



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

April/May 2007



BINH PHO VISITS ST. LOUIS

At the March meeting we were fortunate enough to have Binh Pho present our demonstration. As always Binh gave an excellent demo on turning thin bowls using light to assist in gauging wall thickness. He went through the complete process showing us how light can be used as an effective tool while making those delicate cuts nearing a thickness of 3/32”.

After the demo, Binh gave us a slide presentation on his work which included excerpts from his life and his new book *River of Destiny*. Most of Binh’s pieces have a story that goes along with it, often representing various stages throughout his life. The slide presentation even inspired one of our new members, Kyle, to tackle thin wall turning. He came to the April meeting with a thin turned bowl following Binh’s demo.

Binh stayed late after the meeting selling and signing his book for many of our members. I have read this book cover to cover and highly recommend it. The story of Binh’s life is unbelievable and the pictures are breathtaking. You will find yourself thinking about the complexity and meaning of his work for weeks. Binh’s book is in our library and can be checked out for a month at a time. If you would like to purchase Binh’s book you may buy it directly from him or order it on-line at www.amazon.com.

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NEXT MEETING

May 27, 2007 ~ 1-4pm

Woodcraft

2077 Congressional Drive
Maryland Heights, MO 63146

Phone: 314-993-0413



Dave Endres Breaks Ground!

Dave Endres broke ground on Jan 23, 2007 for his studio, to be located at his home in Kirkwood.

The Studio will not only be for Dave to do his own woodturning, but also for friends to help friends with demonstrations. A number of dates will be scheduled for "Open Lathe Days".

Dave is expecting the project to be completed by June 2007.

"HE (OR SHE) WHO CRITICIZES
MUST DEMONSTRATE"



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month's newsletter!*

JUNE EXCHANGE

For June we will have a spinning top exchange. For those who don't know, an exchange is where you turn the required item, with all your own creativity and bring it to the meeting. All the spinning tops will be brought up to the front and each donating member will put their name in a hat. We will then draw names for each top and everyone will go home with someone else's top. It's a lot of fun, so don't forget to bring a top in June!

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JOHANNES MICHELSEN WORKSHOP



Six members from the Woodturners of St. Louis took advantage of a great opportunity to learn from one of the best thin wall turners. Johannes Michelsen came to town in early May and put on a one day hat workshop. There was no time for a demo so we started right off the bat getting our blanks turned down to size. It was a very long day with some of us not leaving until 7:30 pm! Johannes went from lathe to lathe keeping everyone on track. When Johannes could not be found Gary Hinegardner and John Buehrer were assisting with our questions. It turned out to be a great day with everyone going home with a hat in a bender. I don't think Johannes believed it was possible. Hopefully everyone's hat survived the night and we will see them at the May meeting, whether they worked out or not.

Our club members really pitched in to make this workshop happen. Bill Rubenstein provided the Stubby Lathe USA facility and two lathes, Gary Hinegardner - Dave Endres - John Buehrer and Matt Keim provided lathes and then many of the same guys assisted. It's no wonder we have so many talented woodturners in our club when so many always step forward to help each other out.

I was very impressed with how much Johannes knows about woodturning. He thoroughly understands wood and why different varieties react the way they do. For example, I had almost completed

hollowing out the inside of my hat when Johannes came over and said I was 1/32" too thick and it had to be turned thinner. "What!!!" He took the tool and made one cut from start to finish handed me the tool back and said "OK your good now". Well I would not have tried that...but I will now, since he explained why it was possible in that situation. He also explained to me why the ash wood was tearing out on thin cuts and not the deep ones, as well as how to prevent it. If you enjoy thin turning a three day class at his new school in Vermont will undoubtedly help take you to the next level.



MALCOM TIBBETTS

DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOPS



The Woodturners of St. Louis are pleased to announce that Malcom Tibbetts will be in Saint Louis for a demonstration and workshop. The hands-on workshop will be on May 26th and the class size is limited to 8 students and will cost \$75 per person. Please plan to bring your own lunch or go to one of the many nearby restaurants. The demonstration is on May 27th and is free for members and \$25 per person for non-members. This demonstration will take the place of our normally scheduled meeting from 1-4pm. Seating is limited for non-members, so please sign up soon if you plan to attend. The demonstration will be held at Woodcraft in Creve Coeur 2077 Congressional Drive - St. Louis, MO 63146. The workshop will be held at Stubby Lathe USA, 3483 New Town Blvd. - Saint Charles, MO 63301.

Please call Dixi Smith to sign up for the Workshop and mail attendance fees to Dixi Smith at 2420 Cypress, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Malcom's Artist Statement

Segmented woodturning is an art form with few limitations. By combining components, I can create just about any shape or size and by arranging different wood species, I can create just about any type of surface design. There are few art forms with this much freedom. This lack of restriction keeps my mind engaged contemplating the possibilities. Long before I have finished one piece, my mind is busy designing and solving the technical challenges of my next project. I have always loved working with wood and this art form gives me the opportunity to work with woods from around the world. It thereby gives me the opportunity to share these wonderful materials with many people. Beautiful wood is almost a magical substance; gallery visitors experience an uncontrollable urge to touch the surfaces that I have created using these treasures of nature. Many designs require innovative assembly solutions, much like puzzle solving; and just like the joy of solving a puzzle, there is great joy in inventing assembly techniques. I do what I do because "it's fun" - the designing, the joy of working with wood, the puzzle solving, and the interaction with other people



AAW 2007 Symposium June 29 - July 2, 2007 Portland, Oregon

2007 COLLABORATIVE PROJECT (*can we finish?*)

Well the short answer to the above question is no. We have decided to continue our turtle project and take it to the 2008 Symposium. We feel it is better not to rush it since we have invested so much time thus far in making our turtle perfect. Regardless of this we have had a great year and as always the comrodery of the group makes it worth it. If your interested in helping, our next meeting is on June 16th at Bill and Charlene Farny's home.



2007 Annual IWCS Meeting & Woodfest

Pere Marquette State Park - Grafton, Illinois (June 11th-17th)

This is a week-long event that will have demonstrations, fieldtrips, wood sales and much more. For complete details please see the IWCS website at <http://www.woodcollectors.org>. The thing that might be of particular interest to woodturners is the wood auction to be held on Saturday June 16th. This auction will give you the opportunity to purchase a variety of wood that is not readily available in our area.

You can contact either Garry Roux or Jerry Zipprich for additional information. Phone and e-mail contact for Garry: 1-618-345-3393 gsroux@mcleodusa.net and Jerry: 1-217-942-3751 iwcszip@verizon.net.

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STAN KING DEMONSTRATES



In February, Stan King demonstrated turning a Kaleidoscope egg and an egg cup. He gave a very thorough demonstration and used a kit readily available at Woodcraft and Rockler. Stan went through the process starting with a square block of wood and made sure we all understood each step. It was a great demo and we all look forward to his next one!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION --WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

\$30 Individual Membership • \$40 Family Membership

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-Mail _____

Mail this application along with your check for one-year's dues to:

Woodturners of St. Louis
2420 Cypress
St. Charles, MO 53301

or, bring it to the next Meeting.

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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CALENDAR

May 26, 8:30am

Malcom Tibbetts workshop
(registration required)

May 27, 1-4pm

Malcom Tibbetts Demonstration
Please bring one of your turnings for the
Instant Gallery

June 11-17th

IWCS Meeting and Woodfest
(Pere Marquette State Park)

June 16, 9am

Collaborative Meeting

June 24, 1-4pm

Regular Meeting at Woodcraft -
Spinning Top Exchange

June 29 - July 2nd

AAW Symposium - Portland, Oregon