



Monthly Newsletter February 16, 2010

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February 16, 2010 Meeting - postponed from 2/9 due to snow !



President Phil welcomed everyone, including about 22 members and 1 visitor, Katie Kellom. Special welcome to new members Charles Bouchelle, Chip Sandro and Victor Malench. Phil

reminded us that our next regular meeting will be held on March 16, one week later than usual, to accommodate a demonstration by Nick Cook. Because of the rescheduled meeting date, the next open house at Phil's shop will be held on March 9, the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Phil is also going to try and schedule Nick Cook for a half day demo at his shop on March 16th or 17th, more info to follow as plans are firmed up. Handouts were distributed for the Tylersport Wood Carving and Turning Fair to be held March 5-7 in Tylersport PA. Our club's HOW program is in full swing, as announced by VP Andy DePietro. There is still time to sign up for a session, check with Seth Chamberlain on availability. These sessions are always fun and informative, and the cost is very reasonable, so SIGN UP NOW !! 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 was won by Victor Malench, congrats Victor !!

Club Challenge competition-



The challenge for this month was a segmented piece, and we had a tough choice to make from the 6 entries competing for "best of show." After a spirited viewing and voting competition, Seth Chamberlain came out as the winner, with a very impressive maple and wenge vase. Other entries were from Phil Hauser, Nelson Brown, Anthony Christaldi, and Mark Allen.

Upcoming Events

March 5-7 Tylersport show

March 9 - open house at Phil Hauser's (2nd Tuesday of March)

March 16 – this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, but will be our club meeting to accommodate the schedule of our demonstrator, Nick Cook

March 16 or 17 (date to be determined) – demo by Nick Cook at Phil Hauser's shop

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Treasurer's Report - \$2042 balance reported by Treasurer John Coles.



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.

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Featured Program –

The program this month was an extended Show and Tell session, with excellent representation by a dozen or more members and over 30 different pieces! Everyone who participated was given a free raffle ticket, and the winner of a gift certificate was Charles Bouchelle, way to go Charles! Phil Hauser brought 6 pieces, including a 3 sided box inspired by a Cindy Drozda demo; a square plate of Siberian Elm burl; a collaborative with Kurt Hertzog on a pierced goose egg ornament that Phil added the ebony finial and stand to; a natural edge maple bowl; a small segmented hollow form; and a small hollow form with spray lacquer finish.



Robert Jay showed 4 pieces, including several ambrosia maple hollow forms; a small cherry burl hollow form enhanced with his "crème brulee" torch; and a candy dish.



Andy DiPietro had 5 pieces, including a nicely colored box elder hollow form; two sassafras pith turned hollow forms, both dyed, then treated with a sealer, followed by liming wax then paste wax; and 2 oak hollow forms, sand blasted and carved in his latest style.



Seth Chamberlain, in addition to his winning segmented piece, showed a curly maple winged box. Mark Allen brought a large red cedar finial he was commissioned to reproduce, and a beautiful Celtic knot designed Padauk and Baltic birch plywood box. Anthony Christaldi explained his segmented piece with base, made from wenge, maple and cherry;



Nelson Brown discussed his 2 segmented entries, one of a “Greek Key” design comprised of 604 individual pieces of walnut, maple and veneer, and the other “Southwest” design of 289 pieces.





Ina Cabañas brought in 5 pieces (to prove that she's finally producing finished work), variously of oak, cherry, and an interested wood from Puerto Rico called "ucar."



Mike Zickler showed a traditional cherry bowl finished with mineral oil; Charles Bouchelle had two entries; a curly maple bowl and a dish from holly. Chip Sandro made 2 baseball bats for family Little Leaguers, one of ash, the other maple, both with added lettering, and Marty Richter showed one of his multi-axis turned maple table legs, which will complement the (second) natural edge walnut table he's making.



This program was a lot of fun, and we all appreciated the insights, creativity and fine craftsmanship displayed.

Additional photos from the meeting are available at our Yahoo site,

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelValWoodturners> .