



*CUMBERLAND WOODTURNERS  
ASSOCIATION*

A Chapter of the AAW  
**NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2006**

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The Cumberland Woodturners met on January 25 at the workshop of Bill Westerbeck. President Jack Semelsberger called the meeting to order at 6PM. There were 15 members present and 5 visitors. Three of the visitors were members by the end of the meeting!

**PREZ PAGE by Jack Semelsberger**

Jackie Westerbeck kicked off the meeting with a special offer. Jackie invited the members to bring interested spouses (or significant others) to future meetings and they would have a craft event of their own, featuring knitting, crocheting, or similar activity. She didn't ask for it, but it would be nice to give her a call and let her know if you would be taking her up on her offer.

There was a request for a volunteer to set up the audio/visual equipment prior to each meeting. Jon Reiver stepped up (a Navy vet and still volunteered?) and Ken Warrick agreed to assist.

We are still looking for a new place to meet. Bill has graciously offered to continue to use his shop. He and Jim Bentley will head the committee to find a new place.

It's a new year, and time to pay our 2006 membership dues. Please pay at the February meeting if you haven't already.

**MONTHLY PROGRAM**

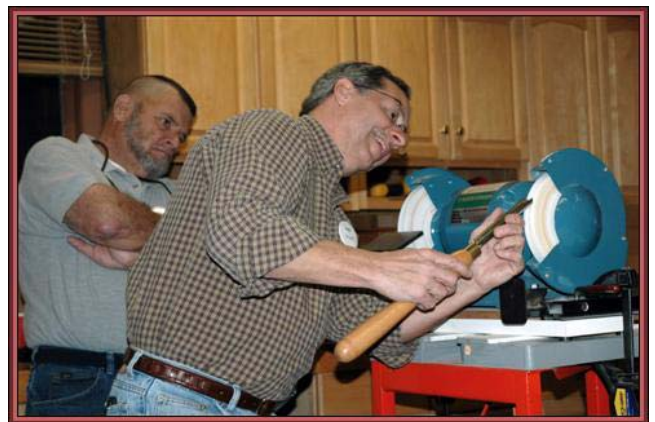
John Lucas presented a demonstration of several methods of sharpening. The below information is from the handout at the meeting.

Disc sander sharpening

Use 120 to 220 grit paper.

1" strip sander sharpening

Use 120 to 220 grit. It can be used as a fine sharpening unit with 400 grit or even leather strip for honing. It's very easy to round the edge with the belt traveling from top to bottom. If you can reverse the motor so the belt runs up instead of down you can control the grind better.



Grinders

Recommend 8" with 1" wide wheels, 1725 or 3450 rpm. 3/4" wheels work well also. Next best is 6" grinder. Blue Norton wheels are best for

HSS. White and Pink wheels are good but wear faster than the blue. Green Wheels are for sharpening Carbide and very hard HSS. 60 or 80 grit wheel is most used. 36 to 46 grit for rough shaping. 100 or 120 for very fine sharpening.

Wheels that run true with no vibration will be much easier to use. If you can't get the wheels running true you can get a wheel balancing system from Oneway.

When you grind by hand, use very light pressure and watch for sparks to come over the edge. If you use light pressure it is easier to feel the flat bevel of the tool. If you color the edge with a magic marker you can see how well you ground the edge and where it needs more work.

Sharpening systems such as the Oneway Wolverine jig make sharpening a bowl gouge much simpler. It's not perfect and still requires that you watch the metal as you grind.

Raising a burr on a scraper I use the EZ-Lab Purple diamond hone.

Oneway sharpening system  
[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)  
[www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)

[www.wgo.ca](http://www.wgo.ca)  
 Newsletters with Sharpening jigs for vari-grind attachment set up.

<http://www.turningtools.co.uk/widgets/grindingjig/grindjig.html>  
 Plans for building a wooden sharpening jig.

Thanks, John, for another great demo!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*February* Platter, Teresa Paar & Ken Warrick

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Warrick gave the Treasurer's report as follows for January:

Previous Balance	\$1,454.76
Income	\$ 500.50
Expenses	\$ 5.50
Ending Balance	\$1,949.76

### MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The challenge was a bowl of any size. It was won by Piper Simmons with an ambrosia maple natural edge bowl. There were a number of close runner-ups to the challenge.



### UPCOMING CHALLENGES

*February* Anything made from a pine/fir 2x4, 12" length (*think creative!*)  
*March* Platter

### WOOD O' THE MONTH

Jim Bentley won the wood of the month, a piece of beech. Bill Westerbeck turned a beech vessel, so he figures whatever Jim turns will be the Son of Beech.

### INSTANT GALLERY



## ANNUAL "SHOW & TELL" DRAWING

Each time you bring an item for the Instant Gallery, you get an entry for this end-of-year drawing. This year's winners of \$50 gift certificates were George Groom, Mike Elder, and Jack Semelsberger.

## CLUB LIBRARY

Bill Westerbeck agreed to keep the club library in his shop. The library will be available any time a member wants to check out material, just give Bill a call ahead of time to make sure he's available to open his shop. The club voted to put \$100 towards the purchase of a suitable book rack to display the library.

### Missing Library Items:

Woodturning Magazine issues: 04-05, 01-02, 03-02, 07-02, 11-03, 5-05

World of Wood Magazine: 09-02, 10-02

Woodturning Spring 05

Video: Beaty Skew Chisel

Video: Jordan Hollowing

AAW Project Book 1987-1992

AAW Ray Key 2001 Lifetime Award

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Southern States Symposium

April 28-29 in Gainesville, GA

Our club is a sponsor; brochures are available at each meeting.

[www.southernstates.org](http://www.southernstates.org)

### AAW Symposium

June 22-24, Louisville, KY

This is the annual national symposium, and it's the closest it has been to us in several years.

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

### PBS Show

John Lucas reports the local PBS station just ran a show called Tree Safari, which is about Brad Sells' trip to Africa to harvest a Pink Ivory tree and carve his bowls to be shown at the SOFA show in Chicago. It may be released nationally, and also John will try to get a copy and show it sometime.

## WEBSITE

If you have trouble to access the newsletter or other website issues, please email to [teresa@paarplace.com](mailto:teresa@paarplace.com) with a description of the problem.

## MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Feb. Ken Warrick

Mar. Teresa Paar

## NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Feb. 22 @ 6PM (Social hr @ 5PM)

WHERE: Bill Westerbeck workshop

PROGRAM: Platter, Teresa Paar & Ken Warrick

CHALLENGE: Pine 2x4, 12" length

## PHOTOS

Bill Westerbeck with the leftovers from the bowl below that he just turned.



John Lucas describes his turning.



David Phillippe shows a steady rest he made.

