



Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter

www.gfturners.org

Volume 7, Number 5

February 2016

Editor's Note:

Over the years since 2011 we have included in the club newsletter TIPS that have been educational and helpful to all of us. With that in mind, coupled with the fact that there are a number of members that have joined recently, I will go back in time and include Tips from the Past in future newsletters. I hope they are helpful to you all.....

On Jan 5th Tom gave us a demonstration on turning the famous Australian Banksia Pod.



As Tom pointed out, this little bugger can create a real mess when turning it. And so Tom proceeded to create a bit of a dust and shavings by turning a unique vase.



He turned the vase with his usual outstanding commentary explaining every step of the process. Yes, he apologized along the way for making a mess.



Club Demonstrations

Tom Krajacich – Jan 5 Demo

Turning a Banksia Pod



Using his home made Olan Tool, which is the tool that is going to be made at the Club's Tool Making Session on March 5th, he shaped the vase and finished the bottom. Along the way of turning it he tweaked it a smidgeon here and there and came up with a very cool, unique vase.



When he had the vase turned and sanded, he then used one of his favorite finishes, U Beaut **EEE-Ultra Shine Paste Wax** to put a nice finish on the vase.

Thanks Tom for an Excellent Demo.



Sam Sampedro – Feb 6th

Making a Wood Spoon

Sam started the demo by telling how his neighbor Dan came over and asked if he could make a long wooden spoon so Dan could stir his large pots of soup, sauce, etc. Sam's knee jerk reaction of and emphatic "NO". What Sam did was turn a 'stirring paddle' to accommodate Dan's needs.

After a couple of days Sam decided to look in YouTube to find a video on making a spoon. He found one of a gentleman who goes under the name of 'TreesandClay'.

After watching the video, Sam made a Grinder Stand to attempt hollowing out the spoon portion of the entire spoon.



This is an example of a finished spoon:



He then designed the spoon blank and made the blank for turning of the handle.



After turning the handle he then shaped the remainder of the spoon end using the club's band saw and his belt sander. Once the shape was made he then used a variable speed orbital sander to finish the back of the spoon.



If anyone would like to make a spoon and does not wish to invest in a Grinder (\$22 at Harbor Freight) or the Lancelot Cutter (Available at Amazon), you can contact Sam who will gladly make his 'Grinder Apparatus' available for you to make your spoon blanks. He is also available to provide one-on-one assistance to learn to turn a spoon.

Thanks

A very special THANK YOU to:

Those of you that come early and stay late to help with the set up and break down of the facility and equipment.

Perpetual Bowl

The Perpetual Bowl, created by Scott Johnson, was won by Del Johnson. It will be Del's privilege to make the next perpetual bowl prize for the March 5th Meeting.



Perpetual Bowl by Scott Johnson

TIPS

Information Tip – Dirk Johnson

On the AAW Web Site there is a video library that contains a wealth of turning information. One of the videos on the site is The Seven Fundamentals of Woodturning.

I highly recommend this video for your viewing pleasure and education. This is especially true for new turners and would be a great refresher to the 'old boys and girls' of turning. It will definitely be worth your time.....

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=VideoSevenFunda>

Information Tip – Terry Hill

Thinking about making an octagon? There's an excellent tool to do the calculating for you at PageTutor.com using the Octagon Layout Calculator. Try it at:

http://www.pagetutor.com/octagon_layout/

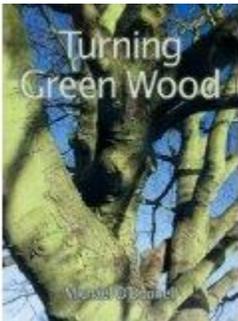
Information Tip – Tom Krajacich

Processing Logs for Turning:

One night recently I was watching woodturning videos on YouTube. I came across a video on how to process logs for turning, and thought that it was exceptional. The title of the YouTube video was "Woodturning: How to cut logs for turning" by Ralph Lindholm of the GeekGroup.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18kCjtLUqzY>

It has great explanations and marvelous illustrations for clarification of decisions about how to get the most out of the green or fresh cut wood. Additionally, he referenced a very good source book (see photo) that he found helpful—“Turning Green Wood” by Michael O’Donnell.



The book is available through Amazon even.

http://www.amazon.com/Turning-Green-Wood-Michael-ODonnell/dp/1861080891/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454200069&sr=1-1&keywords=turning+green+wood

I hope that this information will help with processing your wood. **Happy Turning.**
Tom Krajacich

Tips From The Past

Shop Tips – Barry Rockwell

TRANSPORTING TOOLS

When transporting, or even storing, your woodturning tools, you can keep them

sharp and protect them and your hands by buying different sizes of clear plastic tubing at Home Depot or Ace Hardware, cut them into short pieces, and slip over the end of the sharpened tool.

Information Tip – Sam Sampedro

Interesting Site for Information: Wood turning lathe tips, techniques and projects to add to our joy in turning.

<http://aroundthewoods.com/>

Club's Appreciation

Editor's Comment: My thanks to the following individuals who helped with the content of this newsletter:

Dirk Johnson
Terry Hill
Tom Krajacich



Instant Gallery

Photos

(Great Photos by Paul Snyder and Dirk Johnson)



Del Johnson



Dirk Johnson



Scott Johnson



Dirk Johnson



Scott Johnson



Scott Johnson



Ben and Terry Hill



Ben and Terry Hill



Ben and Terry Hill



Ben and Terry Hill



Darrel Young



Del Johnson



Dirk Johnson



Jay Eklund



Dirk Johnson



Del Johnson



Gary Campbell



Rich Charlson



Ben and Terry Hill

Great Falls Woodturners Meetings/Demonstrations Schedule

- March 5th** Meeting and Demo – Ed Austin; **Following Ed’s demo, the Tool Making Session will take place. This is due to a scheduling conflict of the Meeting Building**
- April 16th** Meeting and Demo – Dirk Johnson
Please note that the April Meeting is changed due to a prior scheduling of the facility
- May 7th** Meeting and Demo – Del Johnson
- June 4th** Meeting and Demo – Wayne Petrini
- July 9th** Meeting and Demo - Roger Wayman
- August 6th** Annual Club Picnic **(this is a tentative date subject to change)**

Toolrest Spacers

The toolrest on my Stubby lathe needs adjustment to get it to the correct height. For most of my turning I need to adjust it $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13 mm) up from the bottom position. To make it easier to set up, I made spacers out of an old cutting board my wife "donated." It just happens to be $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

After clamping the board to the drill press table, I cut a 1" (25 mm) hole with a sawtooth bit and then cut the ring loose with a circle cutter (sometimes called a fly cutter), set to cut a 2" (50 mm) disk. These spacers are ready to use with no sanding and are a loose press fit onto the toolrest post. When I install the toolrest with the spacer, the height is automatically correct, no guesswork involved. It took ten minutes to make the two spacers, and my setup will be much easier from now on. If your toolrest is a different diameter, drill the center hole accordingly.



David Christmas , Victoria, BC

Making Peppermill Blanks

This is how Rod makes the angled stripes on his peppermills.



Figure 1

First, glue different pieces of wood together as shown to the right.

Next, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite running across the different pieces of wood. (Figure 1)

Then, cut along that line on the band saw (Figure 2).

Once this is done, move the left piece over the right and glue the two pieces together on the flat sides. (Figure 3)

This will leave the ends a little skewed so you will have to cut the ends at a 90 degree angle to the sides.



Figure 2



Figure 3