



CUMBERLAND WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the AAW
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The Cumberland Woodturners met on June 29, 2005 at the workshop of Bill and Jackie Westerbeck. President Jim Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

We had a great turnout of 18 members and 3 visitors, Tony Kettel, Ray Daugherty, and Tom Edwards.

PREZ PAGE by Jim Bentley

June has come and June has gone. And what a wonderful month it was for the Cumberland Woodturners. We had three great events. The "back-to-basics" workshop at John Lucas' shop was deemed a success by all (especially our newer members). Depot Days, held on the Courthouse lawn raised \$200.00 for our club (and a new dog for John Lucas). Thirdly, our monthly meeting had a good discussion about "design".

But looking back only provides a basis for moving forward. July will provide more great events. On July 9th there will be a "Longworth Chuck" workshop at Bill Westerbeck's shop. On July 16th a demo by nationally known turner Larry Hasiak will be held at Bobby Clemon's shop. On July 27th, during our regular monthly meeting, we will have our "annual tool and etc. auction". Wait, wait, the fourth big event is my two week trip with my kids and grandkids along the southeast coast of the USA.

The events mentioned above are the results of our member's interest, enthusiasm and knowledge. We have a great club thanks to all of you.

P. S. - Please take the opportunity to thank Teresa for the wonderful job she is doing on our newsletter and web page. Also, encourage her to continue on into the next year!

Jim Bentley

SPECIAL AWARD

For his ongoing support and dedication to our club, and to woodturning in general, the Cumberland Woodturners presented Bobby Clemons with Lifetime Membership in the club, recognized by a certificate of appreciation which was signed by our members.

Thank you Bobby, for all your great work!



MONTHLY PROGRAM

Jim Bentley and John Lucas gave an interesting presentation about Design Theory.

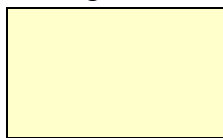
Jim discussed some design concepts from his architectural training. Some examples:

- There is a cycle of design changing from very simple to very ornate and back again that repeats itself throughout history.
- Even # of elements = stable, conservative
- Odd # of elements = dynamic, progressive
- Lateral thinking = don't always go with your first idea, a less obvious option may be better. Consider options before you jump in.
- Why create a design? It can be: Descriptive, Narrative, Emotive, Utilitarian, Decorative.
- Design processes: By Plan, or by Acting & Responding; or Middle Ground of both.

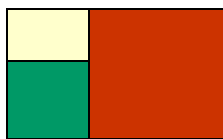


John then discussed some ideas that can be applied specifically for woodturning designs.

- Golden rectangle: The long side of the rectangle is 1.618 times the short side. Any design which uses this ratio for width-to-height should be visually pleasing.



**GOLDEN
RECTANGLES**



- Rule of Thirds: Generally speaking, a design element change in the top or bottom third of a piece is more visually interesting than when the change is exactly in the middle.

- Fibonacci sequence: A series of numbers made by adding the previous 2 together. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21.....
A design based on a width-to-height ratio of any of these 2 numbers should be visually pleasing.
- The taper of a bowl foot should be made in a way that gives the piece the feeling of "lift" from the display surface.
- Negative space: By looking at the profile of a piece, you can see the negative space surrounding it. The negative space can provide feedback about the quality of the shape (flat spots in the curve, etc).
- Make at least 10 pieces using the same design in order to perfect it. Each time, small improvements will be made to refine the shape (ex. Ornaments).



The conclusion: there is no right or wrong answers in design, you have to do what pleases you. These basic ideas of good design can be a starting point, and hopefully they will open up some new ideas for all of us.

Thank you to Jim and John for taking the time to prepare and present this challenging topic!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<i>July</i>	Tool Auction
<i>August</i>	Randy Trentham - Scoops

WOOD O' THE MONTH

Jim Bentley won the wood of the month and a nice bowl made by Joe Zarnitz.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

George Groom won the monthly challenge with a laminated turning with his beautiful hollow vessel, below.



UPCOMING CHALLENGES

<i>July</i>	No Challenge due to Tool Auction
<i>August</i>	Small Bowl (6inch diameter or less)
<i>September</i>	Scoop

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Westerbeck gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Previous Balance	\$1,184.61
Income	\$ 333.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1,499.61

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

July 16: Larry Hasiak demonstration

Details Below

August 13-14: TAW Symposium, Nashville

Also, Wood Turning Expo

August 20: Summer Social Outing

@ Jon Reiver's farm

Signup Sheet at July meeting

Group Outing to Asheville, NC club meeting

Led by John Lucas, Date TBD.

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LARRY HASIAK DEMO DAY

Professional turner Larry Hasiak will present a full-day demo for our club. His specialties are hollow turnings and ornaments.

When: 9am, Saturday, July 16

Where: Bobby Clemon's shop

Cost: \$20/person (pay @ demo)

Lunch: Bobby will pick up Subway or McD's,
With homemade ice cream for dessert!

Directions to Bobby's were emailed to everyone, or mailed to those without email.

DEPOT DAYS

Donated items that didn't sell for Depot Days can be picked up at Bill's shop, or Bill will keep them for a future club sale.

JULY IS TOOL AUCTION TIME!!!

July's meeting will be the popular tool auction. It's your chance to find a home for your unwanted tools, and take home some new ones. We'll also have some nice wood in the auction, thanks to Bobby's newly cleaned-out shop! So, bring lots of tools and lots of money!

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

July – Randy Trentham

August – Everett Elkins

September – Al Revere

What a great turnout for June's meeting!!



NEXT MEETING

WHEN: July 27 @ 6PM

WHERE: Workshop of Bill Westerbeck

PROGRAM: Tool Auction

CHALLENGE: No Challenge this month

