



— a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners —

President's Message...

Hello Woodturning Friends

by Blair Wolfley
SWW President

It seems that things are looking positive for the pandemic mess to be easing up. We will do our February in-person meeting with masks and vaccine proof, hoping it is the last one as a safe and health precaution.

I am looking forward to seeing folks back together again in a woodturning atmosphere. Hope to see you at Friends of the Carpenter on the 4th Thursday of each month — this next one being February 24.

The meetings are also open to non-members so they can see what we are about and see if this is something they want to be a part of. If you know someone who might be interested, please invite them!

This past month we've had a couple of good wood gathering events, including a prime 80-foot tall maple tree that had a

Demos, Classes and Clutches

After a forced sabbatical due to Covid, we're back to in-person business.

The next club meeting will feature finishing such as homemade Yorkshire, friction polish, oils, lacquer, wood butter, etc.

Please note the Dates to Remember list at upper right. The coming months will be filled with club demos, classes based on the demos, and Coffee Clutches to talk shop.

We'll also be discussing at Thursday's meeting the return to Shop Tours and other adventures. Be sure to bring your mask and proof of vaccine card.

4-foot diameter trunk.

Our primary purpose in doing these wood cutting activities is to get blanks into the hands of our members in addition to getting more wood for ourselves whether we "need" it or not. That is why we are happy to cut blanks for folks who don't have their own chainsaws.

And if you're not on our eBlast list of downed trees available for harvesting, contact Doug Pizac to be added.

This is just part of the wood turning addiction many of us suffer from.

I am looking forward to club members sharing bowl finishes at February's meeting. Over my short tenure of wood turning I have tried several finishes myself and have some favorites but I always think that something better, easier, quicker is out there. Sharing experiences is always good.

Just a plug here for membership renewal. Several of you have renewed membership with Southwest Washington Woodturners and we say thank you!

Dues are still \$35. You can either do PayPal on the website or mail a check to treasurer Brian Harte. Brian will be at the February meeting so bring your payment with you; he'll accept cash too.

We had a great basic bowl class recently with Rick Rich as the instructor. We are working to do a class each month.

I hope your turning is still rewarding and look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting. And bring Show & Tell.

Dates to Remember

Thu, 2/24, at 7p — club meeting; demo on wood finishes by multiple people

Thu, 3/3, at 10a — Zoom Coffee Clutch

Thu, 3/24 at 7p — club meeting; bonbon dish demo by Rick Rich

Sat, TBA — making a bonbon dish class

Thu, 3/31 at 10a — Zoom Coffee Clutch

Sat, 4/2, at TBA — Women In Turning

Thu, 4/28 at 7p — club meeting; dibbles and honey dippers demo

Sat, TBA — class on making dibbles and honey dippers

Thu, 5/5 at 10a — Zoom Coffee Clutch

Sat, 5/7, at TBA — Women In Turning

Thu, 5/26 at 7p — club meeting; hollow forms demo

Sat, TBA — class on making boxes

Thu, 6/2 at 10a — Zoom Coffee Clutch

Sat, 6/4, at TBA — Women In Turning



Doug Pizac with "some" of the maple blanks cut over three trips to a homeowner's house.



Above: James Snyder prepares to fire up his chainsaw again to harvest more blanks from an 80-foot tall maple tree.
 Right: Blanks taken by Connie Wall and her husband are stacked on a rack ready for rough turning and drying.
 If you are not on our list for wood harvesting events, contact Doug Pizac to add your name.



— photos by Connie Wall

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Connie Wall was asked to make a baby plate for a friend. With help from fellow member Kathleen Duncan on what is should look like, Connie used an 8x2" piece of maple to create the piece. It is finished with shellac, ACK's abrasive sanding paste and ACK's polish restoring paste.

Club Store

Description	Price
Thompson Tools 1/2" bowl gouge (2 in stock; no handles)	\$65
Abranet 3x5" sanding sh pk (1 ea.: 80, 100, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400):	5
CA glue 2 oz. bottle (thin, medium, thick) each:	7
CA glue 2 oz. black thick bottle	12
CA accelerator 8 oz. can	9
AnchorSeal-2 end grain sealer, 1-gal jug	15

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How I Made Rough Bowl Turning A Lot Easier and More Accurate

by Doug Pizac

Being new to harvesting, I found turning green wood into rough bowls a real learning experience, especially when it comes to accurately mounting blanks to a screw chuck for a tight fit.

If drilling the hole is off (photos A and B), then the blank will screw on at an angle and not seat properly against the chuck resulting in wobbling wood or a bent screw.

And leveling the wood on a drill press using shims and a level (photo C) is very time consuming. Then the light bulb lit up.

Using a block of red oak, I used my drill press to drill a perfectly straight 5/16" hole through it, plus a recess with a forstner bit. The block's thickness was trimmed to let the drill bit extend 1.25" — the same length as my longest chuck screw.

Now, I can line up the bit's tip with the center mark (photo D), drop the block flat against the wood (photo E) and let the drill's chuck bottom out for a perfect hole.

The corners were rounded for comfort and then finished with walnut oil for color and floor varnish for moisture protection.

The recess collects the drilling waste.

