



Monthly Newsletter April 13, 2010

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April 13, 2010 Meeting -



President Phil welcomed everyone, including about 20 members and 2 visitors, Frank Jackson and Steve Lore. Phil reminded us that our next regular meeting will be held on May 11, with a demo scheduled by Keith Holt, and the next open house at his shop will be held on April 20, from 7 – 9 pm. The next club challenge for a weed pot, no size or wood material restrictions, is due at the

September meeting. The 50/50 drawing this month, worth \$42, was won by new member Doug James. Congrats Doug !! Congrats to club member Andy DiPietro, who not only won a prize at Saratoga Springs but also had 2 pieces selected for a gallery critique by David Ellsworth and others.

Regarding the annual summer club picnic, Phil is asking for suggestions from the membership on when is the best time to hold it?? He wants to make it more successful and better attended than has been the case in previous years, so is soliciting ideas that will accomplish this. Let him know what you think about the best month to have it, and any ideas about location as well. He hopes to make a decision about it at the next club meeting. On a sadder note, Phil reports that Nelson Brown is again in the hospital, this time Presbyterian in Phila., and would appreciate calls and visits from his wood turning pals. The hospital number is 215-614-2784.

Forest Service Council Certified Tropical Woods – update

Our dedicated club member Brad Whitman has been continuing his quest for good environmental stewardship among wood workers, and has recently found that Diamond Teak, in Sellersville PA, is a certified source for selected tropical hardwoods. Their contact info is -

Brian Hughes, Diamond Tropical Hardwoods, 220 N. Main Street, Sellersville , 215.453.2196

www.diamondtropicalhardwoods.com

I've talked to Brian, and he has agreed to give our club members a 10% discount for purchases there, so check them out, save some money, and do a good deed for the planet all at the same time.

You can also feel free to contact Brad at <brad@bradturnsgreen.com> to get more information on this important topic.

Upcoming Events

April 20 – open house at President Phil's shop

April 26 - Executive committee meeting at MFS wood shop

May 11 – next regular club meeting at MFS wood shop

June 18-20 AAW symposium, Hartford, Conn.. (Discount if signed up before May 15)

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Treasurer's Report - none this month (but we did get a bunch of checks for the HOW program, And Treasurer John Coles will give us the details next month)



Library Report –

Librarian Robert Jay encourages everyone to investigate all the new holdings we've been accumulating, and reminds us that the new policy is for "free" loans of the items, combined with a user friendly check-out process. Ray Klosek has generously donated a 3 book set by Richard Raffin and 3 CD's by Jimmy Clews, thanks Ray !

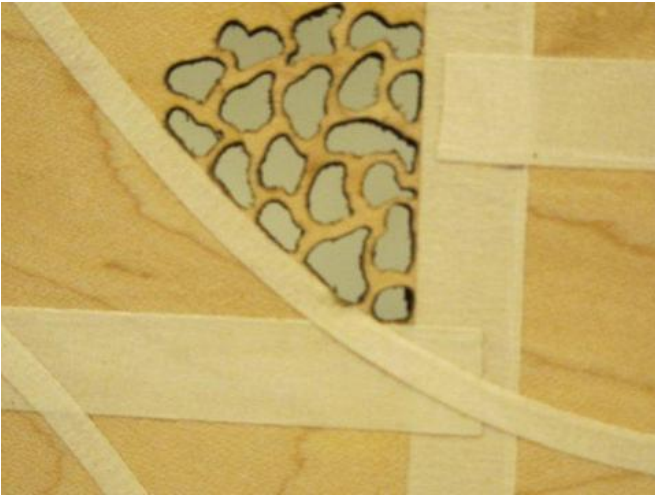
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Featured Program –

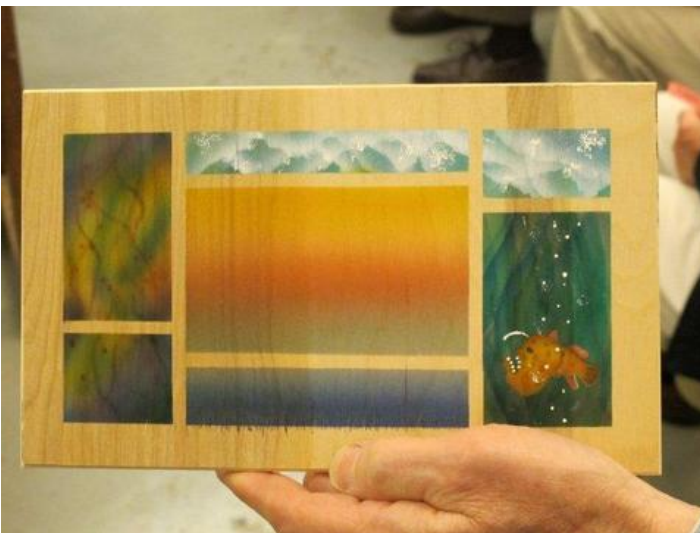
The program this month was a piercing and airbrushing demonstration by Mike Kehs, who lives locally in Bucks County, PA. Mike provided a little background on himself, having worked as a stone mason for many years before moving full time into the creative wood work he now does. Starting out his demo, Mike acknowledged his debt to Binh Pho for sharing his knowledge and inspiration with Mike in the past.



Mike recommends using material with a wall thickness of 1/16" – 1/8" for the piercing work with the NSK air powered tool he prefers, using an end mill type bit. Mike generously supplied a 2 page list of equipment sources for those of us interested in acquiring this capability. He demonstrated the process of masking off individual areas of the work surface and use of "frisket" material to protect the more intricate shapes during the painting process, and described how he achieves the "hidden shapes" like starfish in the pierced field by drawing them in first.



Mike then demonstrated the IWATA air brush and painting process, using water-based paint from Golden to achieve an amazing variety of special affects like crashing waves, under water scenes, sunsets, etc. as seen below.



This program was a lot of fun, and we all appreciated the humor, insights, creativity and fine craftsmanship displayed by our guest, Mike Kehs. To see more about him, you can visit his web site at www.michaelkehswoodworks.com/.

Additional photos from the meeting are available at our Yahoo site,
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelValWoodturners>.