

# DEL VAL WOODTURNER'S

The Newsletter of the Del Val Woodturner's

May 8, 2007

The May meeting was held in Phil Hauser's shop/studio. The program was about the process of cutting logs to get what you want out of the log. Phil has a great band saw, and it will cut almost anything that you would want to put on your lathe. There were 22 members present. Phil was using the microphone set-up that we had talked about earlier, and it worked very well. Phil was assisted by Andy DiPietro, who had a print-out that Todd Hoyer had drawn up, and published earlier. You can find the drawings in the Center's book, Woodturning in North America Since the 1930's. This drawing shows just about every conceivable way to orient your log to get whatever you want with respect to grain pattern. Andy has since sent this file to everyone. Thanks Andy, this should be a valuable tool when laying out wood from the tree.

SHOW AND TELL. Mike Zickler brought his bowl that he made in the HOW program. It was a small 2" X 6" spalted Maple bowl. Rich De Candia had a 9" X 9" spalted Maple bowl. George Morris brought a very shiny 2" X 8" Holly bowl. Andy Di Pietro brought one of his fantastic "hollow forms". It was made from a Box Elder Burl. I brought in a small bowl from the "Salem Oak", and a 2' X 7" wormy Persimmon. Steve Leichner brought in a 13" roughed in Holly bowl. As usual we had some very nice pieces in our Show and Tell.

The members owe Phil Snyder a "Thank You" for the books he generously donated to our Library. Thanks Phil.

Phil Hauser took one of the pieces that he had cut from a log, and showed how to mount it on the lathe. Phil then turned the shape he had planned when he cut the piece from the log. Our program was basically from the log to the lathe, and Phil and Andy did a great job of showing exactly how it could be done. It's hard to describe the steps that Phil took doing this project, but it was very enlightening to see the log being cut and then the piece put on the lathe to turn into the shape Phil wanted.

Don't forget our "Club Challenge" is due June 12<sup>th</sup>, which is our next meeting. The meeting will be in our usual location in Haddonfield. The challenge is to turn a platter or wall hanging at least 8 inches in diameter, and not more than 2 inches thick. Let's all try to turn something for this challenge. We will have Bud Hohlfeld show us how to turn a fancy finial at our next meeting. We will also have a wood and tool auction.

We have a tour coming up of the Nakashima workshop. The tour is on July 28, 2007. We are to meet in their parking lot at 10.15 a.m. You can find directions at [www.nakashimawoodworker.com](http://www.nakashimawoodworker.com) George Morris is heading this up, and can be reached by E-mail at [gmorris10@rcn.com](mailto:gmorris10@rcn.com)  
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