

Monthly Newsletter March 8, 2011

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March 8, 2011 Meeting -

I never found out who made these clocks, but they sure are nice!



And these bowls aren't bad either!



President Phil welcomed a large group to this meeting, about 42 in all, including visitors (my apologies in advance if I mis-spell any names!) Michael Vogel, Len Lorito, Frank Puzzutiello, Mike Lane, Coles Driscoll, Greg Lippincott, Priscilla and Maraina Adams. Welcome all! Phil mentioned that our next regular meeting will be on April 12, 2011 and will be held at the Wood Turning Center in Philadelphia. Steve Leichner will send out a map and other information regarding this meeting in the near future. The club challenge pen turning project originally scheduled for April has been postponed until the September meeting. Phil has determined that our AAW club challenge collaborative project has been registered by the AAW. Phil will either mail it in by April or take it to the event in person.

Andy DiPietro has organized the HOW (Hands on Workshop) program for the club again this year, and described the instructors, openings and application process. This is a great way to improve your skills in a low key and informative setting, and get to know your fellow club members as well. It also helps raise money for our club to support the excellent demonstrator programs we have over the year, so **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A HOW WORKSHOP.**

Coincidentally, the 50/50 winner this month was Andy, who collected a record high \$62, way to go Andy!

Upcoming Events

March 22 – next open house at Phil Hauser's shop

April 12, 2011 – next regular meeting at the Wood Turning Center, Philadelphia.

March 26-27, 2011 Andy will be one of eleven Demonstrators at Totally Turning Symposium in Saratoga Springs NY, Saturday & Sunday, March 26 & 27, 2011.

http://www.totallyturning.com/index.htm



Treasurer's Report - none this month.



Library Report -

Club Librarian Robert Jay described several new videos he's obtained; all sound very interesting and were signed out immediately. Robert encourages members to check items of interest out of our growing collection. Remember, NO CHARGE!

Featured Program – this month we held our second "micro-symposium" with presentations from four of our skilled members:

Steve Leichner demonstrated techniques he uses to make his lovely natural edge bowls, as shown below:





Seth Chamberlain explained how to design, cut and construct the blanks for a segmented bowl. Seth makes it look easy, and his finished products are spectacular.



Don Hart demonstrated how he makes those intriguing and delicate small boxes with threaded lids, such as these:



Don also explained how he came to finally master the art of thread making, after several frustrating years of trying, and where he got ideas for the ingenious collection of specialized tools he uses in the process:



Robert Jay demonstrated how he makes his attractive hollow form bowls, and some of the specialized tools he uses for deep hollowing with laser-guided precision.



The demonstrations were all very informative, enjoyable and well-received. The pieces produced during the meeting by each of our four experts were awarded as part of the 50/50 lottery, congrats to the lucky winners. And of course, a huge thank you to Robert, Steve, Seth and Don for making this meeting such a resounding success, and to Marty and Phil for their contributions towards organizing and setting it up.

We hope to see you all at the Wood Turning Center next month for another interesting meeting.