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**Next Meeting: April 23 (1-Week Later Than Usual)
Turning and Carving on Square Platters by Al Stirt**

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

With Spring here in full force, and with comfortable temperatures, I hope you are taking advantage of the better shop conditions to do some creative turning. Of course, those of you with a heated and air conditioned shop have probably been busy all year long. While you are turning, please think of Empty Bowls 2010 which we have started collecting bowls for. Our goal is 250 bowls this year.

Your Board has been discussing the need for reviving DAW's Mentoring Program. Please see the short article later in this newsletter for more information.

I hope that you are heading out to Albuquerque for the 23rd Annual National AAW Symposium to be held Friday June 26th through Sunday June 28th. It's the biggest woodturning event of the year and the line-up of turners this year is fantastic. If you are going, register on-line by May 15th for the best prices. Go to <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2009/#> for complete symposium information.

Our April program will feature Alan Stirt, Vermont's most famous wood turner and a lifetime member of AAW. As we have previously announced, we will meet on April 23rd, **one week later than normal**. Al will be showing us how he turns square bowls. To give Al as much time as possible, we will have a shortened business meeting and our Show 'n Tell session will be "Show Only" to speed things up. Visit www.alstirt.com to learn more about Al and his work. See you on the 23rd...



Dick Koch

April Program

Thanks to Canyon Studios for bringing Al Stirt to the area for classes. As a result, Al will be available to provide our April demo.

Al is famous for the intricate carving patterns on many of his turnings. Please visit his Website at www.alstirt.com

DAW Has Lost a Good Friend – Bill Oliver



Bill Oliver, a long time DAW member and a founding member of the Hunt County club, passed away on March 30. He always had a smile for everyone and knew no strangers. Bill will always be remembered as a DAW champion Empty Bowls contributor.

To help the family with funeral (and other) expenses, DAW will provide a collection bowl at the April meeting. You can donate cash or make a check out to DAW and the club will send a check for the total amount collected.

Mentoring

Your Board has been discussing the need for reviving the DAW Mentoring Program, designed to help new and old members who seek help in learning the skills of turning to connect with more experienced members who are willing to share their time to help others learn the art of woodturning. Ideally, when a new member joins the club, a mentor would welcome him or her to the club and offer their time and experience to get the new member started right in woodturning. The mentor might invite the new member to his or her shop where the two of them could work together on the fundamentals of woodturning.

We would list mentors in the Members Only part of our web site where newcomers could contact one of the mentors to seek advice getting started in turning. For the new member, this could result in a valuable one-on-one learning experience offered freely by the mentor. We currently have nine members who are listed as mentors in our roster, but we would like to have more. If you are willing to be listed as a mentor, and to take new members under your wing to help them learn the fundamentals of woodturning, tool sharpening, and turning safety, please send a note to Dick Koch (Ollie1617-DAW1@yahoo.com) and he'll compile a listing which we can post in the Members Only section of our web site.

AAW Collaborative Project Challenge

If you have been turning and/or carving miniatures for display in the museum, please bring them to the April meeting so we can see where we stand in that regard. If any DAW members who are not currently part of this endeavor would like to contribute miniatures for display in the museum, contact Dick Koch (ollie1617-daw1@yahoo.com) for guidance on the sizing of your miniatures.

DAW Members in the News (OK Newsletter)

As you can see from the following picture, Kevin Basset had quite a collection of his turnings on display at the Dallas Arboretum in March.



Don't Forget Those Woodcraft Receipts

Woodcraft has a special arrangement with DAW whereby they will rebate to us 10% of our members' purchases. All we need to do is submit those receipts. So if you have any, just give them to our treasurer, Bob Matern, and we'll take it from there.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

April 2 – DAW Board meeting
April 23 – DAW Meeting: Al Stirt (Note this is 1 week later than usual.)
April 28 & 29 – Al Stirt Classes at DAW Training Center
May 7 – DAW Board meeting
May 21 – DAW Meeting: Larry Walrath will demo coring out several bowl blanks from a half-log.

Equipment Library Status Report

At the February meeting we introduced the possibility of building an “Equipment” library to complement our existing print and video libraries. We also asked for suggestions as to what to include in this library.

One challenge in implementing this idea is to make sure that whatever we put in the equipment library be usable on the majority of the kinds of lathes that our members have. We would like our members who only have Jet minis to get as much out of these tools as those who have Powermatics, OneWays and larger Jets.

The most frequently requested tool was hollowing equipment. So, we’re proceeding with the acquisition of two sizes of hollowing tools. They won’t be the big boring bar rigs but should be capable of handling any pieces up to 14” deep.

The second most requested item was a coring, or “bowl saver”, rig. Since your officers don’t have a whole lot of expertise with these things, we’ve arranged to have coring be the subject of our May demo. Larry Walrath from Round Rock, TX will show us how the McNaughton system works.

Any of the officers would be happy to take your ideas for other candidates for inclusion in this library. Also, if you have anything lying around your shop that hasn’t been used for a while, consider donating it to the equipment library; that way all our members can benefit.

It’s Almost April 15th and DAW Can Help

As most of you know, Dallas Area Woodturners is recognized by our friends at the Internal Revenue Service as a Sec. 501c (3) tax-exempt educational organization.

That means that you can make tax deductible contributions to DAW of money or “stuff” you may no longer need that DAW can use in woodturning education. (Note: your yearly DAW dues do not qualify.) Also, any expenses you incur while doing things for DAW activities may also qualify. For example, we have several members doing a demo for the Girl Scouts at Old City Park next weekend. Mileage they put on their vehicles would be deductible in 2009 at the rate of 14 cents per mile.

Upcoming Classes at Canyon Studios

Below is a chart of the upcoming classes that have open slots at Canyon Studios in Copper Canyon, Texas. Please go to the Website at <http://www.canyonstudios.org/> for further details and registration forms. Current open slot are not numerous, so act now if you are interested.

Class Topic	Instructor	Date	Cost
Woodturning I	Ed Avisera	June 21-22	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Woodturning II	Ed Avisera	June 23-24	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Small Hollow Forms and Ornaments	Donald Derry	September	\$285 plus lab and material fees
Shape and form and the Hollow Form	Donald Derry	September	\$285 plus lab and material fees

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