

NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY SPRING!!

Even with snow on the ground we can see spring arriving! With the days longer, the sun shining brightly and the rain washing away the dirt of winter, we will soon all be out working in our gardens.

THE ART OF CARVING

Once again, this year, I spent 2 weeks in sunny Cuba. There is a gentlemen who spends his time on the beach carving wonderful sculptures in the local woods. In the past three years I have learned that trees cannot be cut down for this purpose but must wait until they die. He then brings the long pieces of trees to the beach to work on. Each piece he does can take up to a year or more to complete and it remains on the beach until completed. The photo at the left is one of his works at the entrance to our hotel from the beach.



This carvers work is on display all over Cuba as well as in Europe. The project he has been working on since last summer is truly a masterpiece. In his limited English he explained that it represents the idea that all humanity must take care of the world. The plants, animals and birds are in our hands and everyone is responsible for taking care that they remain safe.



*Master Carver
From Cuba*

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He expects this project to be completed by the middle of July 2008. On completion it will be taken to Havana where it will be placed in the "International Museum.

Some of the things depicted on this carving are Flowers, Fish, Alligators, the Canadian Beaver, Wild Cats, plants, and many more as well as the many hands carved to represent the people of the world.



The photo at the right is a carving from the rubber tree.

CONFIRMED DATES OF INTEREST

CLUB MEETINGS

- APRIL 19th Open Meeting. Bring your questions, works of art, projects to complete.
MAY 17th Ken Keates will be demonstrating how to turn a pepper mill.
JUNE 21th Wood Lot Association will be visiting. (Possible Wood Lot Tour)
JULY 19th No arrangements complete
AUG. 16th Dieter Oettgen and Tom Wharrick will be exploring the use of Lyle Jameison's Hollowing System.
OCT 18th Paul Ross will be demonstrating. (let Executive know if there is something you would like him to show us)

OTHER DATES

- AUG 5-8th Southhampton Art School. We will be teaching children and adult classes during this time. (please check sign-up sheet)
AUG 8th & 9th Welbeck Wood Expo. Our club will be demonstrating and as in previous years have a booth to advertise our club.

TURNING MAGAZINES

The May Issue of Woodturning has arrived and will be at the April meeting for purchase.

If there are any magazines you have seen lately you wish to purchase, please do so at the April meeting, as several of them will be returned to Woodchuckers afterwards.

NEWER MEMBERS: If you have not already done so, take a moment to look through these magazines, it is a good way to get lots of information on woodturning as well as ideas and suggestions for projects at a reasonable cost. Buy a particular magazine each month to add to your collection or simply buy those you find interesting. All magazines are \$9.00.

MONTHLY PROGRAMMES

Please let one of the executive know if you are able to do a programme for one of our meetings or have ideas for a programme.

Perhaps you have a special technique to finish your projects, or a technique for turning a special type of bowl or vase.

We all love to look at the work of our members and to learn how projects were completed.

If we had a programme in the past you found interesting and would like it repeated let us know. With all our new members I'm sure there would be many people who would also enjoy it.

In short, this is your guild and the executive can use all the help and input you have to give. Thanks for