

DEL VAL NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Del Val Woodturner's
June 13, 2006

The monthly meeting was held on June 13, the second Tuesday of the month. There were 13 members present. In addition, one new turner came to the meeting and his name is Ted Davis. Steve Leichner presided over the meeting as Phil Hauser, along with Don Hart are at the Utah Symposium. The notes of this meeting were graciously taken by Ed Reifer and translated and transposed by Rich DeCandia. Remember, there will not be another meeting until September, 2006.

Phil Hauser's usual open house is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 20th. at 7:00. There has never been a time when I've gone to Phil's open house that I didn't come away with more knowledge than I went there with. It is always a great learning experience.

Several members introduced some very innovative "self-fashioned" tools such as a tool for making "hollow-forms" which was made from a basic torque wrench. The "hollow-form" was presented as well. Robert Jay brought in his own rendition of a home made scrapper. Robert said the tool vibrated so much that it became a "chatter" tool instead. Remember those old bed springs that used to "reach out and touch you" while you were sleeping? The members were shown how these springs can be used to hold mitered corners together. Very cool!! Our joint apologies for not knowing the name of the member who brought in the "termite" tool and the great explanation about it.

There were several very nice bowls presented for our usual show and tell. Steve brought in a very pretty "winged" sycamore bowl and a real nice cedar bowl. Andy Depietro brought in a great looking maple and black cherry hollow form. Everyone was reminded about the September club challenge. For those that may have forgotten it is attached to this e-mail. There was a discussion regarding some pink sycamore located in the Fairmont Park (PA) recycling center. We will try and get more information about this item as well as the planned outing at the Tree Surgeon's (at our May meeting) facility.

Steve Leichner demonstrated the Beal Buffing System to the members. For those of us not familiar with this process, it was quite eye-opening. Steve emphasized the importance of completely following the three steps of compounding, polishing, and waxing to ensure that the final product will amaze you and the "critics". He also provided everyone with a step by step work sheet, including the supply list, to get into this very interesting way of finishing your turnings. Thanks Steve.

Rich DeCandia wants to thank everyone who responded to his recent e-mails asking for info on the Jet family of lathes. I believe it is narrowed down to the JWL1442VS (swivel head). Ed Reifer is also interested in upgrading his mini pen lathe. Anyone with ideas or lathes to sell should contact Ed. A visit was made to Woodworkers Haven in

Southampton, PA. I am not sure if any other members have been there but I found it to be chuck full of products (all on display) and a very helpful staff that will allow you to “play” on the machines. It is very close (10 minutes away) from Penn State and the prices are comparable with everyone else.

Have a great July and August and we’ll get together in September, same time 7:00.... same night the 2nd Tuesday. We’ll see of you at Phil’s on the 20th.

Rich DeCandia