

October Meeting

The club demonstrations at McGregor Park (Wild for the Arts) and Port Elgin (Pumpkinfest) were reported as receiving a lot of interest from the public, and there may be some new members as a result. The club thanks those members who participated. The club also voted to continue with the woodturning instruction classes for the Southampton Art School next summer.

The subject of replacing several of the older fixed speed mini-lathes with variable speed mini-lathes was raised and some action was taken to start the process. Several suggestions were also made for possible guests for the next year to enhance our program.

The regular meeting was followed by a demonstration by Jeff Karl.

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Jeff Karl Demo on Turning a Christmas Birdhouse Ornament

Jeff gave a very good demonstration on making a tiny ornament birdhouse. These look really sharp hanging from a Christmas tree, and make very nice Christmas hostess gifts. Although any member expecting to attract small birds by hanging these birdhouses outside might be horribly disappointed !! Jeff brought several examples from his home collection to whet everyone's appetite for the demo.

Jeff went through the steps in meticulous detail, and to the surprise of some (maybe only myself ?), the work involves more than a few basic steps. In particular several different chucking methods are used, requiring considerable attention to detail. And delicate control needed with some several small spindle gouges. Although probably best to follow some basic design size and geometry, the body detail and the roof detail are open to the turner's ingenuity. Also maybe a good opportunity to convince the other half that a new set of mini-tools is absolute requirement for the workshop !? The members thanked Jeff for a fine demo in the usual manner at the end.



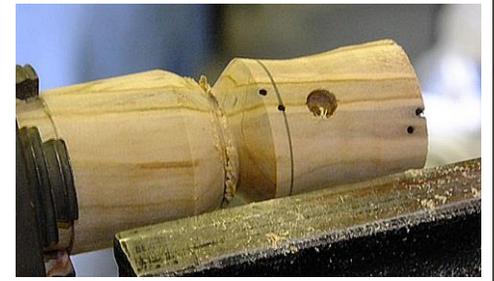
Jeff introducing his demo. Son Ryan finding something funny in Dad's intro.....hmmmmm ??



The starting point for the bottom section.



Defining the size of the birdhouse bottom of about 1" long



Holes drilled for entrance and perch. Jeff has picked a wormwood, so your guess which is the real perch hole !!??



Starting to hollow out the "living quarters".



Parting/cutting off the bottom for remounting.



Preparing tenon for jam chuck.



Bottom section mounted on tenon jam chuck.



Special home made mount for the lathe (opposite end of jam chuck tenon).

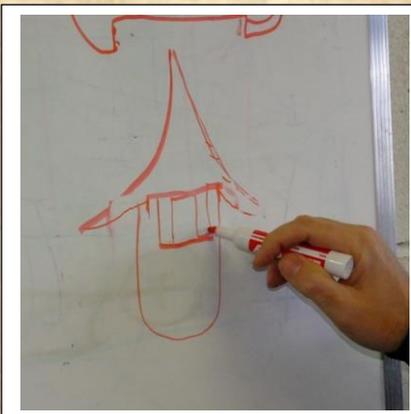


Shaping the lower part of the birdhouse bottom.



Bottom shaping completed and parted off.

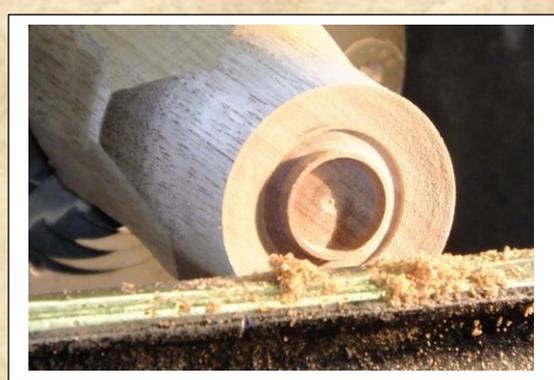




Jeff trying to explain top to bottom fit, but some members think he is adding windows ? or drawing a Halloween witch for the season??



Jeff's son Ryan recording demo for youtube, for later use by any members that were dozing off.



This is the lower part of the top, if you didn't understand the whiteboard drawing.



Starting to shape the top. Many design choices here.



Same as last month, Norm Richard again providing close supervision of Jeff's work.



Jeff throwing some light on his work.



The audience is very attentive to the demo, although not too sure anymore who is doing the demo – Jeff or Norm.



The top was reverse jam chucked on a tenon, and now shaping is nearly finished.



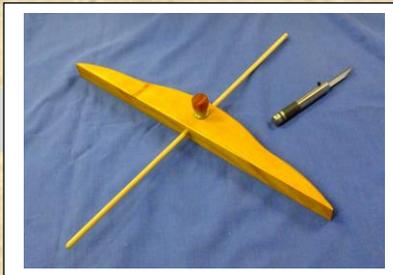
Some of Jeff's collection of birdhouses from home. Nicely done !

Show and Tell

Time ran out at this month's meeting for members to describe the work they had brought, but the items will be briefly pictured here in any case.



Peter Fabricious's ground wrenches used to make exact diameter spindles tenons. And he can remove flat tire on way home if needed.



Peter's homemade tool for measuring bowl depth.



Peter's hollowform with 1/2" hole, using secret process.



Some of Peter's ornaments.



Peter's nifty jig to shave down dowelling to an exact diameter. Not sure if these tools patented or not ?





From Fred Walsh : ambrosia maple box, cored out set of bowls, and large vase.



Made by ??



Epoxy platter, and nonsense wine glass made for fun at Pumpkinfest by Bob.



Carl Durance's birdhouse collection. Maybe Carl didn't need the demo !

OVWG Symposium Turning 2013

Several GBWG members attended the Ohio Valley Turning 2013 symposium held in West Harrison Indiana on weekend of 11-13 October, namely, Wayne Brown, Bob Dyck, and Tom and Peggy Wharrick. The symposium is held every 2 years, and this was the 8th event in the series. The symposium featured such well known turners as Ray Key, Michael Hosaluk, Steven Kennard, Nick Agar, Glen Lucas, Cynthia and Michael Gibson, David Nittmann, and numerous others. About 250 attended the symposium which is held at a rural retreat property, with many of the attendees staying on site in dormitory type accommodation, with all meals provided. Several vendors were there, and both a silent and regular auction was held as a fundraiser for the local club. A very interesting panel discussion was held on the Friday night, with all of the featured demonstrators offering opinions on a variety of woodturning topics. There was also an Instant Gallery where attendees could bring up to 3 items for display, with some being selected for critique. All the demonstrations were excellent, and presented good learning experiences for turners at all levels of expertise.

An amusing comment came from Michael Hosaluk at the start of his demo to turn a thin bowl, was that he was going to start by “roughing the piece down to 1/8” wall thickness” !! He finished bowl around a 1/32”.

There will be no attempt to summarize the demos here, or all the lessons learned, but a few pictures follow to give small inkling about the symposium.



Steven Kennard from Nova Scotia, making small box from African blackwood.



Michael Hosaluk from Saskatoon making thin bowl from green madrone.



Ray Key demonstrating some platter rim detailing options.

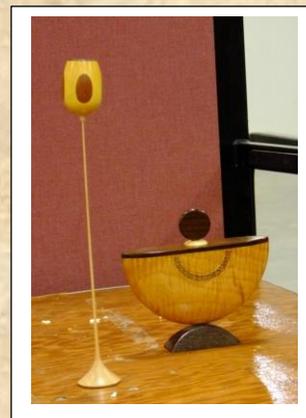


Rudolph Lopez demonstrating how to make natural edge bowl from a log crotch.



Nick Agar's Viking Sunset bowl





Beads of Courage

Attendees were asked to bring small turned boxes to be distributed to children who are battling serious illness, to provide hope and courage to continue to battle.

Upcoming Events

- 16 November Regular GBWG meeting
- 14 December GBWG Christmas Meeting (note 1 week earlier than normal)
 - President's pepper mill challenge
 - Christmas ornament exchange
 - Cake and cookies !!

