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APRIL 1996 NEWSLETTER

Coming Attractions

PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS

April	Natural Top Bowls "mini"	Lee Carter
May	Routed Spiral Turnings Automated Spindle Turning	Johnathon Fosse
June	"Double whammy" Topics to be determined	Ken Sager Chris Stott
July	Small Hollow Green Vessels	Melvyn Firmager
August	Tool making	Chuck Smith
September	????	Dale Nish
October	Photographing Your Work	Dave Kahne Trent Bosch
November	Turning Aspen	Gene Kircus
December	Christmas Party	
January 1997	Chain Saw Techniques	Loren Ballard
February 1997	Multi-axis Turning	David Nittmann
March 1997	Chucking Techniques	Lee Carter

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 18
Colorado State University
Industrial Sciences Bld.
Room 105
Business Meeting 7:00pm
Demonstration 7:30pm

Lee Carter will demonstrate natural top bowls on the mini lathe

Turn an easter egg for the April challenge. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to the Wood Emporium. If you donate an item to the raffle, you will get a free raffle ticket.

If you have woodturning related items you would like to buy, sell or give away give the information, in writing, to Linda Fellion. The club decided publishing these items in the newsletter would be a valuable service to members.

NUTS & BOLTS

Notes from March Meeting

Several woodturning events are coming up. The AAW Symposium will be in Greensboro, NC June 22, 23, 24. Contact Dave Nittmann if you plan to go. He has found tickets for a little over \$300.

Dave also has applications for the symposium at BYU in Provo, Utah. The symposium starts June 6, with check in either the evening of June 5, or morning of June 6. There is going to be a great line up of demonstrators.

Craft Supplies has offered to donate five \$25 gift certificates which could be redeemed for items in their 1996 catalog.

The parting tools which were not claimed are now available to anyone who wants one for \$10.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report - \$350 was allocated for library purchases. As of the March meeting, the checkbook balance was \$746.39.

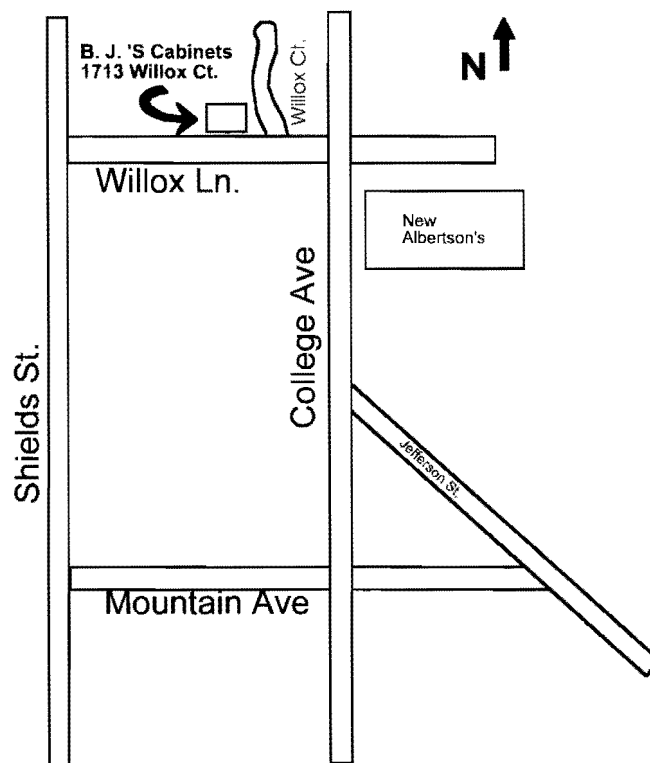
Club Library - New additions to the library include Beautiful Wood, Carving on Turning, and two bowl turning video's.

Program - The date for the June meeting has been changed to June 13. This was done because both Chris Stott and Ken Sager will be available on that day. There is a possibility that Chris will be in town two or three days and could offer classes.

Lee also indicated that further options for demonstrators are being investigated. These potentially include Morton Stout, Bill Cutler from Alaska and another New Zealand turner.

Wood Exchange - No information about the progress of the wood exchange program was provided on notes from the meeting.

Jon Fosse has graciously offered to host the May meeting at his and Brenda's business, B.J.'s Custom Cabinets. We will convene at our usual time of 7pm. Dave promised to keep the business portion of the meeting as short as possible. If you get lost, despite the map, the phone number for B.J.'s is 484-5253.



Results of Survey

Five people returned the survey. Changes people wanted to see were less shading (I'm not sure if this means shading that is not so dark, or fewer occurrences of shaded areas), phone number area codes for all members on member lists, and dates of meetings on the "Coming Attractions".

No single item was considered more valuable than anything else. Every part of the newsletter was mentioned by someone, from "summary of business" to "visiting fireman" (I assume that means demonstrations by people

who are not members of our club).

Three people thought that a recap of meeting demonstrations would be good. I will be happy to include recaps of demos if presenters give me something in writing to work from, preferably the night of the meeting. Although I would be delighted to get a polished article, a simple list of steps to be taken, or key factors to consider, would be beneficial.

All five thought that articles on topics not covered in the meeting would be beneficial. Lee Carter said he would "maybe - sometime" write an article. One

person said he was not qualified. The others didn't exactly say no, but were not willing to make a commitment. If no one is willing to write articles, there will probably not be any in the newsletter. (No Virginia, there is no article fairy).

Thanks to those who responded to the survey. Please feel free to contact me at any time if there are things you would like to see, or things you hate, (or especially if you find mistakes). If what you want isn't in there, you're not going to read it. An unread newsletter is a waste of my time and the clubs money.

RMWT To Have Table at AAW Symposium

AAW is setting up chapter tables at the symposium. Dave asked if members were interested in having a table. We agreed that it was a good idea. Dave will notify AAW that we are interested. The club can send 100 or so items. Ten members said they would be interested in sending items. Dave and Trent are going to the symposium. They will coordinate arrangements for getting the pieces to the symposium. Dave and Trent indicated that they might do a collaborative piece. Those sending turnings should let Dave know if they would be willing to donate the pieces for the auction at the banquet. We

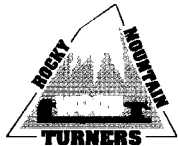
could stipulate that half the money goes to AAW's education fund, and half goes to RMWT's treasury. Members might also have the option of offering their items for sale to individuals. If you are interested in this project or have questions, contact Dave Nittmann.

Small Group Hands-On Experience

Dave and Trent have been discussing new activities for our club. They proposed selecting small groups of club members who would go from shop to shop to do hands-on turning. Members could be selected for each event by drawing names for a hat. This idea will be discussed more at upcoming meetings.

Design Challenge

Dave shared information about a Forest Association Design Challenge contest that was written up in American Woodturner. He thought this kind of activity might be fun to do within our club. This could be done as a separate project or as one of our monthly design challenges. The concept of the challenge is that a theme is presented (for example, the Forest Association theme was african animals). Turners are challenged to create objects within the theme. There could also be criteria or categories such as height, or diameter. This idea will also be discussed further in upcoming meetings.



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