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Next Meeting: April 19

Stuart Batty is back to share some of his tool techniques

President's Words of Wisdom

I can't state it any better than Gomer on the Andy Griffith show, (yes I use to watch those) Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

For our demo this month we have Stuart Batty. I've seen him before, but only on video. This should be quite a show. Stuart will demo the various uses of a bowl gouge among other topics. Be sure to get there early to get a front row. This was a last minute deal by Hugh Hurst. Way to go Hugh!!!! Since Stuart will be our feature this month we will eliminate the "Tell" from our usual "Show and Tell" to allow more time for him to demo. We will also try to keep our announcements and break as short as possible.

Saturday open shop was a big success. We had about 20 folks show up asking questions, getting hands on, and helping out. We are planning on more of these. Hopefully at some point we can tie a Thursday demo into a Saturday workshop so we all can learn and practice. Thanks Dale for making this possible!!!

Down to business: The DAW club applied for an EOG Grant from AAW back in January. The grant was approved for \$1200 to be applied to a projector for viewing the demos. The board met last Thursday discussing this topic. A committee was formed to select and purchase a high quality projector. The board also granted the committee additional club funds that can be used to purchase a quality system and related hardware (screen, extra bulb.). If you have questions or suggestions about this please contact me or one of the board members.

Also; The DAW club has the opportunity to move ahead with a formal agreement to some rental property. This will allow the club to hold Saturday workshops, training classes, mentoring classes and possibly other classes that can generate income. This is a good thing!!! The requirements of the rental states we build a wall with a door, protect the current flooring and install a dust collector. We are tentatively looking at a cost of \$750 for this project. Again we have another committee working on this project. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me or one of the board members. It's my hope (and plans) to have this ready to go in time for the May Saturday workshop.

Let me give a persona plug for Wood World located at the TI Blvd/Sherman St intersection behind Texas Instruments. They have made a number of changes directly related to us turners. I've seen nice bowl blanks, many new pen kits, new turning tools. They even had some mini lathes set up for demos. If you haven't stopped by there lately you need so. They are also giving a 10% discount to club members.

Finally, wait till you see our new banner. Bob Younghusband was instrumental in designing and obtaining this and knew someone who was able to create it for us. Nice work Bob. Thanks !!!

Keep on turning. jimmy c.

April Program

Stuart Batty is a world famous turner from England. He will demonstrate the tool technique he developed and teaches He specializes in bowls with corners, deep thin and tall bowls, very thin goblets, as well as a variety of boxes. His work has been displayed on the covers of many catalogs as well in the White House collection and English galleries". Stuart was here for several days four years ago and we are glad to have him back again. See his Website at: <http://www.stubatty.com/>



Square Bowl by Stuart Batty



Lidded Spherical Box by Stuart Batty

Open Shop Saturday Encore

The Saturday after our March meeting saw the reincarnation of DAW's "Open Shop" program. Dale Buchanan graciously hosted the event which drew approximately 20 members, both new turners eager to learn and "old hands" ready to advise and demonstrate. The highlight had to be the crowd watching Dale demonstrate a wide range of turning techniques on his OneWay. Others, some touching tool to wood for the first time, practiced on the three mini lathes that were set up just for that purpose.

Open Shop is again on the schedule for next Saturday. Same time (9 to noon), same place (Dale's). Pick up a map and other information at the meeting or call one of the officers.

Oklahoma Turning Competition

DAW will be represented by Kevin Bassett at the "*Masters at Work*" woodturning competition to be held in early September in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. From the names submitted by all invited clubs, their jury will use biographies and photographic examples of work to choose only five individuals to compete for the \$1,900 in prizes being offered. You can see some of Kevin's great turnings in our Member's Gallery.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

(Congratulate Hugh on this world-class lineup.)

April 19 - DAW Club Meeting – Stuart Batty

April 21 – Open Shop at Dale Buchanan's

May 3 - DAW Board Meeting

May 17 - DAW Club Meeting- Joe Millsap

June 7 - DAW Board Meeting

June 21 - DAW Club Meeting – Johnny Tolly

June 29 thru July 1 AAW Symposium - Portland, OR

July 5 - DAW Board Meeting (May be shifted)

July 19 - DAW Club Meeting – Clay Foster

AAW Educational Grant for Video Projector and Screen

Bob Matern is heading a committee to select a video projector and large (7' x 7') screen so that demonstrations and other activities can be viewed more easily and in more detail by our members. The AAW grant will pay up to \$1,200 toward the cost of this equipment! While the grant amount does not cover the entire amount of the optimal equipment for our meeting environment, the April meeting of the DAW Board of Directors discussed appropriating some club funds to make the system the best possible for our needs. If you have some thoughts on this, let one of the officers know.

The AAW EOG program is available to clubs every other year. In 2005 we received a grant that went toward the purchase of more lathes and other turning equipment for training purposes. Just one more reason for our members to join and support the AAW!

SWAT is Ready to Accept Your Registration

The 2007 SWAT Symposium will be October 5-7 in Wichita Falls and we're ready to accept registrations. All you need do is go to SWAT's web site, <http://swaturners.org/registration/index.asp> where you can sign up on line using Pay Pal or use the snail mail registration form. Our SWAT representative, Bob Matern, can also take registrations in person.

The SWAT web site also has a listing of hotels cooperating with SWAT. When you make your hotel plans, be sure to mention that you're with SWAT. By doing so, you'll be helping keep down the costs, since the hotels rebate part of your room costs to the convention center.

New Feature at Club Meetings: "How To" Corner

There will be some turners available before the meeting beginning at 6:15 with tools, chucks, etc. and a mini-lathe to help with basic turning "How to" Also we will have an assortment of gouges, scrapers, chucks, etc. to show and give you a chance to turn. This month we will focus on ways to chuck projects. Come with your questions and try your hand on the lathe.

Member's Survey

Thanks to all of you who filled out the survey at the March meeting. We will make the results available at the April meeting and eventually get them posted on the Member's page.

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