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Next Meeting:
November 1st
with **Trent Bosch**

Turning Challenge:
Christmas Ornament



President's Message

Somebody asked me when I got back from Hawaii what the "best thing I did" while there, and I told them that I got to clean another man's work shop! They looked at me very puzzled like, and then realized that it was me that they were talking too and understood.

Its always fun when visiting other places to seek out the turners in the area to see what they do, and how they do it. When Terri and I were in Maui last week we went to visit Guus Maury. We met Guus at the AAW Symposium in Portland, and knew that he lived in Makawao and his wife worked at the local library. We dropped into the library and was told that Guus was "cutting wood" at Gillys. She gave us that typical wife look that says "I don't know why he needs MORE wood", and then gave us instructions on how to get to Gillys place.

We drove over to see Guus and Gilly, and they were in the midst of slabbing a Monkey-pod tree that had to be 60" wide. The Monkey-pod tree's were brought to Hawaii from the Philippines in the late 1800's when the sugar cane plantations brought people in to help with the cane harvest. The trees were planted to provide shade for the migrant camps. Now a lot of them are coming down to make room for condo's and growth.

We visited for a short while, but I could tell that we were "interrupting" so we made plans to get together at 1pm the next day. They next morning as Terri was getting ready to go out

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Christmas Party Plans

Mark your calendars; Saturday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM, will be our annual Northwest Woodturners Christmas Party. As in years past, our party will consist of a catered dinner, spouse's gift exchange, tool swap and door prizes.

The cost will be \$15.00 per person and you are encouraged to bring your spouse or

friend. Since this will be a catered affair we will need to have an accurate head-count no later than November 27th. There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting – you will have until December 1st, to commit to and pay for the event. You can either pay at the meeting or send a check, made payable to Fred Kline, 16420 NE Fargo Ct., Port-

land, OR 97230.

In addition to dinner, you should bring a wrapped tool or perhaps some woodturning related item that you no longer need for the tool swap, as well as an item you have turned for the spouse's gift exchange. You must bring items if you wish to participate in either of these events. If you have attended one of these Christmas parties I'm certain you know the good time we will have; and if not, then this is your year to attend. You won't be disappointed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (503) 257-6405 evenings.

Thank You,
Fred Kline

Above: Lloyd Johnson, member and owner of Woodturner Pro software, spoke of computer design possibilities and planning segmented work.



October Show'n'Tell



Turnings (above, clockwise) created by: a walnut bowl by Jim Hall; maple bowl by Lynne Hemmert; Chris Nilluka's beautifully figured shallow maple bowl with edge design; and a mimosa bowl by Lynne Hemmert.

Pieces to the left, from the top: Don Woodward's shallow inlay bowl; a large dish by Mike Meredith; and Chris Dix's square edge sycamore bowl.

Natural edge work: below left, in maple by Phil Lapp; and, below right, also in maple by Jim Hall.



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and sunbathe I'm thinking that I just can't do that. SO, I decide that I'm going to go up to Gillys early and help them cut. I show up at Gillys at 10am, but they aren't cutting. Guus had other plans for the morning. Rather than drive back to our place I tell Gilly to put me to work, and I grab a broom and start sweeping.

During the course of the next 3 hours I learn more about life on Maui, and all kinds of fun stories. I hear about the Drag Strip and how it got started. I hear about how the county workers who end up taking out tree's, and then just haul them over to Gillys. Sometimes he comes home and finds logs in his yard. I see the bowls that Gilly rough turned 8-10 years earlier still waiting to be finished. I get to see the "apartment" at the back of Gillys shop where all the bathroom and kitchen cabinets are made out of Monkeypod.

I get to hear stories about where Gilly acquired all of his equipment. A 24" planer from the old high school on Maui with a 20hp 3 phase motor. It looks to weigh several tons.

His 48" wide thickness sander that he rents for \$80 per hour to the furniture makers on the island. His 18" wide jointer that he got in Oahu... On, and On.....

All in all it was a fun day listening to stories, and sweeping another man's shop. In the end, Gilly rewarded me with four boxes of "free" wood. Of course it cost me \$225 to ship it home to avoid the ag inspection at the airport.

Anyway, if you are out traveling take your AAW resource guide with you and call on other turners. It can be a lot of fun.

Safe Turning...
Tom

Photos from top: a pair of beautiful ornamental bowls by Dave Wiggins; Martin Knittel strikes a GQ pose with his large bird house.

November: Trent Bosch

Make sure you don't miss Trent Bosch this month when he visits NWWT for the Thursday night meeting demo, the Friday seminar, and the Saturday hands-on workshop at Tom's place! Since Saturday will be busy, there will be no Learn-2-Turn.



Challenges for '08!

New editor for 2008, Scott Blackman, has already put in the hours assembling the list of challenges for next year. Here are the first few months to give you time to prepare:

- January** **Pens & Pencils**
- February** **Turn n' Burn** - pyrography/burning
- March** **Bowl** - after Bob's cube



November Elections

It's that time again: time for new ideas, new energy, new faces. The following nominations were made during the October meeting:

- President: Fred Kline;
- Vice President: Mike Meredith;
- Sec'y / Treasurer: Owen Lowe.
- Four board members: Mike Birrenkott; Joe Jedrychowski; Jerry Keller; Bob Mach.

The librarian, rafflemaster, supplies manager and newsletter editor are volunteer positions and open to anyone who expresses the desire to head up one of these vital posts.

New AAW Chapter?

A new chapter in southwest Washington may be coming together with your help and input. Dave Smith posted the following message to the AAW forum this past week:

I have decided there is a need for a turning club in SW Washington. I have been driving 1:15 to Lacey, WA to attend the Woodturners of Olympia club meetings. The Portland, OR clubs are closer but traffic is worse. So I am looking to form a club in Longview, WA to serve NW Oregon and SW Washington. There are at least 8 turners in the area for a nucleus of talent. The only problem is finding an organized person the make it happen. Anyone who has seen my shop knows I am not the person for the job. Chaos is an understatement.

Please contact me if you are interested in a Longview, WA turning club.

*Best to email me at:
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Dave Smith

If you are at all interested, contact Dave. Starting a new chapter is not that difficult and surrounding chapters will likely be happy to share their by-laws as guidance as well as assist where needed.

Woodcraft® Classes with Bob Tuck, Mike Meredith, & Fred Kline

Turning Wooden Spheres

Instructor: Michael Meredith

November 03, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

Pen Turning

Instructor: Woodcraft Staff

November 04, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner

Turn A Duck Call

Instructor: Fred Kline

November 04, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Beginning Lathe Turnin

Instructor: Bob Tuck

November 24, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner

Turning A Cube Bowl

Instructor: Bob Tuck

November 25, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Turning Christmas Ornaments

Instructor: Bob Tuck

December 01, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Bottle Stoppers!

Instructor: Fred Kline

December 02, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Skill Level: Beginner

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft store.

Call (503) 684-1428 or email

<portlandretail@woodcraft.com>.

Editor's Note:

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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Classified Ads

Guidelines for Classified Ads: Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months.

Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. Editor makes no guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All wood-working items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.



Turned work from left: a pair of boxes with offset finials by Bob Tuck; a pair of bird house ornaments by Dan Baker; Mr. Monster; the Scary Turning Challenge winner, by Don Woodward; and a dyed, natural edge vase by Chris Nilluka.



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