



— a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners —

*President's Message...*

# Hello Turners

by Blair Wolfley  
SWW President

It was great to see those of you who attended our face-to face meeting last month. We plan to keep up with this format for the



March's club demo and class will be on making a bonbon plate by Rick Rich. The class is for advanced turners only who will need to bring their own skew and gouge tools. Wood and lunch will be provided. If interested, contact Brian Harte to sign up. The 9a-3p class is \$85.

foreseeable future. As the state mask mandate goes away, masks will be optional.

We have also set a class schedule which you will see in this newsletter. And we are starting up the Women in Turning meetings the first Saturday in April.

These seem like good steps to get us back on track as a functioning club.

We still need members to submit their membership renewals either by our website's PayPal portal or by sending treasurer Brian Harte a check (\$35).

The club is always looking for member input which can be used in our newsletter. So if you have tricks, techniques, or finished items you are willing to share please send photos and info to our newsletter editor Doug Pizac.

I sometimes wonder if we have members who are not turning simply because they don't have wood. If this is your case, please contact me. We have club members who have wood to spare for a good cause and learning is a good cause.

The past couple of months I have gotten into turning bowls to finished dimensions from green wood. I have heretofore been a twice turned bowl guy. I have found the green turning to be interesting and satisfying, especially if you like wonky bowls. I have, however, not given up on the more reliable twice turned technique. This is good because I must have over 200 roughed out bowls waiting for my attention.

I am looking forward to spring's arrival and our club getting things reenergized.

Stay safe out there and I look forward to seeing you at the next club meeting.

## Dates to Remember

- Thu, 3/24 at 7p* — club meeting; bonbon dish demo by Rick Rich at FOC.
- Sat, 3/26 at 9a-3p* — bonbon dish class
- Sat, 4/2, at 9a-noon* — Women In Turning
- Thu, 4/7 at 10a* — Koffee Klatch (Zoom)
- Thu, 4/28 at 7p* — club meeting; dibbles and honey dippers demo at FOC
- Sat, 4/30 at 9a-3p* — class on making dibbles and honey dippers
- Thu, 5/5 at 10a* — Koffee Klatch (Zoom)
- Sat, 5/7, at 9a-noon* — Women In Turning
- Thu, 5/26, at 7p* — club meeting; boxes demo by Adam Luna at FOC
- Sat, 5/28, at 9a* — class on making boxes
- Thu, 6/2 at 10a* — Koffee Klatch (Zoom)
- Sat, 6/4, at 9a-noon* — Women In Turning
- Thu, 6/23, at 7p* — club meeting; skew and gouge demo by Rick Rich and Brian Harte at FOC
- Sat, 6/25, at 9a* — class on making beads and coves by Rick Rich and Brian Harte

## Clutch/Klatch Change

by Doug Pizac

The past couple months we've been having Coffee Clutch get-togethers on Zoom to share ideas, ask questions, etc.

The proper name for such gatherings is Klatch. To have fun with the title, we'll be using Koffee Klatch from now on.

Also, gathering at an actual place may be coming soon. A notice will be sent out.

**UPDATE:** With state covid rules relaxed, our club will no longer require proof of vaccination. Self-masking though is encouraged for safety.



A straight-edge sanding stick makes flattening easier.



Five 3/4x3/4x11 inch MDF sticks with 80, 120, 150, 220 and 320 grit sandpaper sheets

## Tool Tip

by Doug Pizac

One of the more challenging aspects of turning for me is to create smooth straight spindle work whether they be dowels, jam chucks with their own morse tapers, etc.

So I created MDF sticks with each side having 80-320 grit sandpaper strips glued onto them. With four sides, as one strip wears out you can rotate the stick to a fresh strip. Each stick is one grit.

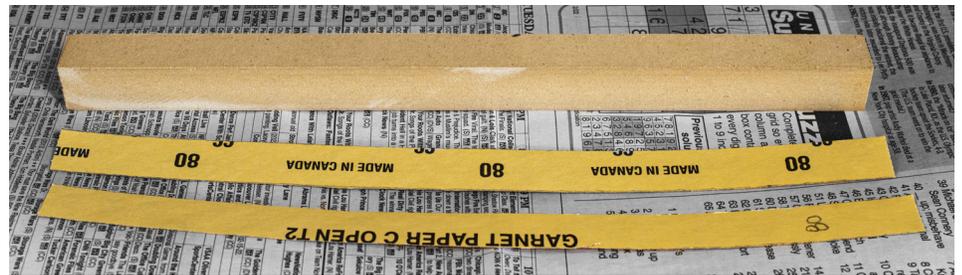
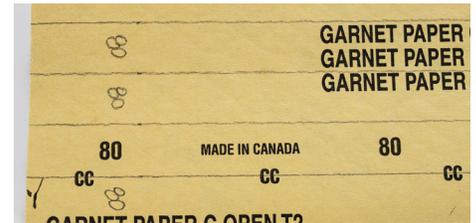
For the glue I used 3M's General Purpose adhesive which is rubber cement in a can. Be sure to coat the stick and paper.

To mount the strips, use newspaper to catch over-spray, coat two sides of the stick and the back of two sandpaper strips. Then press the strips onto the stick. Rotate the stick to two its bare sides and repeat.

Another use of the sticks is on the out-



side of a bowl or hollow form that has slight unwanted ridges. Instead of making a new sweep with your gouge, hold the sanding stick at an angle to the bowl and use 80-grit sandpaper to eliminate the bump, followed by higher grits to get the smoothness you desire.



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## Club Store

### Description

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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