



Pikes Peak Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Bemis School of Art

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of the minutes, go to the web site below.

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Technical tip of the month taken from AAW web site <https://vimeo.com/137127500>

JANUARY MEETING - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

FRIDAY night, January 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Our first meeting at Bemis will feature a presentation by the National Woods Manufacturing program for high school students which is in its first year with the Peyton School District. It is a nationally recognized training program to prepare students for jobs in the wood manufacturing industry. Turning is part of their program. Dean Mattson and two associates will describe the program and answer questions.

You can prepare for their visit by watching the videos of the program in action on the school district's website: www.peyton.k12.co.us/ The videos are on the home page for the district.

Our program will continue with a tour of the Fine Arts Center and the Bemis Art School. We will have a preview of classes currently being developed to add woodturning to their regular class schedule at Bemis.

The instant gallery for this meeting will be a special President's Challenge. Please bring something you have turned that was admired by the general public. This may include your relatives, providing they are not woodturning snoots.

Parking areas highlighted in yellow on the map. Please don't park in the area shown in red. You can also park on Cache La Poudre.



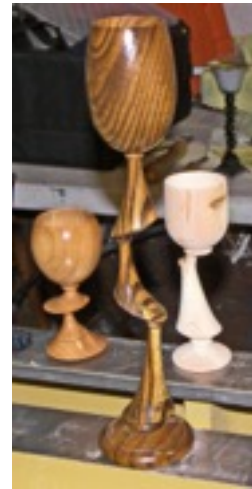
IT ALL STARTS IN JANUARY

Kay Liggett

Pikes Peak Woodturners will be 28 years old in 2016. When I joined the club in 2004, we were meeting in Woodcraft's big classroom on N. Academy Blvd. In January 2005, Jim Feakes brought in everything we needed for an interactive meeting marbling our pieces with acrylic paints. I was a new turner in 2005, so I

was a little scared to be bringing in my beginner pieces. The lure of color was too strong, however, so I dipped some nap-kin rings in the goo, and fell in love with marbling 3-dimensional objects. I'm still doing it!

We had a sharpening demo in January 2006, and then making a platter from beetle-kill pine in 2007. Our founder, Dick Breckon showed us his kaleidoscopes on the Club's 20th anniversary in 2008, and our officers were tasked with finding a new meeting place for the club by March, when the Woodcraft store closed their big classroom. By the next January, we were at home in the back storage area of the Business of Arts Center. Juergen turned some wonderful goblets with an eccentric stem for that January meeting.



In January, 2012, Vic Vickers gave his first club demonstration, 'All about pens.' He will have an update for us at this year's April meeting. And here we are again this January, adapting to a new home at the Bemis School of Art. If you an old-timer, rejoice in our club's persistence. If you are new to the club, jump in and find the opportunity to enjoy this amazing craft.

The Year in Review - Kay Liggett

In 2015, the Pikes Peak Woodturners recognized the strength of skills among our club members, and drew upon them for most of our demonstrations at club meetings. Milo Scott demonstrated ceramic pepper mill mechanisms, Christmas ornaments, and tops; Robert Brewer demonstrated airbrush techniques, turning between centers, and the two-part hollow form, Steve DeJong demonstrated tops and texturing, Juergen Schleicher demonstrated the emerging bowl, and Vinny Luciani demonstrated the design process for making a carved

hollow form. Michael Roper from Red Rocks Community College was our guest demonstrator for multi-center turning techniques.

Although our meeting space was compressed in 2015 at the Manitou Arts Center, we were able to see the demonstrations thanks to our camera operator, John McClelland. The demonstrations by club members sparked many questions from the group, and the camera work helped us understand what they were doing.

Our new members brought new energy to discussions about making things. In June, we held a round-robin decorating session. Scott created a special President's challenge for members to exchange chunks of wood that we just couldn't figure out. The monthly instant galleries were full of new and exciting work. It was particularly gratifying to see some of our novice members bring in their most successful efforts.

Robert Brewer saw a need for outreach by the club, and took the initiative. He organized demonstrations at the Good Earth Botanic Gardens Fairs in the spring and the fall, and public sessions at libraries May through July. He arranged a booth for us at the County Fair, and two months' of displays at the Penrose Public Library downtown. Many of our Club members helped with the demonstrations--some turning in public for the very first time. Thanks to Robert, we have a core group of outreach volunteers, and many new Club members.

Our Club members attended the Utah Woodturning Symposium (Steve Maikell, Robert Brewer, Milo Scott, Dick Jones) and the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium (Larry Fox, Milo Scott, the Liggetts, Rex Carraway, Robert Brewer, Steve Maikell, Dr. Bob and Camilla Gibbs). Several members also provided demonstrations for the Pueblo Woodturning Club.

Club members contribute to the Club's success in many ways. We have an entire group of early birds who always set up the meeting space. Many members bring items for the raffle. Wayne and Dotty Hume store and manage our Christmas tree and ornaments for sale. Milo and Robert moved the storage cabinet on short notice. Tony provides green wood sealer. John has taken responsibility for the camera work. Bill Kane volunteered

to host the Instant Gallery. The Longberrys will host our holiday pot-luck in December. Mark Harry and Kay Liggett researched and secured a new meeting space and classroom opportunities for the Club. We help newcomers find wood. We buy raffle tickets, and provide a perpetual bowl every month. Our club members donated to the Empty Bowl Fundraiser, and planned a new service project making tops.

PPW has helpful partners in the woodworking business. Craft Supplies in Utah provides gift certificates for our raffle every month. Our local Woodcraft store has helped us with wood for Empty Bowl. This year, we returned to Woodcraft with a demonstration and class, as well as participation in their customer show and turning day for the troops.

The Board members seldom held meetings, but they were able to conduct club business via e-mail and text messages. Each one took responsibility for tasks, and carried them out. Bill managed the library. Milo provided programs for the meetings. Tim has researched much of the material available from AAW. Vic kept an accurate roster, paid our bills, and conducted the raffles.

Our club is fortunate to have very helpful past presidents--Dick Jones, Larry Fox, Tony Bevis, and (newly past) Scott Longberry. Our memories are deep. With the new energy of our 2016 Board of Directors, we are in good shape for moving forward with enhanced training opportunities in 2016.

POT LUCK

For those of you that were not able to make it to the annual December pot luck dinner at Scott Longberry's house, you missed out on some great food and great company. Thank's Scott and family for hosting a great dinner.

Many of you made and donated some really nice tops for some of the poor children in Mexico. Here is a picture of the donations.



BROADMOOR WHITE LIGHTS TREE LIGHTING

Kudos to Dennis, Milo and Scott for braving freezing temperatures to turn 82 tops this year at the Broadmoor event the last weekend in November.

2016 DUES

It's that time of year again. Our move to Bemis brings with it added financial responsibilities, increased rent and the need to outfit at least 5 workstations for woodturning instruction/classes at Bemis.

There will be a small increase in dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00. If you pay your dues at the January meeting we will honor the old fee of \$25.00. After that dues will be \$30.00.

Letter From The President

Well folks, we made it through another year and the New Year is already shaping up to be awesome and challenging. But before I jump into the new stuff I'd like to extend a hearty thank you to last year's board; Scott, Milo, Bill, Kay and Tim. A huge special thanks to Laurie, Scott's wife who let him talk her into hosting the Annual December Pot-Luck at their house. THANKS!!

For those that haven't heard, we're moving from Manitou to The Bemis School of Arts which is downtown Colorado Springs (see directions below). We are also changing the day and time to the first Friday at 5:30 PM. That said because it's New Year's Day the January meeting is the second Friday January 8th. The change is to allow us to fit into their class schedule. The new venue provides some great opportunities.

The move presents some challenges! Not only will the rent increase but a portion of it will be covered by exchange of services. The school will provide space in exchange for cash and the chapter putting on classes and demonstrations. In addition to our time we need to provide the equipment. We have applied to AAW for some grant money but a good portion will need to be raised by the chapter to purchase extra equipment.

Robert Brewer is coordinating the demonstrations as well as some up and coming outreach opportunities. Mark Harry is working on the educational class room aspects to include equipment. He's off and running with it as I write. I know both will be looking for assistance down the road. Don't be shy. Feel free to approach either or both of them to volunteer.

Back for another term in a different office is Lay Liggett acting as VP/Program Manager. She already has an almost full agenda for the year but as we know things can change. If you'd like to demo something let her know. She can keep your name in her hip pocket for emergencies or pass it along to Robert.

Bill Kane will be our Treasurer and manage our finances. With the rent increase and needed equipment he'll be pinching our pennies till they cry. I guess now is a good a time as any to mention we voted to increase the annual dues \$5.00. However you still have a chance to save, see Bill's "*Early Bird Special*" later in the newsletter.

Bill Lavoie is returning as Librarian. Take a look around your shop. See the video on the shelf you checked out last April? He'd sure like it returned. How about the one you bought and have watched fifty time? If you mastered the techniques, how about donating to our library.

If you haven't been to <http://ppwoodturners.org> lately it well worth taking a look. Steve Maikell has taken over as Webmaster. He's been pounding the keyboard revitalizing the site. Pretty sure he will be looking for photos and historical info to add. Do him a big favor and contact him before you flood his email box with what you have.

Shush, he might hear you and write it done. Last but not least is our Chapter Secretary Tim 'Butch' Carlson. He'll be taking minutes at the chapter and board meetings. We'll save them for posterity and some of us old farts who can't remember what went on.

As mentioned below the Presidents Challenge for January is to bring something you've turned. Put that corner down it doesn't count. It can be something you are really proud of or maybe

even something you're not but other folks love. My goal is for a challenge every month (more on this at the meeting).

We are changing direction a bit this year. We've always been ready and willing to share our experience and knowledge within the chapter. This year we're going to work at sharing the knowledge and skill outside our group and encourage other to join the fun world of Woodturners.

Guess I've been long winded enough. Don't forget the meeting is January 8th, 5:30 pm at the Bemis School of Art. See you there.

Vic

WEB SITE

For If you haven't checked out the web site recently, please do. Steve is doing a great job making this a valuable resource for club members.

If you have any items you would like published on the web site or in the newsletter make sure you get them to Mark Harry at least two weeks before the upcoming meeting date.

FOR SALE

THREADED INSERTS --use for any vessel or box that needs a secure lid-- mount the ring insert in the vessel; mount the disk insert in the lid. Hard maple holds threads; 10 tpi.

Outside x Opening/Price

3 5/8" x 3" / \$16.98

3" x 2 3/8" / \$14.98

2 1/4" x 1 5/8" / \$12.98

1 3/4" x 1 1/4" / \$10.98

MILO SCOTT 719-360-9821

GREENWOOD SEALER FOR SALE:

\$15 per gallon, all profit goes to the club.

Only 15 gallons remain, so get yours soon. It will be at least one year from the sale of the last gallon before more is available at this club member price. Contact Tony Bevis, tony@asawyerb.com or 719 660 8305

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Some of our Club mentors offer basic help with tool control. Mentoring can be done in your shop or the mentors shop. That is up to you to work out with one of the mentors listed below. You may have to pay for help with specific projects.

Dr. Bob Gibbs-coring, turning, wood for wood for sale, too! 488-9487

Dennis Korth--teacher-coach 634-1260

Tony Bevis--a professional turner
660-8305

Juergen Schleicher a professional turner
540-9921

Dennis Liggett-- a twistwork specialist,
teacher; 481-8754

Dick Breckon--our club's founder;
597-9718

Vic Vickers --pen specialist, 683-3350

Scott Longberry --494-1265

Robert Brewer --640-5235

Take the initiative, and call these folks
when you need help!

TRAINING AVAILABLE IN COLORADO

Our mentoring sessions are just the
beginning of learning to turn with more
experienced woodturners. We are
fortunate in Colorado to have hands-on
instruction with a variety of teachers.
Here are some of the opportunities:

ROCKY MTN SCHOOL OF
WOODTURNING with Lee Carter in Ft.
Collins: Excel- lent foundation for tool
use, all levels. New this year: casting
and turning pewter for turning
enhancement, Feb 24-26. Intermediate
class Mar 10-12, Advanced Mr 24- 26.
\$300/class Call 970- 221-4382

TRENT BOSCH (Ft. Collins): Small
classes for 3 days, using Trent's tools
and lathes. All levels. New this year--
using the Visualizer equipment. Next
open class in May. TrentBosch.com

ANDERSON RANCH: Summer 5-day
classes in Snowmass; different levels

available. New this year: Nick Cook -
Turning for Food, July 13-17.
AndersonRanch.org

Red Rocks Community College in Arvada
and Lakewood offers a Fine
Woodworking Associate Degree with
woodturning classes. Request their
catalog: rrcc.edu Class is scheduled
after students sign up.

MICHAEL ROPER teaches at Red Rocks
CC, Denver Rock- ler, and in his shop in
Ever- green: roperwoodturning.com

KEITH GOTSCHALL teaches from his
studio in Salida. KeithGotschall.com

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