt@aol.com

Woodfast model MC908, 16" capacity--39" between centers, with 6" & 12" tool rest, adjustable 10" tool rest. 3", 4" & 8" face plate, live center, drive center, drive chuck with 1 1/4" - 8 tpi, wrenches. 220v ac to dc var drive motor. cast iron legs & 2-6 frame. extra drive card for motor control. \$2000 or best offer. Contact Don Somich. 724-699-1673 cell, 724-981-4374



### Lake Erie Artists Gallery By Paul Kosmos

Hi guys. I visited the Lake Erie Artists Gallery on Friday. They just opened at Tower city. There might be an opportunity for some of you to sell your work. The space at Tower City is outstanding. As you know, TC is hurting due to low numbers of shoppers, and loss of most key stores/clients. So they made a deal with the Gallery hoping to bring people into TC and begin upgrading their offerings. In lieu of rent they get a percentage.

The Gallery is located on the 2nd floor and they have an equal space on the 3rd floor. The space is great. All wood paneled and large areas at top of each section would show large pieces beautifully (used to be a plush clothing store). It would be cool to walk in and see one of our pieces on display. Current work displayed is mixed, ranges from \$10 to about \$500. At this time, only wood is some bottle stoppers from David Shafron (NCWT member). They have lots of space to fill and need some wood stuff to warm it up.

To be a member and display your work you must:

- 1. Pay fee of \$25 month. Towards expenses.
- 2. Volunteer 4 hours per week (or pay a higher commission) They need the help and think it will help if artists are present.

To sell items:

- 3. The commission is 30 % (20% to gallery and 10% to TC) plus 4 hours per week.
- 4. OR 40% commission and no volunteer time

- 5. Most sales are credit card, 5% fee to cover CC fees.
- 6. Non Members \$10 per week and 50% commission (for temporary artists)

Insurance - You have to provide insurance if important to you.

In summary: This is a nice opportunity. The big question is whether Tower City will attract people interested in art. TC is at an all time low right now with poor store selection (it still looks nice, just not top names). I think the key is special events, holidays, and traffic from the Ritz Carlton. People like to browse, etc. That means that smaller items might be a good try. At worst, you get some exposure and if the gallery gets some success or publicity, might make some money.

Special Events: The Gallery is hosting BRAVO ON THE AVENUE on Saturday, March 25, from 5 to 9 pm. Free food, wine, drawings, etc. So if this is interesting, YOU NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY.

Person to contact is Evelyn Bute (Director) at 216-664-9920. Paula Atwell is the President.

Please pass this on to as many members as you can, I can't hit them all or know who might be interested. I will send to another 10-15

Hope this is worth your time reading...... thought you might like to know.

Paul