



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners. Kansas City MO

February 2009

A New Year and a New Beginning

We are into the second month of the new year and already we have lot's of exciting things happening at the Northland Woodturners. This is my second year as president of the club and I hope that I can continue to give you the highest quality service that I can possibly give. I want to thank those people who serve on the board as well since I could not do this job without their support.

We have a number of things to discuss this month. Please think about these topics and be ready to participate in the discussions at the next meeting. This is your club and I would like for everyone to at least have a say in what we do and how we do it.

First, although it is only rumor at this point, we have heard that we might not have a place to meet after March of this year. Overland Tool has been a great host, but business is business and they may be closing down their entire operation in NKC. We have had some very generous offers from people in the club to use their facilities until we can find a new, permanent home.

Next is the 2009 Woodworking show. It will be held at the same place (KC Merchandise Mart in Overland Park Kansas). They are giving us a double booth again this year and we need to find people to staff the booth, both as demonstrators and as talkers. To be a demonstrator, you must be a member in good standing of the AAW, but anyone interested can come and kibbitz.

Chapter meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm at Overland Tool North, 1404 Gentry, North Kansas City MO 64116. Their phone number is (816) 268-4304. Off Missouri Hwy 9, turn east & go 4 blocks on 14th St.—Off I-35, take the 16th St. exit, go west to Gentry & south to the intersection of 14th St. Maps are available on the internet at Google, Yahoo, and Mapquest.com.

Coming Attractions

Jan 8, '09 David Bartlett, Tippy Top
Feb 4, '09 David Halter, Eccentric Ornament Stand
Feb 13-15, '09 The Woodworking Show
Mar 4, '09 ???
Apr 1, '09 ???

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- We need ideas for demonstrations that you would like to see in the coming months. It is difficult year after year to do the same thing over and over again. We got some great ideas at last months meeting and we would like to hear more.
- Bill Wheeler has been handling the business side of our club for some time now and he is ready to retire and leave the heavy lifting to others. If anyone would like to volunteer to help Bill out and maybe take over the process of creating the gasplugs that we use to fund our clubs activities, please let Bill or one of the board members know so that we can make arrangements.
- **Any NWT videos & books hanging out at your place? Please, oh please, bring them back in so others can enjoy them!**
- **Dave Bartlett's Spinning top demo was a big success!** I hope some of you will try your hand at making these tops as they are a lot of fun. Thanks Dave for a great demo!
- **Freedom Pens.** Some kits are in hand, some pens have already been turned. Some kits have been distributed for turning, with more promised. Dean will have kits and blanks available on the December meeting night.

Treasurer's Report

Reporting period: 12-16-08 to 1-19-09

Balance forward \$3977.10

Total debits 177.18

Total credits 52.00 from raffle on 1-6-09

Closing balance \$3851.92

Other Happenings

- I sent an email out to the membership from the AAW regarding insurance. I can neither praise nor condemn, but if this is something that will work for you then feel free to take advantage of their offer.
- The Freedom Pen Project is rolling along for 2009. The first turning session happened on January 24th. I have not heard how it went but should have some news for you by the time the meeting rolls around. If you still want to donate money to be used to purchase pen kits or if you want to turn some of these same pens, contact Dean Thomas by email or phone before 9pm. You can use your own blanks, if you choose to. We hope to produce another 400 or 500 pens to send to the US Military men and women who are stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan.
- Craft Supply will once again be doing the Pen Turning Hands on at the Woodworking show this year. Our very own Dean Thomas will be assisting them again this year. Good luck Dean!

From the "Furthering Woodturning as Art, not Craft" file....

Kent Townsend and Chip Siskey entered pieces in the Members Exhibition at the Albrecht Kember Museum of Art. Chip received First Honorable Mention for a Trent Bosch inspired piece titled Morning Bud.



Dave doing what he does best (the club is mesmerized)



THOUGHTS FOR 2009

The 2009 officers need your input! You've never heard that before, eh? Be thinking of the sorts of things that you want to see in demonstration. Think about who you might like to see as a guest turner from the area or from afar for our anniversary/symposium event.

Woodworking Show in KC is scheduled for February 13-15, 2009. St. Louis is the week before this year, instead of the week following. Set some time aside to be part of the crew for set up, tear down, and schmoozing with the folks!

BRING BACK NWT BOOKS & VIDEO!! You have to bring things back so we know what we need to buy in order to fill out our library!! Please, please, PLEASE!

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