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New Newsletter

This will be my feeble attempt to keep you informed as to what is happening with the Great Falls Woodturners Club. Please bear with me as I figure out the process and

Try to make this as consistent as I can.

I have no pictures to share with you this time around, but hope to have that corrected by the next newsletter.

Election

At the Aug club meeting, a new slate of officers was elected to keep the club moving forward.

President: Roger Wayman

Vice-President: Randy Setzer

Treasurer: Chuck Kuether

Secretary: Dirk Johnson

Board Members: Wayne Petrini
Tom Krajacich
Jay Eklund

June Newsletter

In Sam's last newsletter in June, he went through a list of past and current members and wrote some very nice things about each of them, but he forgot to mention the one person who has done more for the club than anyone else (in my opinion).

And that person is Sam himself.

He has been the main driver behind almost all that the club has done and accomplished.

Sam has been involved in every aspect of the club from hosting the Director's meetings to planning and implementing the symposiums, the picnics, and

most of the club meeting schedules. He has served several different terms as President of the club, editor of the newsletter, and

The first meeting I attended was in the corner at Windsor Plywood, and the first person to come up and say welcome to the meeting was Sam.

Sam is also a mentor to many new turners who need a bit of a boost to become comfortable with working at the lathe. He has invited many new turners to his house to work in his basement on sharpening and turning.

Sam has done all of this with quiet dignity and he never fails to compliment every 'creation' no matter how crude or clunky we may think it is.

We all owe Sam a big thank you for all his involvement and hope that he enjoys his

'retirement' from club duties.

“What I did For My Summer Vacation”

In June Chuck K., Wayne P. and I all attended the AAW convention in Portland. I would recommend that if you have a chance to go to one of these national conventions, that you GO. There were close to 3000 woodturners from all over the world. There are 4-5 sessions a day with at least 10 different demonstration rooms each session. If you can't find a topic to interest you, you are not looking very hard.

There is an instant gallery with over 1000 items turned by all levels of skills. What an inspiration.

The vendors area is worth the price of admission alone. With 300+ vendors showing every toy imaginable related to turning and demos by world class turners going on in many booths, it was easy to pass the free time.

It was the second best thing I have done for my turning.

Aug Demo and Picnic

At the Aug meeting we were treated to a demo by Wayne of a bowl in a wing. It started with Wayne mounting an epoxy coated log on the lathe like an airplane propeller. He turned the wing portion of the project and then started on the bowl transition, when a design opportunity happened. As wayne was fine tuning a tight area the tool slipped off the end of the tool rest and one of wings ended up on the floor. Being ever so resourceful, Wayne proceeded to turn the remains into a teacup shape to finish the demo.

I recall what my instructor at the Craft Supplies School told us. “ The only difference between a professional turner and everyone else, is the time

between catches. Everyone gets a catch now and then”

The Club picnic was held on Aug 18 along the river. It was very smoky out but the food was good, the conversation was better, and a good time was had by all attendees.

Website of Interest

Sam sent me the link to website that has lots of good information.

<http://www.docgreenwoodturner.com/>

If you have a website you visit that you think may be of interest for other club members, please send the address to me to include in future newsletters.
