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CECIL CRAVENS TO DEMO AT AUGUST MEETING

At our August meeting Cecil Cravens will demonstrate making an "Inside/Out" vase. Cecil is well known to the Jackson and West Tennessee woodworking community. Some examples of his work can be seen at www.dicksongallery.com. He is the owner of the former Jackson Woodworking School, where he was also an instructor in all aspects of woodworking.

DAVID SAPP DEMONSTRATION AT JULY MEETING

At our July meeting we had the privilege of watching David Sapp demonstrate all the steps in turning a natural edge bowl. David is obviously very experienced in teaching and demonstrating woodturning and he did an outstanding job of explaining each step in the process. He also brought several examples of his work to share with us.

David made a generous donation of a magazine rack along with several books and magazines for our club library.

We are very grateful to David for travelling to Jackson to be our club's first demonstrator. He is the owner of the Woodcraft store in Franklin, past president of the Tennessee Association of Woodturners and a frequent demonstrator at all the woodturning clubs in the area, as well as at other events.



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JULY MEETING MINUTES

Members and visitors present at the July meeting include: Wayne Carter, Jerry Dawson, Ken Ferrell, Paul Flippin, Lee Gaugh, Bob Hobbs, Chuck Jones, Dale Kee, Steve Kee, Jerry Pearce, Paul Reed, David Sapp, Bill Smith, Kirk Smith, and Al Stables.

The July meeting was cut short due to the interest in David Sapp's demonstration and discussions that followed.

The only official business was approval of the minutes from the June meeting.

The raffle was held to raise money to support the club. We will get on stream with a regular financial report as soon as possible.

JULY INSTANT GALLERY

As we progress we hope to improve the "Instant Gallery" by including such things as, well, the contributor's name would be a good start. It didn't happen this month, but we feel certain the person who turned each piece knows to whom it belongs. At least we hope. Some picture of the items are here, but Paul Reed and Jerry Dawson have uploaded others into the gallery on the website.



AL STABLES' FINISHING TECHNIQUE

Several folks have asked me about the finish on my bowls. It is one I learned from Hershel Miller, a master woodturner from Millington, and I have been using it for the last two years or so.

Materials needed:

- Lacquer or lacquer sanding sealer, thinned 25%. Mix lacquer thinner into the lacquer so that when you are applying it on the bowl you are actually applying 65 to 75 percent lacquer and the rest of your application is thinner. Pure lacquer may dry too thickly and be very difficult to handle with steel wool.
- Behlen Master-Gel Clear Finish (see page 77, Klingspor's Woodworking Shop catalogue)
- 0000 steel wool
- Tack cloth
- Durable rubber glove
- Wiping cloth (or good quality paper towels).



Process:

- Sand the object thoroughly up to 400 grade, wiping with paper towel between each grade
- With cloth or paper towel apply thin layer of thinned lacquer and wipe off
- Allow to dry (ten minutes or so), and use steel wool ... wear that rubber glove!
- Follow up steel wool with tack cloth
- Repeat the above process with lacquer one time: apply, steel wool, tack cloth
- Wipe on thin layer of Master-Gel and allow about 4 hours drying time for that first layer
- Use fresh steel wool
- Use tack cloth
- Apply second layer of Master-Gel, and allow to dry ...steel wool, tack cloth, etc.

Each layer of Master-Gel seems to dry faster than the last. I use 5 to 7 layers with the bowl still on the lathe, and thus finish up everything but the bottom (or tenon) of the bowl. Steel wool and tack cloth the last layer before removing from the lathe. Using a jam chuck, take the tenon off and sand thoroughly. Place the bowl upside down on a paper towel on a work table and go through the entire finish process as you used above: lacquer, layers of Master-Gel. When all is finished, wax thoroughly inside and out.

To be honest, the process is something of a pain, but the final outcome is worth it!

INVITATION TO DICKSON WOODTURNERS MEETING/OUTING

The following is an excerpt from a message from Wayne Carter, who many of our members met at our last meeting:

“Well good morning to all! Below please find hopefully pretty good directions to my little place and I am so glad that our Dickson Wood turners decided to take me up on my offer to come over to the house for our next meeting. As most always it will be the second Saturday and next month that will be on the 8th. starting at 9:00 If you have any questions please give me a call at my work number 931-535-4209. I am taking the liberty of inviting any of my new “family” of the West TN Wood turners from the Jackson area. They have a great group of people and I attended their last meeting last week with Jerry from our club. Chuck please extend a heart felt invitation to all those in the Jackson club to come on down and get some blanks cut out so that they can go back home and have some fun or heck why not turn some on my little shop stuff. I plan on cutting thick boards as the members desire, 4, 6, 8 or thicker and then turn them into nice neat circle blanks that we can all have some fun with. Walnut, cherry, oak and what ever else we can find lying around the back yard. Take care, please make plans to come and I will try to make it worth your drive. Here are the directions guys and gals.”

Due to technical difficulties it was not possible to include Wayne’s map so here’s the address and directions the old fashioned way. The address for Wayne’s shop is 634 Oak Shadow, New Johnsonville, TN 37134. From Camden take US Highway 70 to New Johnsonville. Turn right (South) onto Long Street next to a small shopping center. Cross the railroad and look for Asbury on the left. Follow Asbury (a very winding street) until you see Oak Shadow on your right.

REMEMBER OUR NEXT MEETING!

...at the Madison County Fire Station, Christmasville Road and Ashport Road, at 6 P.M. August 13. Demonstration (Cecil Cravens), Instant Gallery, and Raffle.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THERE IS A WOODTURNER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



Photo courtesy of Al Stables; not sure if it's his car.