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STEP UP AND TURN A TOP!

Our November 4th meeting will be a new kind demonstration for PPW. All paid-up members are invited to step up with a 15-minute demonstration of how they turn a top.

This format gives folks a chance to try demonstrating for the group. It should also inspire all of us to make some of these simple, but magical toys going into the Christmas season.

If you plan to demonstrate, please bring your own tools and wood blank.

If you don't want to demonstrate, but you enjoy making tops, bring some for the Instant Gallery! Never turned a top? Basic directions are on the next page....

Meeting starts at 6:30 at the MakerSpace in the Manitou Arts Center.

PREVIEW: December Pot-Luck dinner will be held December 2nd at the home of Scott and Laurie Longberry.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the demonstrations at the Good Earth Fall Festival on October 17th!

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

We can't fix the federal budget, but Pikes Peak Woodturners can keep our good thing going by finding folks to serve on the PPW Board for 2016.

Contact anyone listed on page one if you are willing to take his/her job! We are all willing to share the glory of serving on the Board!

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" / \$14.98

3" x 2 3/8" / \$12.98

2 1/4" x 1 5/8" / \$11.98

1 3/4" x 1 1/4" / \$9.98

Compression Rings \$9.98

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TURNING TOPS

There are several books and videos with instructions for turning a simple spinning top. Bonnie Klein's book is the classic; Richard Raffan just published a new book about turning toys, including tops. Several woodturners have videos posted on youtube.

Here are the steps that Dennis, Milo, and Scott use for turning tops at the Broadmoor Christmas House:

Wood: 2" diameter cylinder, turned spindle-wise (the grain runs parallel to the lathe bed) at least 3" in length

Tools: 3/8" or 1/2" spindle gouge, parting tool, skew, Chuck

Make a tenon, and mount the blank in the chuck. You will not need the tailstock for this project.

Mark a line for the widest part of the top. It is important for this 'rim' to have some weight so the top will spin well.

Cut a wide, fat cone toward the tailstock. This will be the point of the top. Taper to a point with the spindle gouge or a skew. Apply texture while the work is well-supported in the chuck.

Now cut on the other side of the rim, with a more flattened cone shape, leaving about an inch diameter in the center. If you are planning to use a chatter tool, Wagner tool, or Sorby texture tool, do it now, while there is still a good connection to the chuck.

After applying texture, continue refining the top and the post. A very straight, simple post is easiest for kids to operate.

Before parting off the top from the blank, slow down the lathe, and apply color with markers to the top and bottom.

There are Consumer Product Safety Commission rules for children's toys to protect babies, toddlers, and young children from choking hazards. It is important to make your top big enough so that it can't be swallowed. Consider a finish that is harmless if chewed.

If you make a very small top, clearly label it as a desk accessory for adults.

What to do with all those tops? --Laurie Longberry suggested a new service project for PPW--sending tops to a couple on a mission in Mexico.

It turns out that the village school has a concrete floor, so the tops will work just fine, even in this very poor area in Chihuahua, where most folks still have dirt floors.

Just bring your donated tops to the December pot-luck dinner.

NEW HOME FOR PPW

The Board is in the process of negotiating a new home for PPW in 2016. We will have details and answer questions at the November and December meetings.

The move to a new location may also be a good time to consider some additions to our Board. At the November meeting, I will suggest two new Board positions: Vice-President for Education, and Vice-President for Outreach.

We have already assembled a strong team for outreach in 2015 led by Robert Brewer. It would be good to create a Director for it.

We will also have better opportunities to give classes at the new location. That will take better coordination than we have needed so far with planning and providing woodturning classes for the general public as well as our club members. I will propose that we create a Director for Education to lead this expanded mission.

Please plan to stay for the entire meeting in November!

We will hold the top-turning to a 15-minute limit per turner, in order to save time for the election of officers and news about the new meeting location.

OOPS! No photos from the October meeting--I was in Utah for a woodturning class. --Kay



Photos: Nick Agar meets with graduates of the class he taught here 3 years ago--Scott Longberry and Robert Brewer-- and graduate Mark Harry from his class in October at Craft Supplies.