

DEL VAL WOODTURNERS

Newsletter – Feb 2005

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: The Holidays are over now and the Executive Committee is trying to get our club back on track and re-energized. We have what we think is a good program lined up for the next couple of club meetings with a tentative schedule in mind for the next four months.

For the **February meeting**, which will be held in the Wood Turning Center in Philly on **Tuesday, February 8, 2005**, the topic will be “Bloopers”. Bring in as many as you want for discussion on “What Happened”. If you are lucky enough that you don’t have any, that’s O.K., I have a few more than most and I’ll bring mine. A lot can be learned from mistakes and if we discuss what went wrong on your turnings it might help you and others to avoid that mistake in another turning in the future. So, dig them out, and bring them along for everyone’s benefit.

For the **March meeting**, which will be **Monday, March 14, 2005** we have a special treat. Jean Sumner, who has been working in wood for quite awhile, will be our Demonstrator at Phil Hauser’s Studio in Hainesport, NJ. I met Jean and her late husband Lloyd, who was also a turner, in a show in VA. A friend of mine bought one of his pieces that I particularly liked and gave it to me as a gift.

Jean has an interesting background. For instance, she and Lloyd built their own rather complex home which they also designed. It is made from over 400 species of wood that were sawn on their own sawmill. Jean became the first woman to ever saw 100,000 board feet of lumber on the Wood-Mizer sawmill. There’s a lot more to tell but I’d rather have Jean fill you in. So don’t miss this meeting if you are interested in wood!

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