

ONE GOOD TURN

Meetings: Odd Months Second Tuesday 6:30 pm Dan Hershberger Shop

Even Months Second Saturday 12:30

Beads of Courage

Thanks to all who made boxes for the Beads of Courage program. This will be an ongoing program because it is for such an important cause. Members are encouraged to make a box or boxes to donate

It's Election Time

It is that time of the year. Elections are taking place all over the place and the Great Falls Woodturners are no exception. Due to family health issues, Tom Krajacich will not be returning as President, so that position is open for nominations, as well as the Secretary position and a position on the board of directors.

Please consider running for any of these positions, or nominate anyone you think would make a good candidate.

Nominations will be accepted and elections will be conducted at the July meeting.

We need participation to be a viable club!

June Club Meeting

The GFWT Club held its Saturday meeting and demonstration on 6/11/2022 at Dan Hershberger's shop with 9 people in attendance. Sam Sampedro came through for the GFWT after a member had to cancel his demonstration due to health issues at the last minute. An urgent call went out to the GFWT membership for a replacement and Sam volunteered. THANK YOU, Sam!!! Sam has turned many pens and is a master of such. His demonstration involved turning an Artisan Americana

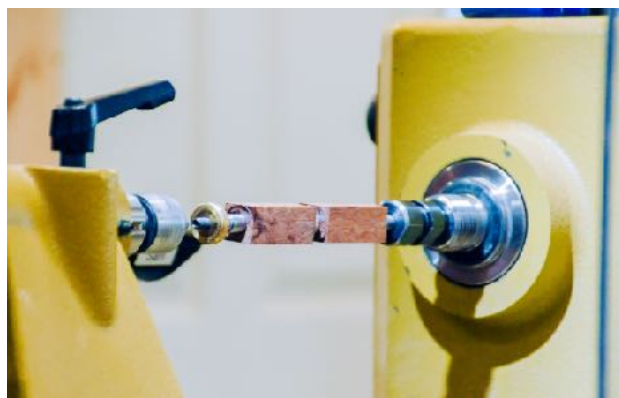


Twist Pen Kit from Craft Supplies. He used an African Bubinga wood blank

that he had cut to length as specified in the pen kit instructions. He gave the GFWT members in attendance some master turning tips such as using stubby drill bits so that the drill bit doesn't wander when starting, letting the wood blank cool before using CA glue to insert the brass tube into the blank, and a very cool idea



about sharpening the barrel trimmer used for squaring up the pen blank for length. Sam uses thick CA glue for gluing in the brass tube but uses thin CA glue for finishing the pen. More



about that later. Sam has found that if you let the recently drilled wood

blank cool before inserting the glued brass tube in it gives a longer working time before the CA glue sets up. If the wood is hot from drilling the CA



glue sets up much more quickly. Sam then trims the blank using a barrel trimmer. Sam noted that he usually drills his pen blanks on a drill press using the trimmer, but for this demonstration he used the "horizontal drill press" (i.e., the lathe). This process squares up the blank nicely and gives good control for the finish length down to the edge of the brass tube. He then showed how he made a wood blank specifically drilled for his mandrels (7mm, 8mm, etc.) that would hold the barrel trimmer with the shaft reversed so the sharp end was inserted into this wood blank with the trimmer face exposed at the end. This allows him to hold the trimmer and take the trimmer head to the grinder. He sets the grinder platform to match the cutting angle face so that he can sharpen the 4 flutes by briefly touching the grinding

wheel to these individual faces. You now have a newly sharpened barrel trimmer. This one suggestion was “worth the price of admission.” Once he had the blanks trimmed to size, he mounted them on his pen turning



mandrel consistent with the pen kit directions (see attachment). He then proceeded to turn the wood blank down to the bushings and sanded it through the grits. His finish is a thin CA glue applied on the lathe with 6 coats of CA glue with activator



applied between coats. Wet sanding through higher grits to take away

imperfections or “nubs” occurs with each coat of the 6 coats. Final finishing occurs using Hut Ultra Gloss



Plastic Polish for that final dazzling effect. A beautiful pen was accomplished. Even members of the audience who have turned pens before learned something from this master turner. A very enjoyable and educational demonstration. Thanks again Sam for the excellent demo.

Tom Krajacich, Pres. GFWT Club.



The finished demo pen

Website of the Month

This site link was sent to me by Chuck Kuether on wood toxicity.

[https://
www.woodworkerssource.com/blog/
woodworking-101/wood-toxicity-and-
how-to-protect-yourself/?](https://www.woodworkerssource.com/blog/woodworking-101/wood-toxicity-and-how-to-protect-yourself/?)

There are a plethora of very good turners who post YouTube videos weekly or monthly of new and interesting projects. In the coming newsletters I will attempt to list a few whom I find are very entertaining and present a varied of types of turning that might inspire you to try new techniques and tools. To see a list of videos available just open YouTube and search the name.

My first list includes:

Tim Yoder

Carl Jacobson

Eddie Castelin

Mike Peace

Any one of these will keep you busy for a long time with their entertaining videos.

Next Club Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tues July 12 2022 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend the meeting as we will be taking nominations for officers and voting on the leadership of the club for the next year. Then the club will working on turning several bowls that will be donated to the YWCA for their "Empty Bowls" fundraiser.

Please bring you bowl gauges and any bowl blank you might have to the meeting as we will have three lathes available to tag team the blanks.

Instant Gallery



Paul Snyder



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Wayne Petrini



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Thanks

Thanks to this months contributors,
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