

Presidential Mumblings April 2019



Gary Russell

Our featured demonstrator last month was David Barnet who showed us how to do a bowl with handles turned side grain from green blanks. He also made a top with a bamboo spinner handle. That means that the challenge project this month will be a bowl with handles or a two piece top (top must spin).

Our demonstration for this month's meeting on Thursday April 18 will feature Jim Echter who will provide us a preview of "The Sensational Skew" which he will present at the AAW Symposium in July in Raleigh, NC. Jim will take the mystery out of how to use the skew. Utilizing a combination of images, large scale models and actual demonstrations, the use of the skew will be broken down into very understandable chunks of information. The meeting will start as normal at 6:00 pm with Show and Share followed by a brief business/info session at 6:30 after which will be Jim's demonstration.

We have collected your donations for the Isaac United Way Breakfast Auction to be held April 12th. I was impressed at the number we collected as well as the quality of the turnings. I'm sure they will bring in a good chunk of money for the United Way. Thank you all for participating.



Speaking of quality, several people have commented to me about the improved quality of the items at the show-and-share table. Keep up the good work. That being said, I know there are a number of beginners out there who are afraid to bring in items to show

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because they don't compare. Please, please bring in your work. This is another way to learn and improve your work. We have all been there. I promise I won't laugh too hard. In fact, let's put together a table of mistakes at this meeting. Everyone bring in your worst turning and let's have some fun and show those beginners how to really make a mistake.

We are still looking for volunteers. If you can help the Club, please step forward. Don't be that person who just sits there and lets other people do everything. If you are a reluctant volunteer because you are a beginner, we can help you get started. There are plenty of opportunities that don't even involve actual turning. You will make new friends, and that in itself will help you on your way to becoming a good turner. Please let any Board member know if you are interested. As always, we are looking for multiple people for each position so no one has to do all the work

I'll see you at the meeting and 'til then keep turning – (it's not time for golf yet).

FLWT meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of the month each month. Our meetings are held at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning University classroom, 50 Hollender Parkway, Rochester, NY 14615. For more information, go to <http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/>.

Library Update

By Denis Caysinger

We recently added some new materials to the FLWT Library for loan. Thanks to a donation we have several new books:

- Masters in Woodturning by Jim Christiansen
- 500 Wood Bowls by Ray Leier & Jan Peters
- Conversations with Wood by Ruth and David Waterbury
- Woodturning Today, a Dramatic Evolution from AAW (second copy)

The club has purchased a new book from AAW: Getting Started in Woodturning.

The Library has several tools available for loan. Please contact us at the email address below if you would like any of these tools brought to a meeting:

- Beall 1" by 8 TPI spindle tap
- Beall 1 1/8 by 8 TPI spindle tap
- 2 Powermatic S curved tool rests (inboard and outboard)
- #2 Morse Taper finishing reamer
- Thread chasing set
- Apprentice Collet Chuck set
- Vicmarc Cole Jaws
- John Jordan hollowing tools.

Thanks to some improvements in our database we can now track how many times each Library item has been checked out. This month we'll list the top 20 DVD titles that have been checked out over the past 3 years:

Lucas, Glenn | Mastering Woodturning Tools & Techniques
Raffan, Richard | Turning Wood
Raffan, Richard | Turning Boxes
Hosaluk, Michael | Art of Hosaluk in Woodturning
Mahoney, Mike | Heirlooms-Making Things That Last
Jackofsky, Mike | Making a Hollow Vessel
Jamieson, Lyle | Bowl Basics the Easy Way
Theobald, Curt | Intro to Segmented Turning
Jordan, John | Aesthetics & Properties of Wood
Theobald, Curt | Segmented Patterns
Ellsworth, David | Hollow Turning
Ellsworth, David | Open Bowls Tips for Turners Vol. 1
Lucas, Glenn | Mastering Woodturning Sharpening Techniques
Mahoney, Mike | Bowl Basics: a Workshop
Lucas, Glenn | Mastering Woodturning Bowl Turning Techniques
DeHeer, Kirk | Sharpening Demystified

Darlow, Mike | Sharpening Woodturning Tools
Lucas, Glenn | Dublin Viking Bowl
Lucas, Glenn | Traditional Irish Platter
Lacer, Alan | Son of Skew

These are the current policies surrounding anything loaned from the library: If you return anything with missing components you will be required to pay for replacements. If you lose something, you need to pay for a replacement. If you break something, you need to pay for a replacement. Tools are limited to a one month checkout period.

If you can't return a tool at the following meeting, please don't check it out or find a way to get it to someone who is attending the next meeting.

When checking out items from the library please be sure that a Librarian marks the item down on our tracking sheet. And don't hesitate to offer suggestions to Gary or Denis regarding library operations, or new items you would like to see in the library.

Don't forget, there are many books in the library that we cannot bring to meetings. Please contact either us at the email below to have these books brought to the meeting. The listing is on the website under resources.

Gary Tveit & Denis Caysinger
library@fingerlakeswoodturners.com

Turning a Handled Bowl

with David Barnet

by Dennis Caysinger

On Thursday evening March 21 David Barnet presented his insights on turning a handled bowl. David is an instructor at the Rochester Folk Art Guild in Middlesex, NY. David showed a short slideshow of the Guild woodshop and some of his pieces.



Show and Share

photos by Bob Zingo

Using a piece of Beech, David mounted the blank between centers and started shaping it with a bowl gouge. Next, he added a tenon so the blank could be mounted in a chuck.



After mounting the blank in a chuck, David faced off the top of the bowl, then marked the desired thickness of the handles on the outside of the bowl. Hollowing the inside was started enough to define the desired width of wood to be left for the handle.

A detail gouge was used to establish the handle thickness, then the outside of the bowl was finish shaped with a bowl gouge, resulting in a wide rim bowl. With a parting tool, space was made between the chuck and the bottom of the bowl. The side of the bowl was then transitioned to the rim using a scraper. The inside was then finish turned to the desired profile and sanded.

David parted off the bowl, then reversed it to shape the bottom, being careful to make the thickness of the bowl underneath the rim uniform. The foot was shaped and then finish sanding on the outside. Once the bowl is removed, a bandsaw is used to cut the rim of the bowl to form the handles.

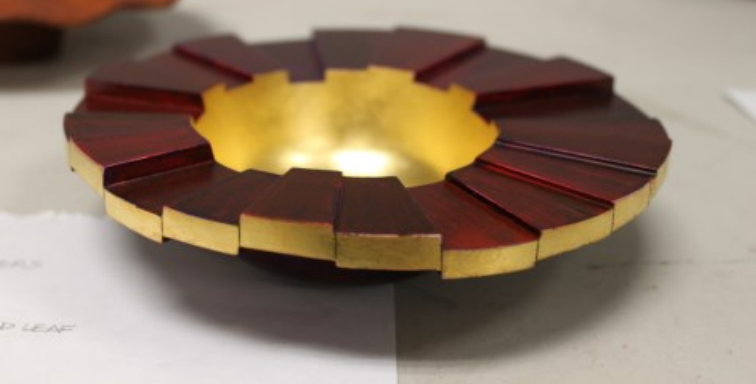


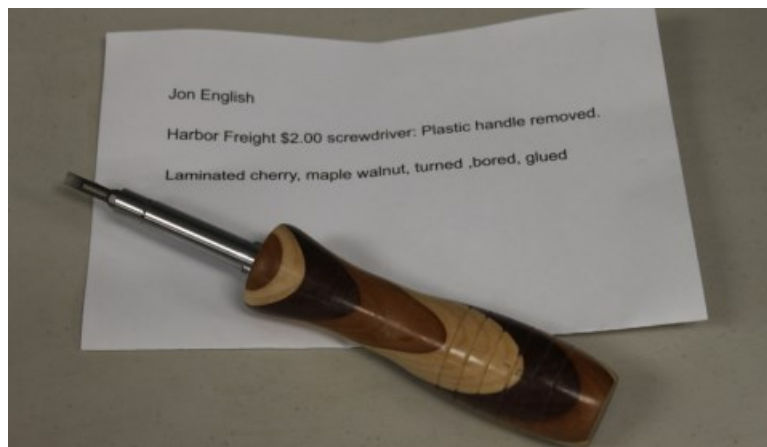
David also turned a top out of pear wood. He finished it by driving a brass nail in the bottom so it will spin better.

Thank you to David for the great demo. It's folks like David who really enhance the experience of belonging to FLWT.

Photos by Bob Zingo









The Town of Greece Makes Bowls

by Gary Russell

On March second the Finger Lakes Woodturners held a bowl making workshop at the Town of Greece Community Center. We had eight beginner students including three women and a husband and wife team. Each student had an individual instructor and came away with a nice bowl. Most had never turned before while a couple turned in high school or turned on a metal lathe. One lady came thinking she had signed up for a carving class. She, however, stayed and had a great time and loved her bowl.

The cost for this class was \$20 each which we will pass on to our treasury. So as you can see, the yearly dues of \$20 for Club members is a real bargain. Hopefully, some of the students will continue on with turning as a craft or pastime. The Finger Lakes Woodturners host this event three to four times a year in Greece and also host several events in the Town of Perinton which are also well attended.

The instructors were Jim Byron, Pete Shea, Cliff Weatherell, Terry Lund, Gary Tveit, Jeffery Cheramie and myself. The experience level of the instructors ranged from 3 to 16 years. A big thanks to Gary Tveit for providing the wood from his woodlot. The blanks were cherry, ash and maple cut round and mounted on a faceplate.

Our current list of instructors includes Bruce Trojan, Cliff Weatherell, David Gilbert, David Ververs, Gary Tveit, Harry Stanton, Phil Rose, Pete Shea, Denis Caysinger, Doug Crockett, Jim Byron, Mike Brawley, Jeffery Cheramie, Jim Echter, Terry Lund and myself. Each instructor comes away with not only a feeling of accomplishment and pride but an increased knowledge of the craft. Every time I speak with an instructor after an event they have said they had a great time.

If you feel that you would like to be part of this program, let a Board member know. Don't feel like you will be thrown into the mix because you won't. Before you go out to teach we hold classes for the teachers. You may just observe on your first time out and be a helper while stepping in where needed. This is a fun event; otherwise, we wouldn't do it.



Separating the Hay from the Sticks

by Gary Scialdone

When we started this series of articles to discuss YouTube videos, we noted that there were several types of wood turning videos out there. Some are more instructional than others. This month we are including two links to one of my favorite instructional wood turner's videos. Brian Havens is an evidently experienced turner who had voiced intentions of making wood turning instruction his full time endeavor. His channel contains many videos on specific tools and techniques. Mysteriously, it appears that about two years ago he stopped posting to YouTube all together. I have been unable to uncover any reason for this online. I hope that he is well and that he returns.

The videos that I have chosen to share are of particular interest to me as their topics are the planing and peeling cuts, using the skew. I admit to still being frightened of my skew every time I brave to employ it. However the tool, deployed with skill in its several modes, provides great functionality and can provide a smooth cut hard to match.

As I watched these videos critically, I noticed only one practice of his that struck me as dangerous. He demonstrates one hand supporting the spinning spindle of wood to reduce vibration, while deploying the skew in the other. As I watched, I found myself cringing at how likely it could be that a slip of the tool might cause a serious injury to the hand supporting the wood. Please let your fellow club members know what you think of Brian's videos and any of the others that we have shared in the last three months.

Email us at newsletter@fingerlakeswoodturners.com

Brian's skew videos can be seen at

<https://youtu.be/0U4Z-Rm6PjA>

<https://youtu.be/cADbgJYeN-k>

2018-19 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

April	Jim Echter - The Sensational Skew
May	TBD
June	Bruce Trojan "Turning an Off-Center Platter"

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1. Here's a great way for you to improve your turning skills. FLWT has award winning and expert turners who, at no cost, are willing to share their expertise one-to-one with other club members. A mentoring relationship might be as simple as getting a mentor's advice in a one time conversation. Or, it

might include regular hands-on sessions over a lathe. The exact nature is up to you and your mentor. If you feel you could benefit from mentoring, organize your thoughts about your needs and contact an appropriate volunteer mentor above to determine if he or she is a match and available. ♦

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