



CUMBERLAND WOODTURNERS
ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the AAW
NEWSLETTER MARCH 2006

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The Cumberland Woodturners met on February 22 at the workshop of Bill Westerbeck. Vice President John Lucas called the meeting to order at 6PM. There were 21 members present, including 2 new members.

PREZ PAGE by Jack Semelsberger

Jack couldn't make it to the meeting, so no Prez Page this month.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

The demonstration was turning a Platter, by Teresa Paar and Ken Warrick. As a beginning turner, Ken's job was to ask questions and try some of the techniques, to hopefully stir up some issues that a more experienced turner isn't always aware of when they're demonstrating.



This method seemed to have the desired result, as a key point about tool control was discovered during the demo. It's better to brace the tool against your body, rather than holding the handle

away from you. Rather than guiding the tool with your arms, you are guiding it by swaying your whole body. Someone has referred to this as the "turner's dance".



This was a first attempt for this style demo, and we received both favorable and unfavorable feedback. It may be tried again later, but only for certain subjects, not as a normal style. Of course, everyone's input and comments are appreciated.

The step-by-step process of making a platter is on the last page of the newsletter.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March Inside-Out Turning, Larry Cowles

Demonstrators are needed for the rest of the year! John, Randy, or Jake can suggest subject ideas, please contact them to volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Previous Balance	\$1,949.76
Income	\$ 313.00
Expenses	\$ 101.34
Ending Balance	\$2,161.42

WOOD O' THE MONTH

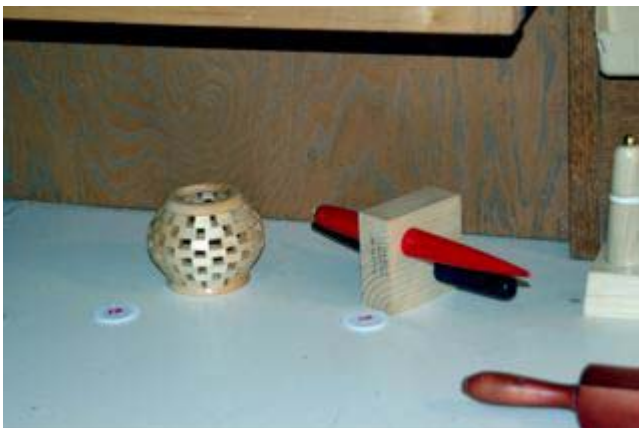
WOM was a beautiful vessel by Jim Bentley, and it was won by Rod Smith.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The challenge was for anything made from one 12" long 2x4, which made for some very creative pieces. This was the first month to have 2 categories, Amateur & Pro.

Amateur Winner = Ken Warrick, candleholder

Pro Winner = John Lucas, flower



UPCOMING CHALLENGES

March	Platter
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INSTANT GALLERY



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

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

Saturday Turning Day

May 20, at John Lucas's house

There will be at least 5 lathes available.

CLUB NEWS

Video Library: It was voted at the Feb. meeting to charge \$2/month for video rental beginning in March. This is a countermeasure for videos being lost due to never being returned. The fee will be collected on the honor system, the same as for glue & sandpaper.

Club Logo & Shirts: The club is considering to have a logo, and to have club shirts made using it. Please bring your logo ideas to the March meeting. John Lucas is investigating denim shirts for the club.

Website: There were several requests to remove the scrollbars from the website, that has now been done. If you have any problems accessing the website or newsletter, please contact Teresa Paar (teresa@paarplace.com).

We will enter our newsletter and website in the AAW Chapter Competition.

AAW Chapter Project: It was discussed to participate in the AAW Chapter Project Challenge, but it was decided there's not enough time or interest for meeting this year's deadline.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

March Teresa Paar

April Dave Phillippe

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: March 29 @ 6PM (Social hr @ 5PM)

WHERE: Bill Westerbeck workshop

PROGRAM: Inside-Out Turning, Larry Cowles

CHALLENGE: Platter

PHOTOS



TURNING A PLATTER

Special tools needed for this method:

Chuck with screw insert.

Plywood spacers for screw chuck.

1. Cut a circle of wood at least 1" thick. More thickness will give you more design possibilities. Platters are usually face-grain wood. End-grain (for example, cutting the end off a log) will break easily due to the short wood fibers.
2. Drill a center hole for the screw chuck, just deep enough for the screw to take hold.
3. You only need a very small portion of the screw chuck for the shallow center hole, so you can make plywood spacers 1/2" or 1/4" thick to put on the screw chuck before attaching the turning blank, so that only the end of the screw chuck remains available to screw into the blank.
4. Attach the blank to the screw chuck and turn the back of the platter, making a slightly dovetailed recess in the foot area. The recess will be used to hold the platter on the chuck for turning the front side.
5. Finish the back side completely, including any detailing and sanding. Once you turn the platter around to work on the front, you won't be able to go back to work on the back.
6. Turn the platter around by mounting on the chuck, expanding the jaws into the foot recess.
7. Turn the front of the platter, paying attention to matching the curve of the backside, and reaching an even thickness. It's better to get the outer rim to final thickness first, and work your way to the center for stability. As the platter gets thinner, cutting on the rim will cause vibration and chatter. A round-nose scraper is helpful for getting a smooth final cut.
8. Sand and finish the front, and it's done!