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Events Calendar

August 22-23 11th Annual T.A.W. Symposium

August 20 Monthly Meeting

September 12 Shop Tour –Trent Bosch

September 17 Monthly Meeting

October 22 Monthly Meeting

November 19 Monthly Meeting
Officer Nominations

December 17 Monthly Meeting
Officer Election

January 21 Monthly Meeting

February 18 Monthly Meeting

March 18 Monthly Meeting

April 15 Monthly Meeting

May 21 Monthly Meeting

June 18-20 AAW Tacoma Symposium

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AUGUST MEETING

Thursday – 8/20/98

7:00 PM

Room 105

**Industrial Sciences Bldg.
Colorado State University
Ft. Collins, Colorado**

Agenda:

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- Newsletter Software
- Fund Raisers / Club Costs
- Tacoma 99 Road Trip

- Monthly Challenge: Platter
- Bring in wood to raffle, and you will get a free raffle ticket.
- This month's demonstration: (I was unable to get in contact with David, sorry Dave K.)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Ray Kowrach

The club membership dues are \$20.00, and \$12.00 for students. Dues are half for new members joining after June. Fill out the Member Information Form, include it with your funds and turn it in to Ray Kowrach.

If you bring a guest please make sure they leave there name and address with Wayne Van Every so they can receive two copies of the newsletter.

LIBRARY

Dick Branecki

Since the beginning of the club, the library policy has been, each member may check out one book or video for one month. This allows other members the opportunity to use the library materials.

Please check your bookshelves for club books, videos and back issues of woodturning magazines so we can get them back into circulation.

JULY MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Wayne Van Every

Guests were introduced. Loren Ballard proprietor of the Wood Emporium in Loveland continues to inform people about the RMWT Club. Thank you Loren, many of your referrals are joining!

"Doc" Thode has under gone cataract surgery, we wish his speedy and full recovery.

Secretary Report: Wayne is still researching the electronic newsletter idea. There are three club members that have positively committed to receiving the newsletter electronically. The cost is \$250.00 for the software and at the moment the club is "financially challenged".

JULY MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Wayne also reported he is looking at Periodical mail rates for the newsletter. This is 2nd Class and is processed after 1st Class but before 3rd and Bulk Rate. The cost would be about .09 cents per issue inside the county. Another advantage is the weight of each issue has only a slight impact on the cost. If we go over 6 pieces of paper our cost will go up under 1st Class. Doug requested a study to demonstrate the Club's return of the \$305.00 investment to apply for the Periodical Rate from the USPS.

Seventy three (73) newsletters were sent out, up from fifty six (56) sent out in January. The Club is growing.

Treasure's Report: Ray reported the club is hovering around \$835.00 in the checking account not counting a mysterious deposit that Ray is looking into. We had some new members joining, and are around 65 members.

Ray announced that the cost of dues would be cut in half to \$10.00 for new members the second have of the year. This was discussed and agreed to at an Officer's Meeting Prior to the regular meeting.

Media Center Report: Dick did not attend the July meeting. Books and videos were to be retained by people having them and brought in to the August meeting

JUNE MEETING MINUTES(cont.)

Wayne Van Every

Media Center Report: David Nittmann received two turnings from Alan Batty at Provo Symposium. David is donating the tunings to the library. One piece demonstrates all the various cuts that can be made with a skew. The second is a cabriole leg multi-axis turning. Thank you Alan Batty.

Old Business: The Officers meet prior to the regular meeting to discuss several items.

The first was the October Mini Symposium that David had generated the idea for. The symposium has postponed. Sears Trostle could not host the symposium and David has not had time to pursue other facilities. There was also a lack of volunteers that came forward to help. There is a possibility that we will do this, but we are in need of someone to step forward and take on the project management aspect of the symposium. The Symposium was tabled for the time being.

New Business: Another item discussed at the Officers meeting was the state of the Club funds. We are solvent, but are "financially challenged" in having the financial resources to bring in professional turners, do any social activities, expand the newsletter, offer educational scholarships. Taking the club the next step forward, we do not have insurance, are not incorporated or certified as a non-profit organization. Ideas were thrown out on ways of raising funds for the club.

- Raising dues, many Chapters including the Front Range Woodturners (1/99 will be \$35.00 per year) are going this direction.
- Selling RMWT shirts and hats and patches.
- Elimination of the Gift Certificates for bringing in turned pieces for Show & Tell.
- Raffle or sale of donated turnings. (Raffles requires a State license).
- A Club craft sale.
- Commercial memberships, commercial members would pay a higher dues but would have an ad in every newsletter.

We had a very active discussion about clubs funds with a lot of participation. Several members asked about a formal budget and a target for the checking account. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting due to the length it had gone

Wayne and Ray are to put together an analysis of what our current costs are and talk with the past officers to see what the demonstrators have been in the past.

Another discussion topic was relocating the meeting location to John Fosse's shop. He will not be ready until September. There is a possibility we may have to buy chairs if we move the meeting site, as he has no chairs. Watch for further information in the newsletter regarding this.

Shop Tours, Trent is leading off the shop tours. After a discussion it was decided that the first in the series of shop tours will be at Trent's September 12 at 2 PM. The shop tour will have some type of demonstration. If you are interested on having a tour in your shop please let Trent, David or Wayne know so we can get the information and a map into the newsletter. The dates are open and we can probably accommodate one tour a month, so we need someone for October. There maybe conflicts with the football schedules, 4-5 people would prefer the games to the tours.

There is a possibility of David Ellsworth being available in the area around August 28th and 29th. There would be a fee to attend to cover the expense of bringing him. Doug will pursue getting David to come in.

We had an excellent Show and Tell. Please bring in your turnings and share them with the club. We all enjoy learning from each other's successes and failures. Thank you.

We had the wood auction. Please bring in your bits and pieces that you do not want. The proceeds go to the club.

July Challenge Winner: Duane Fisher

The meeting was completed and David Nittmann took the floor, and did a discussion on the Symposiums. The people that attended got up and told the club what they liked and learned at the symposium. Thank you everyone who shared their experiences with us.

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MEMBER EXCHANGE

FOR SALE: Malachite or Blue Lapis for inlay work.
Jerry Smith - 303/466-7912 or Earl Ellis - 303/426-7130

FOR SALE: Delta/Rockwell Model 46-450 heavy duty lathe, 1 hp, 12" swing 36" between centers. Lots of accessories. Great machine!! \$1000.00 Trent - 970/493-6476

FRONT RANGE (FRWT) CLUB NEWS

Gene Kirkus

Meetings are held at Schlosser Tool and Machinery 301 Bryant in Denver 303/922-8244. Contact Abe Flexer at 303/604-0605

PIKES PEAK CLUB NEWS

Dick Breckon

Meeting at Woodcraft Supply on North Academy and Vickers in Colorado Springs Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Dick Breckon evenings at 719/597-9718

SYMPOSIUM

Wayne Van Every

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners presents
The T.A.W. Eleventh Annual Symposium
August 22nd and 23rd
\$89.00 per person, (spouse \$25.00 for both days)

The symposium will be held at the fabulous Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts.
P.O. Box 567
Gatlinburg, TN 37738-0567
423/436-5860
423/430-4101 (fax)

Housing and food package plans are available, ranging from cottages at \$62.00 per person includes room and meals, to Hughes Hall \$130.00 per person and it includes a room, with a bath, and meals.

Demonstrators include;

- Rude Osolnik – Berea, KY
- Al Stirt – Enosburg Falls, VT
- Willard Baxter – Gainesville, GA
- Larry Hasiak – Tarpon Springs, FL
- Robert Vaughn – Roanoke, VA

The Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is the one of the prominent schools for artisans and crafts people east of the Mississippi. If you are heading east on vacation or need a vacation this would be a very worth while stop!

They have registration forms that I can fax you if you have a fax machine available. Call or email me.

You can contact
Pete Schutt – T.A.W. Treasure
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COLORED ASPEN

Wayne Van Every

Check out www.aspencolor.com - they inject dye into still-standing trees then harvest later on for turning. Some of their stuff looks pretty interesting

1999 AAW TACOMA SYMPOSIUM

Wayne Van Every

According to the conversations on the AAW email list conversations, the next AAW Symposium will be in Tacoma Washington, June 18th, 19th and 20th. According to my trip planning software it's a 20 hour drive. Be a great bus trip if anyone is interested in a group package.

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AAW WEBSITE

Roger Austin

Roger is the AAW Webmaster and maintains the AAW's website. Dick Burrows is the Editor for the AAW American Woodturner magazine.

This is an update on our project to document past AAW symposia on the AAW home page at
<http://www.RTPnet.org/~aaw/>

If you have photos of past symposia or other special AAW related events to share, please dust them off and send them to:

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I would especially appreciate any comments on the past symposia to include in the website with the photos.
(You don't have to submit photos to list your comments.)
The earliest events are very important to document.

I don't have any photos for the 1987 Lexington and 1988 Philadelphia events. I have 1989, 1990, 1991 events which are being scanned (as I get time). The 1992 and 1993 photos are posted on the site. I am also in need of the Ft. Collins 1994 event photos. I'm confident of getting some from Greensboro in 1996 from our local NC people.

Current Events:

If you have information, photos, or write ups on current woodturning events or articles you have worked on, please send the comments to Dick Burrows for possible publication in American Woodturner. You can contact Dick for more info at:
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American Association of Woodturners Local Chapter
Email List
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(612)484-9094

MULTIPLE SECTION SPINDLES

Wayne Van Every

Make the sections no more than half of the capacity of your lathe (length). The idea being put two sections together on the lathe then you can attend to the transition points (joints).

Turn part "A" as you have planed. Turn part "B" Turn part "C".

Dry fit part "A" and "B" and mount between centers on the lathe. Work on the joint to insure a smooth transition.

Dry fit part "B" and "C" and mount between centers on the lathe. Work on the joint to insure a smooth transition.

If you won't have turned features to hide your joints, you may wish to make the joints a little thick when you first turn them. That way, when you will have adequate material to smooth the joint.

CHAPTER COLLABORATIVE CHALLENGE

AAW - The Chapters and Membership Committee

During the 1999 American Association of Woodturners, Thirteenth Annual Symposium, June 18-20, 1999 in Tacoma, WA, the Chapters and Membership Committee will again hold a "Chapter Collaborative Challenge." This event will replace all other chapter displays at the symposium.

Each AAW chapter is invited to submit one collaborative work created by as many chapter members as possible - minimum of six participants.

- The work can be any turned object, functional or not.
- The minimum size must be larger than a six-inch cube.
- The maximum size must be smaller than a three foot cube.
- The complete work must weight less than 40 pounds (to keep tables from collapsing).
- The work must be signed by all the participants.

The pieces will be displayed during the symposium in the area adjacent to the Instant Gallery. During the Symposium, attendees will be invited to select their favorite piece:

- Best of Show
- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place

Selection will be based upon Best Use of Materials, Most Challenging, Most Creative, and Best Technical Execution

The votes will be tallied prior to the Annual Banquet and Auction, and the winners will be recognized. We would hope that several pieces will be donated (but is NOT a requirement) to the annual auction of turned objects which benefits the AAW Education Fund. In 1998, the chapter challenge brought in over \$4, 000 to the Education Fund.

We are hoping that your chapter can get the creative juices flowing and will be submitting an entry.

The chapters which participated in 1998 found the challenge to be an exciting local activity for the chapter which built participation in the overall programs of the chapter. Look for information about the 1998 event in the September issue of American Woodturner and start your planning now for 1999.

The Chapters and Membership Committee
American Association of Woodturners
AAW Home Page <http://www.RTPnet.org/~aaw/>
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1999 PROVO SYMPOSIUM?

Mets Lerwill

The challenge is that this year all 'mature' staffers are retiring. As well as a new chairmen for the department at the University. Dale, Darryll, Kip and others no longer have the 'swing' vote on the symposium . Nor on even holding it as a priority to the university and the community.

They have passed the baton and now have to wait until the University and the new Chairman decide what they will be doing in the future.

The way that we can help is to send letters / requests to the University stating why we feel it is a beneficial program to continue.

We need to continue this program in the West. This year was the 18th annual presentation and is still the best in the USA. Without it the West would have to begin 'positioning' in order to fill the void.

Go for it!

Mets Lerwill
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Does anyone have any addresses for the University? I will publish any information regarding efforts to convince the University to continue the woodturning symposiums.

SELLING / DEMONSTRATING AT THE AREA MALLS

Nancy Brewer

As I was coming home after the last woodturning meeting, I began to think about the short discussion that took place about fund raising. I decided to take it upon myself to go to the near by mall's and see what I could come up with as to how much they would charge, their policies, days left open close to Christmas, etc.

The Foothills Fashion Mall in Ft. Collins had only two days left open. One in November, and one in December. They do not charge non-profit organizations. I am sure by this time both days are already gone, as I was told they fill up extremely fast each year.

The Greeley Mall has many days open. We were offered the day after Thanksgiving, or that weekend. As we all know this is the busiest shopping weekend of the year, every body and their brother will be out, which would be an excellent time for us to show and sell our wares! We would even be able to do a few demonstrations as we were offered the center stage! This area would be exceptional as it is the most traveled by all mallers!

We would need to have insurance, either our own, or through the mall. Also they do charge everyone. Even the non-profit organizations, except those such as Red Cross, the schools district and United Way for example. Cord Rauba the lady with whom I spoke, said she would try and sneak us in for a day for somewhere between \$300.00 to \$500.00. Plus then, as I understand it they would get an additional 10% after we reached \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00 in sales.

She also offered for us "to try a day" in mid September to see how we might fare with the back to school crowd for somewhere around \$100.00 for the day, again we would need insurance. I explained to her I would need to discuss this with the club and get back to her if we were interested.

I also went to the Frontier Mall in Cheyenne. As my luck would have it, Mr. Ethan Levene was just on his way out the door to another meeting. He is to telephone me this Friday at 2:00 p.m. for further discussion on this matter. After I have spoken with him, I will e-mail you and let you know the results. I do know that once again we "the club" would need to have insurance.

I sincerely hope we can come up with something so the club can grow by other means than just new members joining.

I hope this has been of some interest and help in knowing how the malls deal with this type of event should the club decide to sell turnings to raise funds.

Update, as of the time of printing the newsletter, Nancy still has not been able to meet with the people at the Frontier Mall in Cheyenne. Seems that have only one person to administrate these types of events and he is difficult to pin down.

EDITORIAL – “THE CLUB”

Wayne Van Every

There was some interest in the Program Ranking Survey that was sent out earlier this past spring on a discussion on “the club”. This was one of David’s ideas, and an excellent one.

What do we expect from the club, where do we want to see the club in five years, how are we going to get the club to where we want it to be.

What are we collectively willing to pay for and volunteer our time and effort.

The elections are on the horizon, the club has a responsibility to the officers to give them some direction as where we want the club to go. I think we should make one of the near future programs a discussion on “the Club”.

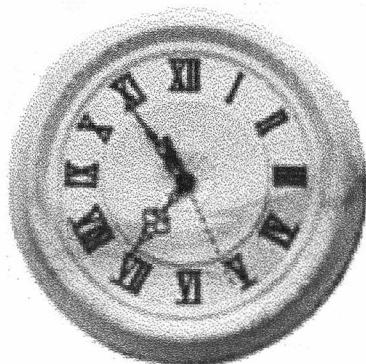
FROM THE INTERNET

Wayne Van Every

Here is another series of articles from off of the Internet.

Time to Make a Clock

By Hugh Mill of Wellington

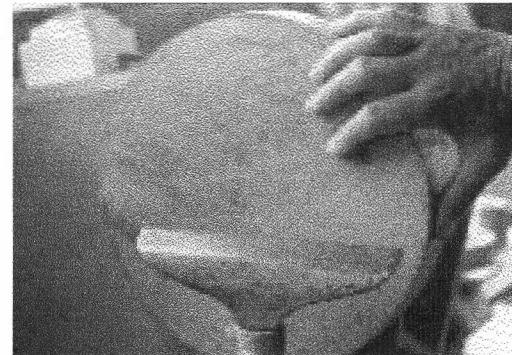


Turned wooden clock

March 1992 - A clock turned from a highly figured piece of wood is destined to hang in a prominent position in the owner's home to be looked at and referred to frequently. For that reason as an object reflecting the skills of its creator it deserves much thought in its design and care in its execution. At the same time clock designs are extremely varied. Their shape is limited only by the craft worker's imagination. Yet there is one feature that must be common to all clocks and that is the clarity of their message - telling the time!

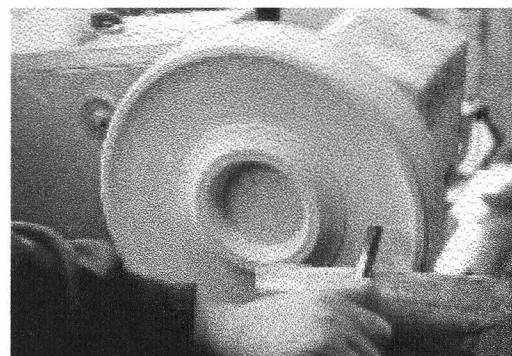
For the purpose of this article I have kept to a fairly traditional design that has remained popular for many years, perhaps because it also incorporates many of the traditional features of spindle turning.

1. Most of the clocks I turn are 250mm in diameter and 50mm thick, but the size is not a significant factor. Where the clock is going to be hung will probably determine the size sought by the purchaser. The reverse is likely to apply if it is to be a gift. I use here a piece of demolition 12x2 Kauri screwed to a 75mm faceplate.



Mounting the 12 inch timber blank

2. The back of the clock is turned first and initial shaping is executed with a 1/2 inch bowl gouge. The recess for the clock movement should be the same depth as the thickness of the movement body. This will enable the clock to sit flush with the wall when it is hung.



Shaping the back of the clock

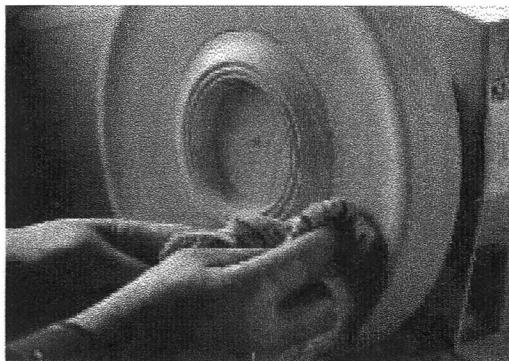
3. The back is finished completely at this stage

4. I use sanding sealer wiped on with a cloth with the work stationary, wiped off immediately and then smoothed with steel wool with the work spinning. Do not apply any real pressure or ridges will appear that are very unsightly and difficult to remove. Tung oil is applied over the sanding sealer, allowed to dry and then buffed.

Time to Make a Clock (continued)

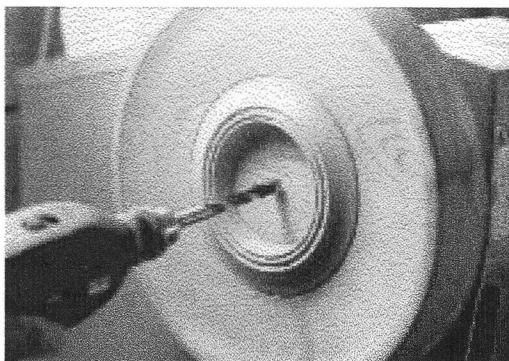


Power sanding with the lathe running



Applying the first coat of sanding sealer

5. The hole for the clock spindle is then drilled. Obviously it is important to ensure that the hole is accurate - it perhaps should be drilled on the lathe, inboard - for greater accuracy. Drill diameter should be just greater than that of the shaft of the clock movement. I spend some time ensuring that the back of the clock receives the same attention to detail that I apply to the face. A clock is an item that will sell for, or have an inherent value of \$75 - \$150 depending on size and wood figure, and although the back will be seldom seen it therefore must reflect quality.



Using a hand drill for boring the spindle hole. This can be done more accurately with a Jacobs chuck fitted to the lathe tailstock.

6. The piece is now reversed, the movement recess serving as a chuck recess. I then complete the edge of the clock using a spindle gouge to cut beads. With this traditional shape the edge acts as a frame, drawing the eye into the circle of numerals and helping to project the information being sought. In many ways it is the frame that is the essence of good clock design.



Decorating the clock edge

7. Next stage is turning the clock face, and here design of decoration, while reflecting how you feel at the time, should also reflect one or two essential factors. i.e.:

The wood grain. Basically I believe that the greater the figure of the timber the less decoration is required. Let the wood speak for itself. Take some time to determine where the number 12 is to be placed as this will in turn determine where the hanger goes. A highly figured piece will often suggest a scene that will enhance the beauty of the clock.

Size and type of numbers being used. Roman numerals require a wider space than Arabic numerals.

Thickness of the face at its center. I use a simple but very effective gauge to tell me when the thickness at this point will enable the movement spindle to protrude sufficiently. All subsequent decoration is focused on this measurement as it will also influence the movement of the clock hands.

Time to Make a Clock (continued)



Checking the spindle hole for depth

8. The face is completed. I use a 1 & 1/4 inch flat scraper to ensure that the band that will take the numerals is flat - an important factor in ensuring that the numerals are easily fastened to the clock face.

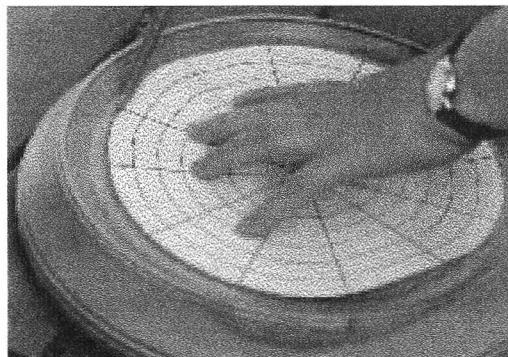


Defining the area in which the numerals will fit



A flat scraper ensures a flat surface on which to glue the numerals

9. A template is used to ensure that the numerals are placed accurately. These are available for most good woodturning retailers or can be made at home using a protractor and compass.



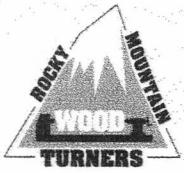
A paper template assists with the correct positioning of the numerals

10. The numerals are then glued to the face of the clock. Although most numeral sets currently available are supposed to be self adhesive I use PVA glue to ensure ample adhesion. Sometimes a customer is keen to buy a particular clock but wants different numerals. The PVA enables the change to be made without damaging the wood.

The finished article is an ideal gift for an overseas visitor, a wedding present, or for someone going into a new home. A suggestion , if you are going to make a clock for a gift, why not make a box? A turning of this intrinsic value deserves that sort of care.

I use tung oil on top of the sanding sealer for most of my turning and find that it is also most acceptable for clocks. Other polyurethane based finishes would also be well suited to this item. Whatever you choose, remember it is not as easy to reapply over the numerals and hands. For this reason a thin lacquer may be a more appropriate finish.

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