



Pikes Peak Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Bemis School of Art

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Next Meeting Friday January 5th

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Things slowed down a bit at the end of 2017. The last chapter event was the class we gave on pen turning at Bemis. Although we only had two students, number three dropped out earlier in the week, we went ahead and held the class. Both students completed one wood and one acrylic pen. Thanks to Steve Maikell and Butch Carlson for assisting with the class.

Scott Longberry will be the presenter for our first demo for 2018. He's got two subjects on his list and hasn't decided which one. I have a hunch which it might be but we'll keep it a surprise.

While we're discussing demos, Scott is putting together a questionnaire for all of us to complete. He'll be asking what type of demos you're interested in and if you would like to present one.

A quick reminder, the funds raised by the monthly raffle, go to help pay our rent and to compensate some of our demonstrators. Bring wood to donate get a free raffle ticket. We are always looking for ways to supplement income other than increasing dues. We will also have Gift Certificates from Craft Supplies USA again this year

Speaking of dues, January is renewal time. Are you an AAW member? If you're not, and are on the fence, head on over to their website and check out the 60 day Guest Membership. It's free!

We can always use help at our demos and with classes. Even if you don't think your skills are up to the challenge we always need folks to talk to the crowd at demos. You can help explain what's going on, tell them about the chapter and the classes we offer at Bemis of and invite them to attend a meeting.

Did I mention that the only tool used in the pen class was a skew? That's how I got the idea for the President's Challenge. Considering one of the students had never turned, she was able to complete two awesome pens with just a skew. So as a reminder the challenge for the January meeting is to turn something, doesn't matter what, but the only tool you can use is a skew or skews.

So guess I'll sign off for this year. See you all at the next meeting on Friday, January 5th, until then be safe and keep on turning.

Vic

2017 -- A Year of Woodturning with Pikes Peak Woodturners

By: Kay Liggett

We started off the year with a demonstration of segmenting by PPW member, Rob Boyer at the January meeting. In February, Keith Gotschall from Salida turned three bowls from green wood provided by Dr. Bob Gibbs. In March, Tom Boley from the Flint Hills Woodturners demonstrated turning very thin platters with double-stick tape.

We held a full Bowls class at Bemis in February, taught by Scott Longberry, called "the Lathe as a Design Tool," which included texturing and airbrushing on a thick rim.

For April, Doug Schneiter from Rocky Mountain Woodturners (Loveland) demonstrated turning a basket illusion. There was also another bowls class in April.

Dennis turned birdhouse ornaments for us in May, encouraging everyone to make ornaments for the club's fundraising sale in December 2017.

The annual interactive meeting was in June. Robert and Kay prepared marbling solutions and those in attendance marbled one of their own turnings.

In July, we met for a shop tour and picnic at Dennis Korth's studio. Then Robert led a group of club members in demonstrations at the El Paso County Fair.

Dennis Liggett made a beer tap handle with a 3-start twist for the August Demonstration. Tony Bevis demonstrated laminating dimension lumber for a wide-rimmed bowl at the September meeting.

In October, Rudy Lopez turned a natural-edge goblet from a straight section of Gambel Oak, and then taught a Master Class for Bowl Turning at Bemis the next day.

Robert Brewer demonstrated use of the skew at the November meeting.

Robert's bowl class in November with pyrography and airbrush finish was a big hit at Bemis. There were more students wanting to sign up for it than spaces available. The pen class in December was also a success.

Although the club was not accepted into the CC Craft Show, Vic and Butch managed to sell Christmas ornaments at a variety of craft shows, and 'by appointment.'

In 2017, lots of folks have worked hard behind the scenes. John McClelland has worked hard behind our camera, in club meetings and Bemis classes. He also volunteered as a videographer for the national AAW symposium in Kansas City. Steve has done a great job keeping the website updated. A team of members uses the Facebook page for last-minute announcements and a few bragging rights. The number of club members participating in the President's Challenges, and the interactive meeting is at an all-time high. A strong team of helpers shows up for our Bemis classes, and makes it possible for a total beginner to turn a bowl on the first try. Bill Kane kept our records and our checkbook up-to-date, and ran the raffles all year. Members have donated the raffle items, including a huge donation of turning blanks from Dennis Korth at the summer picnic.

January 5th Demo

Scott Longberry - project yet to be determined.

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Who Ya Gonna Call?

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teacher; 481-8754

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Vic Vickers --pen specialist, 683-3350

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