



# *Pikes Peak Woodturners*

*A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners*

**THOMAS TORGERSON: MAKING TOOLS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH**

**6:30 P.M.**

WOODCRAFT STORE CLASSROOM 5995 ACADEMY.....719-216-9889

**Join us for the meeting, and join our club! PPW dues are \$20/year  
Dues let us bring in guest demonstrators, purchase club equipment, add to our Lending Library,  
and keep you informed through the website and the newsletter**

*Volunteer Needed: the City is seeking a woodworker to make jumping jacks, bird houses, wood handles, and brooms with pioneer tools at the Rockledge Ranch. For more information, contact Andy Morris [amorris@springsgov.com](mailto:amorris@springsgov.com) or call 578-6986*

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## LAST MEETING AT WOODCRAFT STORE!

Thomas Torgerson will provide the last demo for the club at the Woodcraft Store on North Academy Thursday, March 6th, at 6:30 p.m.

Woodcraft has been a good host for our meetings over the years, and a welcome storage facility for the assets of the club--the Powermatic Lathe, club library, video equipment, collections of turnings, and our folding chairs.

Treasurer Scott Longberry and Librarian Ralph Taylor will conduct an inventory of our stuff before we move it sometime after the March meeting.

Larry Fox and the Board of Directors will have an announcement for a new meeting place at the

March meeting. This is an exciting development, so don't miss the official version.

We will also be changing the meeting night to Wednesday beginning in



April. The next newsletter will have a reminder, a map, photos, and of course, an exciting account of moving the lathe to the as-yet-undisclosed-location.

## FEBRUARY DEMO: BORIS - LEARN TO TAKE ACCURATE MEASUREMENTS

Boris did a thorough investigation of measuring tools for his demonstration at the February meeting. He brought in an entire table of equipment, including many items provided by the Woodcraft staff.

As always with Boris, the fundamental principles of measurement were his starting point, and he advised us that 'your body moves smoother than your hands,' so you need to do more than just drag your fingers across the piece to determine the high spots and low spots. Your fingers see better than your eyes, so always check wall thickness by hand, even if you are using calipers or a



laser measuring system.

Boris demonstrated the use of light both inside the hollow form, and from the outside, to help determine high and low spots.

He also showed us how to make custom calipers from steel wire when standard calipers do not reach. And he brought a dovetail caliper set and dovetail cutting tool for folks who use the Vicmarc chucking system.

Boris always considers the tools as servants for achieving his turning goals, and he does

not hesitate to change or adapt them for the task at hand. Of course, our discussion expanded to include a catalog of drying

techniques used by various members of the club, including paper bags, plastic bags, wet shavings, dry shavings, sealers, soap & water soak, CYA glue, boiling, kiln drying and microwaving. Jim Carey summed it up when he said that waiting 8 or 10 months is just not good when you are his age.

**DO THE DUES,  
DUDES!**

*Please get those dues paid up!*

**\$20 PPW, \$45 AAW**

## SERVICE PROJECTS

### Empty Bowls

Dennis Liggett has discovered a big market for turnings--the Empty Bowls fundraiser in October. In 2007, his 15 bowls were among the first scooped up by folks in the Tri-Lakes area, who paid \$15 for a bowl of their choice, and a community dinner. The fundraiser supports the food pantry.

The challenge for this kind of service project is to obtain free wood. Dennis started early this year, and the Monument and Palmer Lake Public Works Depts are promising to drop off some big trees in his driveway.

It was a fun project for Dennis, and he got two articles about woodturning in the local paper.

He will send an e-mail when the wood arrives

for anyone who would like to participate.

### Silent Auction

Tony Bevis is also looking for donations of turnings to a silent auction organized by Andrea. See [www.bladesfortheure.org](http://www.bladesfortheure.org) or call Tony to do your part in the fight against breast cancer.



### Who Ya Gonna Call?

Dennis Korth--currently teaching at the Denver Woodcraft store in addition to his work with our club; 634-1260

Tony Bevis--a professional turner who serves as our club's Program Manager; 660-8305 (*Tony's maple bowl from the February Instant Gallery en route to the Blades for the Cure fundraiser pictured above*)

Juergen Schleicher a professional turner and member of the Commonweal Co-op Gallery; 540-9921

Dick Breckon--recipient of an AAW grant to study with Trent Bosch this year; 597-9718

Dennis Liggett--who teaches at the John C. Campbell Folk School, and works as a guest demonstrator with other clubs. 481-8754

Papa Joe Aquila --professional turner and friend to all; 548-9908

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY PPW MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Larry Fox at 6:30 PM

Fred Campbell, who won the perpetual bowl in January, brought a Fancy Ply wood/ purple

heart laminated bowl February meeting which was won by *guess who*, Jim Carey Jim will bring the perpetual bowl to the March meeting..( Fred, we could do our trading on the side and not have to buy raffle tickets ).

Boris Kruslic demonstrated his measuring techniques along with a lot of other valuable turning information. It was a great demo and enjoyed by all.

Tony Bevis reviewed the instant gallery and there were some really good and unusual turnings.

Thomas Torgerson will give us a lesson on how to turn key chains March meeting.

Announcements:

The AAW symposium will be in Richmond Va. next year and the AAW is looking for individuals to help operate the video equipment for their demonstrators.

This year is PPW's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a notation in the AAW directory written by Larry Fox.

The Utah Symposium will be May 22-24 at Utah Valley State College.

Tony Bevis's wife is putting together a silent auction for Cancer on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tony if you would like to donate a turning for this worthy cause.

Dennis Liggett would like to see PPW participate in the Empty Bowl Charity by donating bowls to the program this fall. Many members at the meeting thought it was a worthy cause and would be really good recognition for the club.

Most of the club dues are in and Scott Longberry tells us that the club is in pretty good financial shape.

Adjourned.  
respectfully submitted, Jim Carey, Sec.

***PPW Board Meetings***  
*The Board met in both January and February to work on the challenge of a new meeting place. Come to the March meeting to get the full report!*

**Billie, Dick, & Dennis are back from the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show; a few items left over:**

Billie's Turquoise..\$10/oz  
Sleeping Beauty....\$15/oz  
Nacozari.....\$12/oz  
Elko 8.....\$12/oz  
Kingman.....\$12/oz  
Other locally crushed stone:  
Malachite.....\$8/oz  
Lapis.....\$15/oz  
Pipestone (red or blk) \$10/oz  
CA glue for inlay....\$5/ 2oz  
CA accelerator....\$6/2 oz

CALL DENNIS 481-8754

## **CLASSIFIED**

FOR SALE: Famous Cripple Creek Turquoise, not stabilized nor colored; this is the real stuff right out of the ground; clean and packaged rocks...Rocks..\$12/oz  
...Crushed assortment (1 pkt each powder, medium flakes, large chips) \$15/oz...a perfect mix for inlay with CYA or epoxy...call Larry 719-686-9883

FOR SALE: Screw-on two-prong drive center made by Tony Bevis and used by professionals...now in either 1 1/4 x 8 tpi or M33-3.5 thread....\$45

WANTED: WOOD for the club raffle!

