



Pikes Peak Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

TOM WIRSING: SHOW A LITTLE LEG!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH

6:30 P.M.

Business of Art Center: 515 MANITOU AVE.

Join us for the meeting, and join our club! PPW dues are \$20/year
Dues let us bring in guest demonstrators, purchase club equipment, add to our Lending Library,
and keep you informed through the website and the newsletter

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GETTIN' DOWN TO BIZ AT THE BAC...May meeting notes

Mimi Mitchell from the Business of Art Center explained the steps for putting together a proposal for a show. Club members are interested in the possibility of doing our own show at the BAC.

The BAC galleries are usually booked one year in advance. The show runs for 8 weeks.

They like to organize the show around a theme, and they prefer that most pieces are for sale. The BAC provides cases and pedestals, as well as assistance with the opening night publicity and party.

For PPW members who would like to have work in the atrium gallery or in the gift shop, it is best to prepare 6 images of your work, a brief biography, and an artist's statement. The BAC has workshops on

creating the portfolio from time to time.

The atrium shows run for 2 months, and the gift shop typically keeps work for up to 6 months.

There will be a special 'World Bazaar' Christmas show this year. Michaela thought that many of our Instant Gallery items would do well in the Christmas show.

For questions about the opportunities at the BAC to show and sell your work, please make an appointment by e-mailing gallery@bac.org.

Larry Fox then led a roundtable on pricing turnings with several of the Club's professional turners. Larry led off with his formula for figuring cost of materials and cost of labor. His goal is to average at least \$20/hour for his time spent turning.

Juergen Schleicher explained that his goal is to continue to find challeng-

ing things to make, and he tries to charge whatever the market will bear. He wonders if the 80/20 rule applies to fine craftwork; for example, 20% of the work probably generates 80% of sales.

Juergen is a member of the Commonwealth Co-op in Manitou Springs.

Ed Davidson explained his formula for pricing work put in galleries on consignment.



The speakers all agreed that exotic woods increase sales potential.

Photo: Rose engine work on bottle stoppers by Ed Davidson

Thanks to Kevin Cook for photos of the May Instant Gallery turnings!



Dennis Liggett described his experiences in a tent on the fine art circuit. He was frustrated that the items that sold best were usually not the ones he enjoyed making. Dennis says that pricing comes from cost + labor + ego. Price stuff high enough so that you are happy to see it sell!

NEW WEBSITE FOR PUEBLO CLUB:

www.woodartbydan.com/puebloturners/index.html

Minutes of May meeting:

Larry announced the raffle for Phil Brennon on the AAW website.

The Board would like to buy a tailstock swing-away for the Club's lathe. We will hold a special fundraising raffle at the August meeting. Please bring tools and bowls! Tickets will be \$5 for this raffle only. Proceeds will go to the equipment budget.

Dr. Bob Gibbs brought photos of the wood he won on the Club's behalf in the City's biomass auction. He also brought a natural edge bowl turned from some of the silver maple. Members may purchase chunks on Friday and Saturday morning.

Tony and helpers have finished the cabinet. We will have guest demonstrators sign the inside of the door.

Dennis Liggett won the gift certificate for the how-to tip in the newsletter.

Dennis brought chunks of aspen for folks willing to turn bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser.

Dan Miller won the Perpetual Bowl supplied by Dick Breckon.

Papa Joe hosted the Instant Gallery.

Mimi from the BAC explained benefits of our membership. Then Larry Fox led a roundtable discussion on pricing turnings. Thanks to Larry, Ed Davidson, Juergen Schleicher, and Dennis Liggett.

Adjourned.

--Kay Caunt for Jim Carey, Secretary

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Dennis Korth--currently teaching at the Denver Rocker store in addition to his work with our club; 634-1260

Tony Bevis--a professional turner who serves as our club's Program Manager; 660-8305

Juergen Schleicher a professional turner and member of the Commonweal Co-op Gallery; 540-9921

Dick Breckon--recipient of an AAW grant to study with Trent Bosch this year; 597-9718

Dennis Liggett--who teaches at the John C. Campbell Folk School, and works as a guest demonstrator with other clubs. 481-8754

Papa Joe Aquila --professional turner and friend to all; 548-9908

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June Group Buy:

CRAFT SUPPLY will give us a 13% discount and free freight for a group purchase. (excludes lathes)

How it works: Bring your order to the June meeting. Please get prices from woodturnerscatalog.com and add up your order. Figure the 13% discount, and write a check for that amount to Larry Fox.

Larry will place the complete order and pay with his credit card.

The order will be shipped to Tony Bevis. Please pick up your items before August 1st! Leftovers go into the August raffle, and you don't get a refund.

WANTED: More ideas for laminating wood. If you have a book, DVD, or magazine article, please give Papa Joe a call: 548-9908

FOR SALE: Screw-on two-prong drive center made by Tony Bevis and used by professionals...now in either 1 1/4 x 8 tpi or M33-3.5 thread....\$45



JUNE DEMO:

TURNING A QUEEN ANNE LEG with TOM WIRSING

There seems to be a rediscovery of furniture applications underway in the turning community. Tom will give us a demo of the traditional multi-axis spindle turning that produces a Queen Anne (or cabriolet) leg for a stool, table, or chair.

The demo will build upon the multi-axis platter turning that Keith Gotschall demonstrated for us last year, as well as the use of the skew chisel that we saw with Dennis Liggett in April.

Tom is a new member of the AAW Board, a past President of the Denver club, an energetic organizer, speaker, and woodturner.

PPW Woodlot!

Thanks to Dr. Bob Gibbs, the Club won two large groups of logs in the City's Biomass Waste auction in May. Mostly silver maple, the trees included several large-diameter trunks from the big trees lining the drive at the Patty Jewett Golf Course.

Dr. Bobb arranged to get them hauled up to I-25 and Corporate Drive, where club members gathered to cut up the treasure.

It was the first time this year that we have been wood-gathering. The helpers paid for wood by the truckload or the piece. Within the first day, Dr. Bob collected enough to pay for the expenses, and the club will have some additional funds to apply to equipment or wood acquisitions.

Some of the maple will be at the June meeting for folks who did not have a chance to purchase some at the temporary woodlot.