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September Meeting

The September 9th meeting, the first of the new season, was attended by about 28 members, including new member Holmes Hay, and visitors Ed Koenig and Dinyar Chavda. Welcome guys!

President Phil notified us he had to decline the voting for the Board of AAW, due to his active role with the Wood Turning Center. Also, regarding the dust suppression system we have, which was donated by Henry Silverman, since we don't intend to use it we will be auctioning it off in the near future, so stay tuned.

This meeting featured a very full agenda, including the club challenge, which was a turned and carved piece. Mike Zickler was the lucky winner of the \$25 prize for that, with a carved acorn on a box with lid. (see photo, lower right.)



We also had the judging for the HOW workshop finished pieces, which was won by Ray Klosek;



a silent auction of donated wood and tool items, and Steve Leichner organized donated pieces to the church for their Octoberfest silent auction event.

The 50/50 winner was Jim Hobson, who collected \$30. Congratulations, Jim.

Thanks also to **Mark Allan**, who coordinated the group purchase of a drum of AnchorSeal and distribution via 5 gallon pails to participating members.

Wane Shearon has generously agreed to store the cherry and walnut logs from Herb Kurtz and John Coles at his house, so if you want some, please contact Wane to schedule pickup.

The *featured turner* this month was our own **Andy DiPietro**, who shared his turning experience, specifically regarding the beautiful hollow forms he's becoming known for. Andy has been getting a lot of recognition from galleries and buyers for his work, and he was very generous in enthusiastically explaining his process and what has contributed to his success.



The three photos below show the pieces Andy used during his discussion.



Andy provided the following sources for the tools he discussed:

http://www.monster-wood-tool.com/wst_page6.html

<http://www.derrytools.com/lightning.htm>

http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store/Lathe_Accessories_Screw_Centers_Faceplates_Woodchucker_Mandrel_woodchucker_mandrel?Args

Rather than try to summarize all the valuable information Andy provided, I've

arranged to post the notes he prepared to outline his talk on our website, so you can refer to it for all the details.



Thanks Andy, for a great presentation.

(Check out more photos and the notes on our web site.)

Upcoming Events

September 16 - Open House at Phil Hauser's shop

October 14 – next scheduled meeting. Ed Ryan from Bucks club will demonstrate.



Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$1361.75 reported by Herb Kurtz.



Library Report – Robert Jay mentioned a new Ellsworth video added to our growing collection.

Help Wanted - We are always looking for members who will volunteer to coordinate group purchases of various supplies for the club. Items that have been suggested include sandpaper, glue, Anchor Seal, finish and waxing products, etc. The responsibilities of this position would include: 1) identifying materials that make sense to acquire by group purchases; 2) making announcements at club meetings or in the newsletter to give members every opportunity to see the offer for upcoming purchases; 3) maintaining a list of members interested in a particular group purchase; 4) collecting checks from interested members in advance of making the purchase, to ensure the funds are for them using the collected funds; 6) taking delivery of the purchased materials and distributing them at the club meetings. If you would like to consider helping with this please contact one of the club executives.