



TURNINGS

Central Illinois Chapter

Newsletter for Central Illinois Woodturners

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The August Meeting of the Central Illinois Woodturners was held Monday, August 13th, 2007. There were 33 members and guests in attendance. Two new members joined this month. They are Harold Fleming and Terry Rassmusson. Welcome to the club Harold and Terry! Dave Oakes' wife joined us this month as a guest. I sure hope she had a pleasant visit.

Member's Challenge for September:

The member's challenge for the September meeting in Bloomington is to bring a "First Turning" to the meeting to show us either where you started years ago, or something you have just begun to try for the first time. It will be a lot of fun to see where we started.

Opening notes & comments from the President

Next meetings:

At the September 10th meeting in Bloomington, club member Randy McKinney will give us a presentation on Vega lathes.

At the October 8th meeting in Peoria, Bob Adam will do the demo he is scheduled to do for the Ohio Valley Woodturners Symposium.

Children's Home overview

Brigitte Grant, Vice President of Development, attended our meeting and gave us an overview of what the Children's Home does. She indicated that they service 1,000 children a month with a staff of 400. Most of their clients are severely, emotionally disturbed youths between the ages 10 to early 20's. Our Top-thon donations go to buy a Christmas present for each child and are greatly appreciated. During the course of the overview, a question was raised about if there was anything else we could do to help. As the kids arrive with virtually no personal items, a popular suggestion was to turn some small personal thing for them. Some of the ideas of what to turn for gifts were small bowls, boxes or pens.

Treasurer's Report

- Terry Quiram reviewed the income and expenses for the month and reported that we now have 60 paid members in the club. For people wanting to pay their dues, they can be sent to Terry Quiram, POB 168, Roanoke IL, 61561.

New Business

Tool raffle - Terry Quiram contributed two thin parting tools he made. These were raffled off during the meeting. \$93 was raised for the education fund.

The club will purchase a thread chasing video that Terry acquired.

We received a thank you from the Toluca Fest committee and the Boy Scouts in Toluca.

Library

Ken Baird discussed the state of several missing items; please check your DVD/VCR players and return the library items monthly. As an example, a highly desired item can only visit 12 woodturners a year with our current system; even less if they are not returned. When taking a library item, please fill out the card when you take it AND scratch your name out when you return it! As a new feature, Ken will be sending out an email to members reminding them that they have a DVD/tape/book checked out. This is only meant to remind people what they have and that it needs to be returned at the next meeting. It was brought up during the discussion that there were some items that had worn out from use. The club approved buying replacement items for those that had worn out.

Old Business

CIW Turning Saturday- Dennis Belcher

- Woodcraft, November 10th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Pre-registration will start September
- Need assistants for the following sessions:
 - Surface Embellishments
 - Pyrography
 - Carving
 - Boxes

Woodcraft has confirmed December 8 as the date for the Top-a-thon

Heartland Community College: Jim Meizelis - Date is December 5th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Education committee -

Dave Kraft reported they were trying to arrange for Jimmy Clewes next year. The committee members are chairman, Dave Kraft, Mary Fairfield, and Mike Haskell.

Dick Coers thanked the club for their support in the chest raffle for his brother.

CIW logo T-shirts Nine x-large T-shirts available for \$10 (left over from the fall 2006)

Contact Dave Kraft

Anchor seal is available to club members at \$10 per gallon - Contact Terry Quiram

turn pages slowly to avoid those nasty paper cuts

Demos and Shows

Sugar Grove Nature Center

- The Hummingbird Festival was July 29. Jerry Sievers and Roger Alexander demonstrated. Made tops and received \$31 in donations for the Children's Home.
- Fall festival is Oct. 20, 2007 - They definitely want us there!

Clinton Apple and Pork Festival - Jim Meizelis

- Jerry Sievers will be the contact for the event
- Dates: September 29th & 30th
- Depending on the weather, we will be just outside or just inside the shed.
- There are several outlets available but we will need at least two or three 50' electric drop cords depending on how many turners show up.
- Bring any additional items needed like club banner, tables, drop cloths for chips, broom, shovel, bag, etc.
- Facilities are locked up at night so set up can happen Friday or Thursday night.
- This is a three day event, so this might be good for some people who can only show up one day.
- We should let them know what our planned attendance is.
- We can sell BUT there is a 10% charge on sales - HONOR SYSTEM APPLIES (Remember, we are getting a prime site with shelter & electricity for free.)

National events

Indyfest, September 14-15, 2007, Middletown, Indiana
The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Biennial Symposium, Oct 12-14, 2007 at HigherGrounds outside of Cincinnati, Ohio

Show-n-tell (In order of appearance)

Terry Quiram
Keith Zimmerman
Ken Baird
Dennis Belcher
Jack O'Byran
Ron Bell
Dave Oakes
John Katzke
Ron Ghighi
Jim Smith
Dave Kraft
Roger Alexander

Click [here](#) to see photos of this month's Show-n-Tell.

Demonstrations

This month's demo was by Bill Paullo. He discussed and demonstrated making pepper mills. During his discussion he referred to an article that appeared in *American Woodturner* back in 2004. The article, [Pepper Mill - It's a new grind](#) by Nick Cook, is made available by permission of the American Association of

Woodturners. Thanks Bill for an interesting and informative demo.

Tips, Techniques, and Tutorials

This month kicks off a new feature in the newsletter. There will now be an article included. This article could be a tip, a technique, or even a tutorial. I hope to be able to relate it to the demo that was done each month. This month's article is the article about pepper mills Bill referred to in his demo. I would like for member's to submit articles or make suggestions to be included in future newsletters.

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