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CINDY DROZDA FILLS OUR CRANIAL VESSELS WITH IDEAS

by Kay Caunt



The news that Cindy was demonstrating at our February meeting drew a big, enthusiastic crowd. Although the box she turned was less than 3" tall, even the rowdy back row was spellbound as she explained each step in the turning, as well as the unique grinds of her turning tools.

So, how does she get those perfectly smooth parabolic curves without flat spots? Hint: it's not with a skew! She starts with a drawing to lay out the proportions of the elements: finial, lid, base, foot. Then she finds that the secret to box making is learning to take a light cut with a good aim. She often uses a negative rake scraper (A tool with a bevel on both the top and bottom that is used in scraper mode) and does nearly all of the shaping on the body and the finials with a gouge. Her 3/8 spindle gouge is ground at a 40 degree bevel angle, and swept back a long way. When cutting coves and tiny details, she often starts and ends with the 'flute closed' or laid over on the side.

Throughout the demonstration, Cindy circulated tools around the room so that we could see them. She brought along some sample oversize finials to demonstrate the differences between typical spindle turnings and her finial proportions. She makes her beads asymmetrical, for example. Her goal with finial designs is to 'complete the motion,' or 'close the airflow.' This type of vision leads her to finials that become thinner and thinner to a final point. The actual turning of the finials also departs from skew and spindle turning conventions. She gets rid of the tail stock, and works from tail stock end to heartsick, completing all the details, and never working back toward the tail stock end. She uses her hand to steady the finial and guide the cuts.

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March Demonstration by Derek Ecker



Club member and turner of Hats, Derek Ecker, will be showing us how to create our own hats. He will have printed materials to support his demonstration.

Derek has been interested in hats for several years. He figured out how to make some by his lonesome. Brad John suggested he try viewing Michelson's video on hats. That improved his satisfaction somewhat. Derek also visited his uncle, Don Wadsworth in Oregon and they practiced several hats out there in the moist climate. Finally he visited with Michelson in Denver and picked up some great insights from the master. So hold onto your hat, we are in for a great show.

Check out his website: www.eckmanwoods.com
Photos courtesy of Derek Ecker.



APRIL DEMONSTRATION BY ED

To learn how to make a yo-yo attend the April meeting. Ed Davidson will show you how. A club challenge will also be issued for the following month to turn your own yo-yo. Prizes will be awarded. The club will also collect doanted yo-yo's for a charity event.



THE PERPETUAL BOWL RAFFLE

Bill Lavoie won the Perpetual Bowl in January and brought this Oak Goblet to the February meeting. This perpetual bowl will be awarded at the March meeting.

The perpetual bowl is an event of each monthly meeting to increase interest in the raffle and allow club members to build their collection of turnings by other turners. I first saw this practice at the San Diego woodturners club meeting many years ago and they allowed us to copy their format.

It is also a great way to use that wood you won in the raffle.

Remember, the first ticket drawn at the raffle wins the perpetual bowl. That winner may decline the opportunity to create the next Perpetual Bowl

Member Information exchange

If your listed item has been sold, please inform me so that I may update the list. If you have an item to sell or other information to exchange please contact me at (719) 634-8158 or asawyerb@adelphia.net.

Submission deadline is:

FIRST THURSDAY AFTER THE MEETING.

An item will be listed for three months, then deleted.

Lathe Indexing Retrofit Kit...for 1" and 1 1/4" heartsick spindles. Retrofit your 1" X 8tpi JET Mini, 1 1/4" X 8 tpi Powermatic or just about any other lathe with this kit. The kit includes a 24 or 36 hole indexing wheel (your choice), the stop assembly and retaining nut, all for \$55.00 for the 1" (small wheel) setup and \$70.00 for the 1 1/4" (large wheel) setup plus a nominal shipping charge. Contact Dick Breckon at (719) 597-9718

Cripple Creek natural turquoise...not stabilized or colored, the real stuff right out of the ground, cleaned and packaged. Rocks...\$12.00 oz; Crushed...1 pkt. powder, 1 pkt. medium flakes and 1 pkt. large chips for \$15.00 oz. This 3 packet mixture is ready to inlay using either CA glue or epoxy. Call Larry Fox at (719) 686-9883.

Woodturner Bumper Stickers ... all proceeds go to the club's treasury.β

**Group purchases: go to:
www.yoyospin.com/ppw/group
To find out the latest group buy offers.**

THANK YOU PUEBLO WOODTURNERS.

Eight pueblo woodturners attended the Cindy show and each contibuted \$10.00 to our club. We will add those dollars to our demonstrator budget.

Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning

Classes are beginning in January

The school is located in La Porte Colorado and offers a range of classes. For more information: Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning
4625 Kiva Dr., La Porte, CO 80535
970-221-4382 e-mail to; LLJTC4X4149@cs.com



Have you paid your dues for 2006. If your mail label has a **no** under the zip code then my record says you did not. If I am in error please contact me or Dick Breckon to correct the mistake.

Pueblo Woodturners

Next meeting: March 8 7:00 to 9:00 PM
second wednesday of the month
Contact: Dick Booth 719-543-3164
for meeting location or if you volunteer to demonstrate.

Pikes Peak Woodturners would like to thank **Les Newby** and **Woodcraft** for allowing us to use their facilities for our meetings.

MENTORS

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FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL



The show and tell table was present, on the left, yet we abbreviated the meeting in order to allow Cindy adequate time to turn on her demonstration. Cindy's show and tell table on the right highlighted her elegant turnings and delicate finials.

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With the delicate finials, she tends to find that a looser fit of the lid to the box will make it easier for the purchaser to remove the lid without breaking the finial. She departs somewhat from typical standards by insisting that the shape of the inside of the box should be appealing in and of itself, and not simply mirror the outside shape.

Cindy encouraged us to make what is within our skill level, and trust that we will progress to new shapes. She started with bottle stoppers and vases, which eventually converged upon the finial boxes that have become her trademark.

Small details become even more important on small pieces. Cindy puts a small jewel inside the box lid. She also uses an engraver to sign her work, and fills the impression with gold wax before de-burring the engraving and cleaning up the surface.

A special bonus of Cindy's demonstration was the company of her partner, David Nittmann, who brought one of his intricately carved platters to the meeting. He also showed us an architectural turning that he does for banisters as a commercially successful turning product.

The large turnout for this demonstration proves beyond a doubt that terrific things come in very small vessels.

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Meeting Minutes

Pikes Peak Woodturners
February Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by president Ed Davidson

Ed introduced Cindy Drozda , who was present to do our February demonstration and her wood turning partner David Nittman.

The club business meeting was very brief in order to give Cindy all the time possible for her demonstration.

There were a few announcements of interest :

Tony Bevis has or will have the up to date club membership list available.

All PPW's AAW memberships have been forwarded to the AAW and we should start to receive the sharpening DVDs in April.

The Desert Woodturning Roundup will be held on February 18 -19 in Mesa Arizona.

The Utah Woodturning Symposium will be on June 15 -17.

The AAW Symposium will be on June 22 -24 in Louisville Ky.

For the rest of the year Craft Supply, Provo Utah, will be giving a 10% discount on all finishing supplies to club members. You will need to use our club code " PPW " to get this discount. They have other specials each month on line at HYPER LINK
"http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com" www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Cindy did a great demonstration on how to turn a very small Finial box from American holly and mesquite. After the demo, she donated the box to the club and it was auctioned off and brought \$160.

Adjourned, respectfully submitted, Jim Carey, Sec.

BOARD MEETING DATE SET

Our next Board meeting will be Thursday, 6 April beginning at 4:00pm at the Swan Palace Chinese restaurant (5605 N. Academy). All members are welcome to come and offer any constructive suggestions they may have.

My thanks to Jim Carey and Kay Caunt for the minutes and the article about Cindy's Demo.

Mardi Gras RAFFLE

The club raffle is a great way to share your excess wood or tools. Donate an item and receive a free Raffle ticket. The raffle proceeds go into the club treasury to support club activities.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



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Next Meeting: Thursday March 2 at 6:30 PM



Pikes Peak Woodturners ***Welcome Visitors and New Members***

A one year membership in the Pikes Peak Woodturning club requires a \$60.00 investment. This includes the \$40.00 American Association of Woodturners membership and American Woodturner Journal subscription. Members under 18 years old receive free local membership and have to join the AAW.

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next: PPW Meeting

first Thursday, every month

March 2, Thursday

Location: WOODCRAFT
5669 N. Academy
(in Erindale Center)

Phone: 719-266-9889

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM