

DEL VAL NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Del Val Woodturner's
November 14, 2006

The monthly meeting was held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., which was November 14, 2006. We had 24 people present, including guests and new members.

Our President, Phil Hauser opened the meeting with the announcement, that we were due for an election of Officers. A proposed slate of officers had been e-mailed to all members ahead of time, and a hard copy of that same slate was presented at the meeting. (Unfortunately, because of some technical glitch, the e-mails apparently did not get to the members) The question was raised, if there were any other candidates for any of the positions. There were none. A motion was made and seconded that slate of Officers that were proposed be elected. The motion was approved, and the new slate of officers voted in. (The slate of officers is attached as a separate file to this newsletter)

The next challenge for the club is for the members to make a piece that will be a "collaborative piece". We were asked to make a piece that was not finished, and bring it in for someone else to finish. Anyone who brings one in will get a piece to finish that someone else has started. Let's get started on our "collaborative pieces". The "unfinished piece needs to be brought to the January 9th, 2007 meeting, with the "finished piece due April 13th, 2007.

We have a tentative date for the visit to Joe Seltzer's collection. Joe has a magnificent collection of turned pieces in his house. The date set for the visit is December 20, 2006. There is only room for 5 people to a visit. Call Phil if you are interested.

Phil's "Open House" will be on December 5, 2006.

Don't forget that the Woodturning Center has tickets for the Stubby lathe that the ITE participants used. It is signed with the signatures of the participants. The tickets for this lathe are only \$50.00. Anyone interested please get your tickets before they are sold out.

Anyone interested in donating wood that they won't be using, kindly bring it in to the next meeting for our "Silent Auction". The proceeds will go to the club treasury.

Robert Jay is in contact with a Gallery that would like some "turned wood" pieces. Anyone interested please bring some pictures of your work for Robert to photograph. If you have pictures already, send them to Robert attached to an E-Mail.

Steve Leichner is planning a display in the Church for February. Pick out some pieces for this display, and get in touch with Steve.

“Happy Birthday Phil”. We celebrated Phil’s birthday with some cake and good cheer.

It was brought to our attention that Fred Shindle, one of our members was in the Fine Woodworking magazine in an article about the great chairs that Fred makes by hand.

Our “Show and Tell” had some really great pieces as usual. Mike Zickler had a small bird house on a stand. Robert Jay had 2 small bowls and one larger one of Dogwood. George Morris made a very nice tool holder that fits between the ways of the lathe, and a friction fit lidded box. Wane Shearon had a beaded bowl with a bark inclusion. We even had a “magic wand” from Keith Davies son. Keith Davies, was our demonstrator for the evening making “magic wands”. Phil Hauser showed the box that Michael Mocho made in his demo. Phil also had a bowl made from Red Mallee and one from Coolibah, both Australian woods. Last, but not least, Andy DiPietro had some very nice Box Elder hollow vessels. Andy has developed his hollow vessels into what I consider Gallery class pieces.

Our Demonstrator for the evening was Keith Davies. Keith is really into “Magic Wands”. Keith has done a lot of research on magic wands. He is really in to Harry Potter. He has developed quite a sale for the magic wands and is really into spindle turning.

Keith starts his piece with the edges cut off on the saw making the piece octagonal. This makes it easier to turn down to round. He turns them between centers developing the shape as he thinks it should be. He uses a skew and also a gouge to shape the wands to his taste. When the wands are finished on the lathe, he parts them off. All of the wands have a hole drilled into the handle where the “Essence of Magic” is placed and then a plug is put into the hole. But, you must remember if you remove the plug, only sawdust will be found. Once the plug is removed the “Essence of Magic” is turned into sawdust. So beware!!!

Nice job Keith, I’m starting to believe in magic again.

Our next meeting is our Christmas celebration. Once again, we need to bring in Christmas Ornaments. Our meeting will be December 12th, the second Tuesday of the month.

Don Hart