



BayLake Woodturners

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Upcoming Events

Zoom Meetings 9 am

Feb. 20 Kelly Bresnahan
Calabash Bowl

Feb. 20 AAW WIT presents Sally Burnett
4 pm ET Registration is Free

Feb. 27 AAW presents John Beaver
Wave Bowl \$10 Registration

Mar. 20 Ed Cole
Vase Resin Casting

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Spring Show for March 2021 has been
Cancelled due to COVID-19.

Due to the COVID-19 virus things will be a little different this year. There will be no in person meetings at the Artisan Center. All meetings and demonstrations will be done online via ZOOM. Our meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month at 9 am. A link to Zoom with the password to get into our meeting will be sent out on the Friday before the meeting. If you would like to be a demonstrator you can use your home shop and we will bring the cameras to you or you can use the Artisan Center for your demo. Please notify Tim Harteau on what you would like to demonstrate. Thank You!



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President Letter

By: Tim Harteau

Hello Friends and Woodturners,

Winter is half over but here we sit in the middle of this season's coldest stretch. My garage shop is heated but the cold penetrates the floor and makes my feet feel like they are in the middle of a cool fog that's working its way up my legs. Oh well, turn the heat up a little higher and keep telling myself it's temporary...

I want to thank Dennis Clayton for being our featured presenter for January. There was a lot of good information in his presentation and I received good feedback on the content. My biggest take-a-way was the value of "drawing it on paper". A drawing can keep your project on track and help you focus on some of the important design features. Then when you are done it is easy to self-critique. I am looking forward to seeing how Dennis' information will inspire our club.

This month's demo is Turning a Calabash Bowl done by Kelly Bresnahan. I did some quick searches and found that "calabash" originates from a family of gourds used for various bowls and containers. A wood calabash bowl is inspired by the shape and curves of these functional gourds.

See you soon! Tim

January Demonstration

By: Terry Hermes

We started 2021 with a guest demonstrator Dennis Clayton from Badger Woodturners in Madison. Dennis gave a presentation on Design, Shape, Form and Theme. He started in photography and owned Clayton Portraits until he retired in 2015. Today he enjoys teaching and presenting many woodturning programs. His website is: <https://www.clayton-arts.com/>

Many of the classic shapes you see in woodturning came out of pottery from the Greeks, Ming Dynasty, Romans etc. The pottery has very gentle curves, nothing sharp, comfortable in the hand and pleasing to the eye. Some of the basic shapes are hemispherical, calabash, narrow, and ogee.

Dennis took a David Ellsworth class and uses the vacuum chuck on his lathe. He enjoys working with smaller pieces even though they reveal more flaws than larger pieces. While working on your piece, stop and run your index finger from the foot to the rim and you will be able to feel flats or ridges that your eye may not see. Touch and feel your work and also look from the non turning side of your lathe to see your piece from a different angle. Place your piece on a shelf at eye level, step back and just look at the shape, not the color of the wood or the finish and see if you find any subtleties. The wall thickness should be the same on the inside as the outside.

Make sketches of your piece before you begin. Design the basic shape, the foot, what type of bowl rim you should use - round, flat, inner lip, or ogee. Dennis uses a Stabilo All Aquarellable Black 8046 pencil to draw on his wood. The pencil marks cannot be erased but must be sanded off. He uses round cup burs to make the round circles in the wood.

Learn how to use a color wheel to help you match colors. Dennis always buys colors that are mixed because it is a lot easier than trying to mix colors yourself. He applies different layers of color to get the effect he wants.

Learn how to apply the Golden Ratio or Rule of Thirds and have several rulers around your shop for measuring. The Golden Ratio rule is older than the Rule of Thirds and either one will work. Using these rules will make your work pleasing to the eye. Always strive to make gentle curves, nothing sharp in your piece.

Where should you go to get inspiration from? Be active in your woodturning club, go to the AAW site, put together a small focus group of 3-4 people to explore something different, go to Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, study professional woodturners and take some of their classes. Also attend an AAW Symposium because there are many gallery pieces you can study.

Themes from professional artists can also be very inspiring. Plagiarism is copying someone else work so always note the artist where you took your inspiration from. Below are some names of professional artist with very specific themes. When you see a themed piece you know exactly who the artist is because they are so unique.

Professional Artists include: Donna Zilis Banfield, Sally Burnett, John Jordan, Gordon Pembridge, Molly Winton, Graeme Priddle, Dave Turner, Cynthia Garden Gibson, Michael Kehs, Richard Kennedy, John H. Williams, Kristin LeVier, Rebecca DeGroot, Bill Clark, and Ulf Jansson.

Go to the artist individual websites and study their gallery pieces. You will see how they started out and where they have gone. They are amazing!

Club Store

Carl has placed an order for CA glue and accelerator for the store. I will let everyone know when this order arrives and you can place an order thru our website.

Bay Lake Woodturners Website: www.baylakewoodturners.com

Wood Exchange

We are looking for items to place in our wood exchange. This is a great time to go on a scavenger hunt in your shop to see if you have any extra wood or tools you would like to donate to the exchange. Just let Tim know what you would like to donate. Thank You!

Woody's February Tip

Sharp tools are key to making good cuts but, a little wax on the tool rest will contribute greatly in getting a smooth cut from your sharp tool. I just lightly rub an old candle on the contact area.

Give it a try! Regards, Tim



If you have something that helps you in your shop (a jig, shortcut, product, tool etc.) let me know so it can be passed on to everyone. If you are selling something from your shop we can add it to the classified section. You can send your tips, and classified item(s), with or without a photo to: Terry Hermes - wood5056@gmail.com

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