



Monthly Newsletter April 12, 2011

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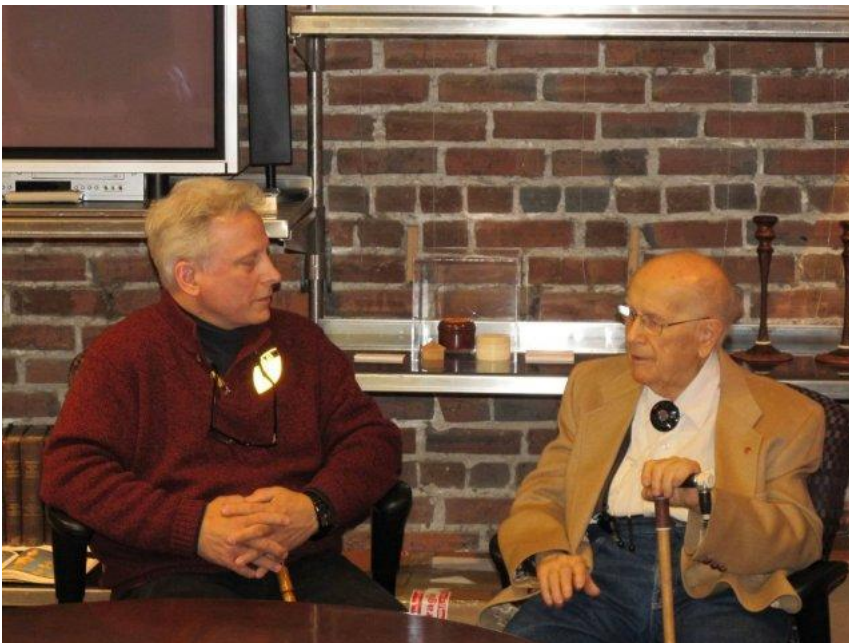
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April 12, 2011 Meeting -





Upcoming Events

April 19 – next open house at Phil Hauser’s shop

May 10, 2011 – next regular meeting at our regular meeting place. Graeme Priddle from New Zealand will be our demonstrator.



Treasurer's Report - none this month.



Library Report – Club Librarian Robert Jay encourages members to check items of interest out of our growing collection. Remember, NO CHARGE !

Featured Program –



Meeting at the Wood Turning Center, April 12th, 2011

Philip Hauser opened the meeting at 7 PM welcoming the sizeable crowd that had gathered at the Wood Turning Center. In addition to about 16 members of the DelVal turners, we drew about 8 members of the South Jersey Woodturners Guild.

Phil thanked Albert for hosting this event, Walter Balliet for giving us the gallery talk and Steve Leichner for organizing the event.

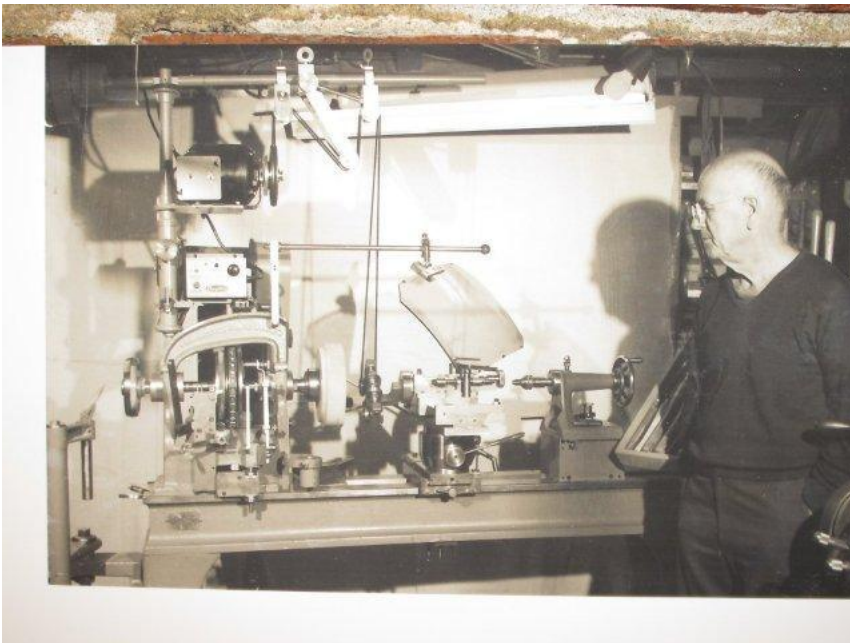


Phil then turned the meeting over to Albert LeCoff., the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Wood Turning Center. Albert welcomed all attendees and showed us some pictures of the new location the Center will move to later this year. The Center will finally move to old City, specifically to 141-145 N. 3rd St (3rd and Quarry Sts). The Center will have a main gallery of 3,100 square feet, with a mezzanine large enough to allow the permanent collection be shown all the time. While there will be a lot of work ahead to make the move Albert is very excited about the future of the Center in the new location. He mentioned that Penn State Industries is a major contributor to the Center and that by buying tools and chucks through the Center we can all support the effort.



Albert then proceeded to interview Walter Balliet, whose donation to the Center constitutes the current exhibition. Walter, who is 93 years old, has been a tool and die maker all his life. Back in 1976, one of the early Fine Woodworking magazines featured an article on Ornamental Lathes and lathe work. With Walter's background this article immediately caught his interest. The lathes that were available at the time to do ornamental work were machines made by craftsmen of the past in Europe, the most famous being the Holtzapffel Lathe from England. Gears in those days were cut by hand and the accuracy was therefore somewhat limited. Walter, rather than acquiring a Holtzapffel decided to build his own lathe. After all, that fit in very nicely with his life's work to this point.

Over the years, Walter built up the most incredible one of a kind ornamental lathe in the world. In contrast to the units that were available on the market, his lathe was double the size.



He has made some fantastic turnings and over time collected many turnings from friends and acquaintances for which he made attachments for their ornamental lathes. Specifically, Dale Chase an ornamental turner became a good friend of his and Dale would donate the first piece made with each new attachment Walter made for him.

Walter recently donated all his ornamental turnings in his collection to the Wood Turning Center, and these turning constitute the exhibition at the Center.



After this introduction the group walked through the gallery where Walter would explain and discuss many of the pieces.



This was a very interesting and enjoyable evening and we all learned a lot about ornamental turning.

The meeting ended at around 9 PM.

Check out Jeff's other pictures at <http://jschnell1203.posterous.com/2011-04-12-delval-woodturningcenter-walter-ba>