



Monthly Newsletter March 11, 2008

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March Meeting

The March meeting was attended by 25 members, including two new members, Don Shiner and Hans Wahrenberger. Welcome fellows!

The 50/50 winner was new member, Hans Wahrenberger, who collected \$46. Congratulations, Hans. Secondary prize of a gift certificate was won by Rich DeCandia, and 3rd prize was wood donated by Wane Shearon, taken by Ina Cabanas (but quickly plundered by other club members!)

President Hauser noted that Mike Cunningham has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee, and that long-time VP Steve Leichner has decided to leave the EC but will continue to be a full club member. In recognition of his valuable contributions over the years, Phil presented Steve with a “negative rake scraper”, which

Phil claims is a very valuable and effective tool for cleaning up tear out and eliminates much sanding effort.

Because of travel plans, Phil announced there will be no open house at his place on March 18. Andy DiPietro announced that the HOW schedule for this year has some space left, and after one more week he will open it to members of other clubs. The Wood Turning Center will be having a fund raiser the end of May, located in the fire hall across from the John Grass building in Old City. Members may be asked to turn police batons as gifts. Phil will provide more details in the future. Jeff Turi, who is also president of the Delaware turners club, First State Turners, (<http://firststatewoodturners.org/>) informed us of an article published in Delaware Today about their club.

Webmaster Keith Davies provided an update of our site, which had over 900 visitors last month, mostly from Yahoo and Bucks club. George Morris reminded everyone of the upcoming tour of the George Nakashima studio in New Hope on May 3, and the picnic at his house on Saturday August 16. Ina Cabanas provided information on a company called John Hairston Mouldings, located in Burlington, NJ, phone 609-386-6400. John is looking for spindle turners to provide custom work for him.



The **featured item** this month was supposed to be a demo by Mike Cunningham, but he came down with bronchitis and had to reschedule. We have several other demonstrators scheduled, next month will be Jimmy Clews on April 22 (note the changed

meeting date), and on June 10 we will have Peter Oliver from New Zealand.

So, instead of the demo, we had an interesting and lively expanded **Show and Tell** session. Many members participated, and photos of their efforts are shown here, with more on the web site. This session also included innovative tools, jigs and fixtures. (Check out more photos on our web site.)



Club Challenge - The contest this month was for a 3" miniature piece, and was won by President Phil Hauser, for a beautiful amboyna burl hollow form with inlaid ring opening.



Upcoming Events

April 22- next regular club meeting in Haddonfield. Jimmy Clews demonstrating.

HOW Program- Andy is coordinating; the schedule is out, so please sign up for several sessions.

May 3- Nakashima workshop tour.

June 10- regular meeting, Peter Oliver demo.

June 20, 2008 – annual AAW meeting in Richmond, VA.

Treasurer's Report – none this month

Library Report – none this month