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Christmas Ornaments were the subject of the October Demonstration at Camp Y-Noah

The purpose of these demonstrations was to illustrate to the members the various kinds of Christmas ornaments that can be made on the lathe. Today's efforts were focused on four outstanding woodturners from Buckeye Woodturners club in Summit Co., Ohio. The demonstrators were **George Raeder, Larry McCardel, Gordon Seto, and Hoby Horn**.



Hoby Horn demonstrated the use of reverse turning to create an ornament. He used four pieces of wood that measured $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \times 6$ inches in length. The four pieces of wood could be the same species or woods of contrasting colors to provide a more festive appearance. The woods were grouped to-

gether, side by side, with a small dab of glue placed on the last $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of each piece. This provided a turning block of $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2} \times 6$ inches in length. A center point was determined by the glued up lines on the end of the blank. The blank was placed between centers for turning. The shapes that one can use must be formed in an outline profile with almost a negative turning concept.

In step one, you are removing wood so that when finished, the removed wood presents the imagery of a solid profile or outlined character. You can only cut these negative outlines deep enough so that there is some wood remaining to be used in the next phase.

Sand and finish the surfaces that have been turned. In step two, you take the turning blank from the lathe and cut the last $\frac{1}{4}$ inch off from each end at the bandsaw. This is done so as to remove the glued portions of the blank. Then rotate each of the four pieces, 180 degrees and reglue the ends to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in from each end. When the glue has dried, then remount the blank on the lathe. If one looks closely, you can see the profile of air space that is now on the interior of the ornament. There should be a creative artistic turned design in the center of the ornament. Now after remounting the blank, begin turning the exterior shape of the ornament as desired, being careful not to turn away too much wood to cut into the interior design. Some exterior shapes are merely rounded over, others have a unique

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shape created by the turner. Sand and finish the exterior to match the interior or provide a contrasting color pattern. When finished, remove from the lathe and drill a small hole into the top where the woods have come together. Then glue a small hanging loop or eyelet in position for hanging on the tree.



Larry McCardel demonstrated the sea urchin ornaments. He stated that he purchased the sea urchin globes from www.seashellworld.com on the internet. He indicated that they had the best prices that he could find. Larry was interested in turning the icicles that were needed to be glued onto the sea urchin shells in order to make it look like a Christmas tree ornament. He started with 1 1/2 X 1 1/2 X 6 inch blanks of a nice wood with character. This could be turned from domestic or exotic species. He used a roughing gouge to remove excess wood and then a 1/2 inch or 3/8 inch spindle gouge to shape the spindle into an icicle. He cut a tenon on one end to fit into the opening of the sea urchin shell. If the natural hole in the shell was not big enough, he then would take a rat tail file and file carefully to enlarge the hole. If the area immediately around the hole was not flat enough to accept the turned

flange that he made next to the tenon, then he had a small hand grinder with a sanding disc that he used to flatten the raised areas on the shell. This was done to get a nice fit on icicles. Larry recommended that you sand as you go on the icicles so that you could have a nice surface when finished. Sometimes the icicle is turned quite thin and vibration may occur. The icicles can have many different creative designs, and no two could look the same. There should be a flange cut near the end of each icicle so that it would fit flat against the shell to cover the opening. Larry uses thick CA glue to glue the icicles to the sea urchin shell. Larry uses clear lacquer to finish his icicles as well as on the shell. He sprays on the lacquer in the can and then wipes off the excess in a few seconds. He will use about 3 coats or until he gets a very nice looking finish.



Gordon Seto demonstrated the use of offset turning on icicles. He used an Escolen Off-set chuck for his turning. He used turning blanks that were 1 1/4 X 1 1/4 X 6 inch size. They were typically this size so that there would be a nice flange on the top and also give sufficient surface to design the offset areas of the icicle. He primarily used a 1/4 inch spindle gouge for all his turnings. The Escolen chuck allows you to offset the headstock end of the turning blank to provide a very unique profile on the icicle. Light cuts are to be taken since most of the turning is over air and therefore there will be no wood on which to rub the bevel of the tool. When

the thin delicate end of the turning is being worked on, there may be some serious vibration taking place. Gordon used a very unique device to hold the thin ends steady. He had a goblet style cup on the tailstock end with a turned Morse Taper on the stem to fit into the tailstock. The cup was about 2 1/2 inches round with the internal walls about 1/4 inch thick and therefore an interior opening of the goblet at approximately two inches. He had four small nails inserted into the top rim of the goblet. Then he used some string that was wound around each nail and over and around the thin turning. This provided sufficient strength to hold the end of the turning steady and then be able to turn the rest of the icicle. Gordon emphasized that one should take his time and turn with a light touch to get the best results.



George Raeder demonstrated the turned acorn ornament. He started with a 2 1/2 X 4 inch round blank. He had a 5/8" hole drilled in the center of the end of the blank. The purpose of this was to accept the lid or cap of the acorn. He inserted one end into the scroll chuck and the other end with the 5/8" hole fit into the ball bearing tailstock center. He then turned the body of the acorn to the desired exterior shape. Then he took straight calipers, with very sharp points, and marked off the sides of the acorn body. This distance between the points was about equal to the parting tool that he was going to use.

By holding the straight calipers with points down and have the lathe on, one is able to make a small indentation in the wood and located the turning lines. He marked off the complete acorn body with this effect. Then he took the parting tool and at every other mark he created deep cuts into the body of the acorn. This produced layers of turned wood in the form of discs next to the deep cuts. He left a center core of wood to hold all the pieces together. He emphasized that one must be careful so that the wood discs that are remaining do not have any chip out on the edges. That would destroy the profile and uniqueness of the piece. When finished, there would be some sanding and finishing on the lathe. The finished diameter of the acorn body was 2 inches. The second phase was to turn the acorn cap. The finished cap was about 2 1/4 inches in diameter. He turned the cap with a taper to the point. The wood was of a darker contrasting wood compared to the lighter wood of the acorn body. When turned smooth and sanded, he took the Sorby Spiral tool and ran it along the cap from the point in the center to the outer edge of the cap. Then he repositioned the tool and adjusted his body to do the round over edge at the very lip of the cap where it met the acorn body. The spiral tool certainly gave a very unique finish to the acorn cap. When finished, this ornament will certainly excite the guests who ponder its beauty.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Schaible, Sec.



BUCKEYE WOODWORKERS
AND WOODTURNERS
Oct. 18, 2008

President Phil Brower opened the meeting of BWWT with a welcome to all members and guests. There were a total of 50 members in attendance. We also had visitors from Atwater, Akron, and North Canton.

Pres. Brower mentioned that Camp Y Noah had their silent auction and it was highly successful. He indicated that they had earned approximately \$5000 for their scholarship fund. This scholarship fund provides money to needy campers who would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend Camp Y Noah. Our donations were well received and everything was sold. We will be asked to provide items next year for this valuable cause.

We do have one person signed up for the demo committee for next year. We are in need of two more individuals to serve on this valuable committee. This committee plans the demonstrations for our monthly meetings and is responsible for the conduct of the meetings.

It was announced that the BWWT chat room is up and running on Yahoo.com for those that are interested. Members are to contact Gordon Seto to get a letter of introduction in order to subscribe. It was announced that it was going well and that members were encouraged to participate.

Hartville Hardware has provided donations to our monthly raffle. Members were encouraged to do their hardware shopping there. They carry a fine product line and are eager to satisfy our woodturning needs.

Hartville Tool division is still providing a 15% discount to all who call in to make a purchase from their catalog division. This discount is open only to members of BWWT. We may call ahead and order and then indi-

cate that we will pick up the merchandise in order to save shipping.

Some members ordered CA glue and it was available for pick up at the meeting. If any other members wish to order, they are encouraged to pick up the order forms at the head table and submit them to the treasurer.

Pres. Brower mentioned that the BWWT website is not fixed and that members were encouraged not to go to the site until the bugs or virus can be removed. There has been an attempt to work on this for the last month but the virus cannot be located. In lieu of the websites unavailability, all newsletters will be sent out by Phil Brower to the membership.

Due to the high usage of the Y Noah camp today, bus service will be provided from our meeting room to the cars.

Jim Brown, BWWT Vice President indicated that our Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 13 and the cost will be \$10 per person. So far 31 individuals have purchased tickets to the event. Members were encouraged to purchase their tickets so that we could get a total count to let the kitchen staff know how much food to prepare. The dinner will be held at the Camp Y Noah dining hall.

Jim also mentioned that after the regular May meeting, the club members will be driving to the Warther Carving Museum for a luncheon and tour. The total cost of the trip will be \$25 per person.

Treasurer Lou Mineweaser gave a financial report of our current standings. He indicated that he will also be collecting for the kaleidoscope workshop which will be held by Jim Duxbury at the Nov. meeting. Cost of the workshop will be \$60 which included \$40 for the kit. The remainder of the costs will be paid by BWWT. All individuals that are planning to attend the should have their three

wooden pieces for the kaleidoscope handed in to Hoby Horn so that he can cut them to exact specs. He will return them for the demonstration in Nov.

Ben Fix indicated that there were openings for the Turn and Learn session after the meeting today. The cost would be \$5 for the wood. This was to coordinate with the ornament turning demo that was planned for today. He also indicated that the Jim Duxbury demo for Nov. is on schedule and we are looking forward to it.

Ben also mentioned that as members of the club, we should take great care in handling the projects that people have brought in for the Show and Tell table. There have been times in the past where the projects have been broken by rough handling. These projects are valuable and should be handled with care.

Lou Mineweaser will be retiring at the end of October instead of the previously announced Feb. 2009. Today was the last day that he will be acting as BWWT treasurer. Phil Brower mentioned that Lou has provided outstanding service to our club and that we are seriously indebted to him for his accurate work. Lou has been a strong supporter to our club for many years. Phil presented Lou with a plaque in memory of the long years of service that he has given to the club. Members wished Lou a fantastic retirement and hoped that he would continue his efforts in woodturning. Lou indicated that he has already located a woodturning club in Tenn. that is only about 20 miles from his house. We all wish Lou well in his coming endeavors. Thanks Lou for all the fine work and advice that you have given to us over the years. Best Wishes.

Phil mentioned that there will be an election of officers at the meeting in Nov. The following individuals have been selected by the nominating committee and are presented to

the members of the club: Bill Stone, VP; Bill Seabolt, Treasurer; Jerry Schaible, Sec.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Schaible, Sec.

Lou Mineweaser

On behalf of the officers and members of BWWT, Thank You for your years of service and friendship to our club. We're going to miss you! Best of luck in Tenn.

DRF

Lou's new email is mine@tds.net

Calendar of Events

The November meeting will be at Camp Y-Noah on Saturday the 15th.

Jim Duxbury will be visiting BWWT in November to demo Kaleidoscopes at our regular meeting on Saturday the 15th, with a special workshop following on Sunday the 16th.

A Christmas party is being planed for our club to be held at Camp Y-Noah on **December 13th at 6pm**. Please make your reservation and pay Bill Seabolt \$10.00 per person at this months meeting if you will attend the Christmas party in December.

BWWT Christmas Dinner Menu

Appetizers at 6:30

Finger Foods
Cheese Tray
Quiches

Dinner

Ham & Turkey
Sweet & Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Greenbean Casserole

Desert Bar

Please Take Note!

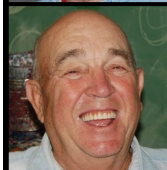
There will not be a regular BWWT meeting in December. The Christmas party will take the place of our regular meeting.

We will visit the Warther Carving Museum for a Hobo lunch and tour after our regular meeting on May 16th ,2009. The lunch will begin at 12:30 with tour following. Wives and or significant others are invited for what promises to be a very interesting and educational display. Cost for lunch and the tour is \$24.95 per person. Plan to Attend!

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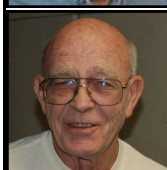
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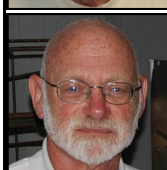
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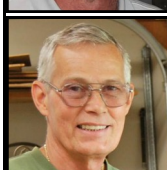
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