



Monthly Newsletter

November 11, 2014

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November 11, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting-

News Bullets:

- The next open house is in Hainesport on November 18, starting at 7 PM. Phil will continue to host the open houses on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- A new feature starting this month is the club Swap Shop. Members are invited to bring in and advertise an item or two for sale. The sales table is at the rear of the woodshop and transactions are between the seller and buyer only, no affiliation with the DelVal Turners organization.
- Mark Allan invited members to share in the library's offerings and also asked members that might have items check out to please bring them back for others to share. There is no fee for using the library.
- Mark December 9th, 2014 on your calendars for this year's Holiday party in the D'Olio Meeting Room at the Moorestown Friends School.
- Dues for 2015 are being collected by our treasurer, John Coles. A copy of the membership form can be downloaded from here: <http://www.delvalturners.com/become-a-member/> Dues remain at \$30 for 2015. **Please let John Coles know of any changes in contact or emergency contact information.**
- Elections for Club Officers took place at this meeting and the slate of officers was approved unanimously as listed above. In addition to the officer election, Jeffrey Schnell was elected as the DelVal Safety Officer.
- Turning events planned for the coming months include pen turner Barry Gross as a presenter in the coming months. In addition to outside demonstrators, the DelVal meeting will be abuzz with 3 or 4 simultaneous demonstrations going at once during our 2015 MicroSymposium.
- A very generous gift to the club was made by member Jim Gillespie. Jim brought in a new 40" flat screen TV so that visibility from video cameras might be improved. The picture, color, and lighting was a phenomenal improvement. Thanks again Jim.
- Seth Chamberlain reported that the MAWA group, the Mid Atlantic Woodturners Association, has set September 24 & 25, 2016 as the dates for it's first symposium. The event will be held in Lancaster, PA in the Lancaster Marriot/Convention Center. Set-up date will be Friday, September 23, 2016.



News Bullets- *continued*

- Jeff Schnell reminded the group that the [AAW 2015 Convention](#) in Pittsburgh happens June 25 to 28, 2015. Hotel bookings are expected to start in December.
- 36 members present. Kurt Kurtpatrick, Bob Shelles and Vinnie Ferranti were visiting guests this evening.
- Jim Parisi shared an exciting bit of news with the group. The Woodworkers' Guild of South Jersey has a team of members that have put together a proposal and a pilot for a television program that features local woodworking shops and local woodworkers. The pilot has been picked up by NJTV out of Secaucus and will begin with six episodes. More may follow, depending upon public endorsement. Jim shared portions of the pilot with the membership and it was truly exciting TV.
- Bob Shelles shared his background with our group, too. Bob was a woodworker that began to lose his vision and turned his energies to wood harvesting and drying. Bob has recently become involved with woodturning, as it does not require the high degree of accurate measurement needed in the flatwork side of the field. Bob can be reached at 610-613-8543



Holiday Festivities

December 9th Banquet

The DelVal Turners will close out 2014 by sitting down to share a meal, re-tell some stories, and admire the work of their fellow members. Dinner begins at 7:00 and members are asked to bring either a dessert or a side-dish for the meal. Please send an email to one of the two contacts below to let them know how many guest you are bringing and what type of side-dish or dessert you'll bring with you.

John Coles: jmcoles@verizon.net

Phil Hauser: spartakus@comcast.net

In addition to the great food, the following will also take place:

- ♣ **Paid-up Dues Raffle**- a healthy gift card for Craft Supplies for those members with 2015 dues pre-paid.
- ♣ **Wood Turning Tool Raffle**- \$1 per chance and you might go home with a great turning tool
- ♣ **Silent Auction**- Got surplus items? Bring your goodies and bid on someone else's surplus items, too.
- ♣ **Show & Tell**- Showcase your finest work from 2014.
- ♣ **Club Challenge**- this year's theme is a Holiday plate or platter. Make something that dresses up your Holiday table and keeps the season's spirit bright. You'll be taking your own Holiday platter home with you at the end of the evening.
- ♣ **Polyanna Gift Exchange**- Make something you'd love to share with another member, wrap it up or place it in a decorated Holiday gift bag. Gifts are chosen at random and the maker's are invited to tell the story about their piece. Everybody that brings a Polyanna gift goes home with a Polyanna gift.

This event is held in the main meeting room of the Moorestown Friends' School. Please contact John or Phil to let them know how many are coming and what part of the meal you'd like to bring with you.



DelVal November Demonstrator

Robert Jay

November's meeting brought club president Robert Jay to our shop meeting with a second hat to wear—the hat of a hollow form presenter. Robert shared his insight into the world of hollow form woodturning with our membership and brought some examples of his early work and shared some tales of early disasters. It was clear that Robert worked diligently to hone his skills and develop his procedures. Much of his success he attributes to sipping coffee on weekend mornings while immersing himself in a David Ellsworth video, a practice Robert endorses very much today, too. Our presenter's opening advice to turners is not to try to work through the tiniest of openings. Make your vessel's entrance hole big enough that you can safely work through it and concentrate on more important attributes, such as your vessel's base, the wall thickness, your grain orientation, etc.

Once Robert shaped the majority of his vessel's outside shape, he then bored a hole gain access to the piece's center. Robert's drill bit of choice was a large diameter twist bit with a #2 Morse taper shank. This bit he thinks was purchased at Jos. Fazzio's in Glassboro, NJ. Robert reminded the group to mark the depth of the boring, even if it was as simple as a Sharpie marker laid out on one of the drill flutes, it is important to establish your limit for the bottom.

Step Two was the installation of the hollowing jig. Our demonstrator's preferred rig is made by Monster Tool, and still in production through the family of the system's original designer. Robert shared his experiences with other types of hollowing systems and also demonstrated his newer Lyle Jamieson rig with Robert's own modified laser guide. Cutters, holders, and related accessories for these devices were also discussed, as well as the use of CA glue to lock the cutting bits into their respective holders.

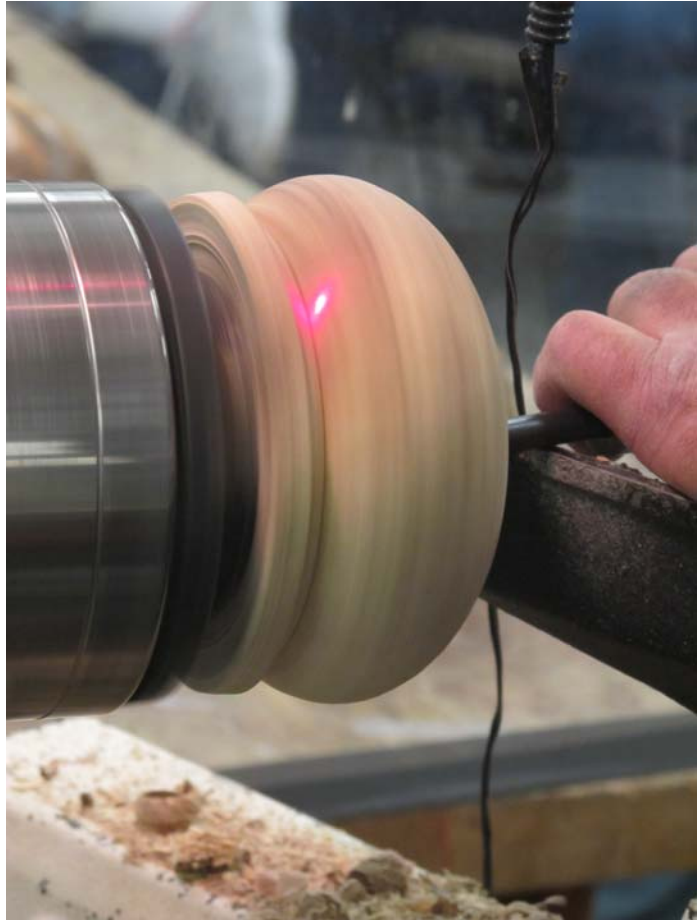
As the vessel's inner shape began to approach its final dimensions, our presenter set up his laser sizing guide and shared his procedure with the audience. As the buried cutting edge of his tool bit



crept up toward the inner wall thickness, the turner is able to gauge this by monitoring the length of the laser's beam that is projected on the outer surface of the spinning vessel. On Robert's newer rig, he sourced laser light from Ebay and used a small unit that is sold for sighting handguns. His laser guide has performed flawlessly for several years now.

As the hollow form turner continues to pare-down the wall thickness, the light cast by the laser continues to grow longer in length and lower on the vessel's outer surface. If the light were to disappear from the outer surface, that would clearly indicate that the designated wall thickness has been reached- or worse, the vessel's walls are now too thin.

Our presenter finished up his vessel, neatly cleaned up the foot, and did a bit of light sanding. The evening's work was then offered to the club for inclusion in the 50/50 where Don Hart was the lucky winner. Thanks to Robert for patiently sharing the skills and observations that took him years to acquire. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to share these experiences.



50/50 Drawing

Winning this month's loot

- David G. Potts went home with \$55
- Don Hart- the evening's hollow form
- David A. Potts- Derek Weidman's Holly Jersey Devil piece from October's meeting
- Doug James- \$10 Craft Supply's gift card



Treasurer's Report None this month



Photography

A big thanks to Jeff Schnell for the video and still pictures from November's meeting



Library Report – None: The Club Librarian is Mark Allan. All are welcome to share from the club's collection of books, magazines, and DVDs

Remember, **SAFETY FIRST**. We will strive to emphasize this message at each meeting, and if you have a particular safety topic of concern please feel free to bring it up for discussion.

Please regularly review the recommendations established by the AAW. Even taking one new measure a week may prevent an accident.

<http://www.woodturner.org/resources/safety.htm>