

# Shavings

DETROIT AREA  
WOODTURNERS



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<http://www.DetroitAreaWoodturners.org>

Editor Ruby Cler

## President's Message

I've been the club president for almost one month now, and the job is still in the "getting used to" stage. At the first board of directors meeting, I was surprised to find out that only a handful of turners signed up for the Al Stirt demo. The possibility of our club losing over \$2000.00 was a real one. The deadline had come and gone and we needed a whole lot more people to sign up. I told the board that we needed to really get the numbers up or we would have to make a decision about canceling. We sent out announcements to other clubs. I personally attended the Bluewater Club and asked their members for support. That and another appeal at our last meeting, and we now have both of the hands on days filled and the all day demo with a respectable number. This should leave the club with a near break even point.

Well ,after that was pretty well settled, we received some bad news: that Al Stirt had an accident and hurt his hand, requiring stitches. **The dates for his demonstration has been rescheduled for April. Please see the notice on Page 4.**

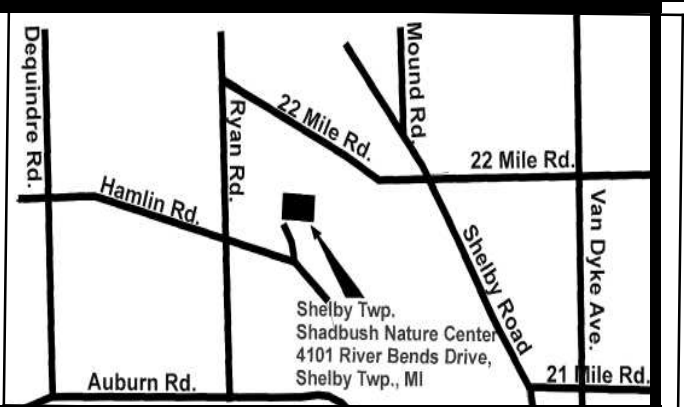
As for the January meeting, I feel that it went very good for my first one. Being a little nervous, I wasn't sure about how the timing was going. I know Greg Smith was concerned that his demo time was going to be cut short, (at least that's what I think all the gesturing he was doing on the sidelines was about), but he was able to get 90 minutes, which I think all the members enjoyed.

Many thanks to those members who work in the background and are less visible than the board members: (continued on page 2)

## Join the AAW Today!!



**Next Meeting will be February 18th, 2007.** Highlights will be mounting and turning green bowls. The Detroit Area Woodturners meet at the Shelby River Bends Park, Shadbush Nature Centre, Shelby Township, MI, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Park is located on Ryan Road between 21 and 22 Mile Roads opposite the Hamlin Road junction. All visitors are welcome.



# DAW Calendar of Events

The DAW meets the **third** Sunday of each month, unless adjusted for holidays, September through June. General Meetings are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Executive meetings are open to all club members:

February 7 - Executive meeting at Greg Smith's home

**February 10,11,12 - demo and hands on by Al Stirt cancelled. Rescheduled for April**

February 18 - General meeting. Mounting and turning green bowls with Mike Foydel.

Marty Mangold for his never ending supply of coffee, Wayne Warren for all that great wood he brings month after month, and Dave Wiltsie for the turning supplies he offers. Our club would not be as great as it is if it were not for these guys.

Thanks to Steve Kujawa for taking over my job last month in the photo department.

Carl Pardy has offered his abilities in picture taking and will now be the new club photographer. Steve Kujawa has offered to fill in, if Carl is unable to make a meeting. Have you ever thought how you could make a difference?

Next month we have a change in the club demo. Ruby Cler is unable to make the February meeting because of a new job commitment. She has asked if I might do the demo, I was scheduled to do in March at the February meeting and she take my place in March. So, for all you members, who enjoy bowl turning or would like to know a little more about it, you don't want to miss this one. The chips will be flying. See you then.

Keep Turning and Be Safe, Mike Foydel.

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## Wired Wood by Frank Marabate

It has been a month since the first Wired Wood article was published and I hope that you had a chance to check out Oneway Manufacturing's site. This month, thanks to member Soozy Smith's suggestion, I reviewed the Robert Sorby site.

This site, like the Oneway site is a marketing tool for the company. There are links that will take you to all the different products Sorby sells and one that lists all the dealers worldwide that sell these products. A few links which deserve closer inspection are: **the Instructions link, the Movie Clip link, and the Tips & Techniques link.**

Each of these links offers a lot of useful information on how to use a particular tool, sharpening techniques, and there are even some how-to's. Check it out at

[www.robert-sorby.co.uk](http://www.robert-sorby.co.uk)

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## Woodworking Breakfast

All woodworkers: turners, flat work, scroll saw, carvers etc., are welcome to join the breakfast group that meets for breakfast at the Avenue Restaurant, 31253 Woodward Ave., just north of 13 mile, on the West side of the street. Questions: call Greg Smith 248-649-3565

# DAW Officers - Here to Help!

*Please find below, a list of all the 2007 DAW Officers and Committee members. It is through their efforts that the club runs so smoothly. Should you have any concerns or wish to help out in one area or another, please feel free to contact any of these people. It is through the effort,s of these volunteers, that we continue to grow. We value your input.*

## ***Elected Officers***

President	<b>Mike Foydel</b>	(586)294-8777	mfoyd@comcast.net
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Treasurer	<b>John Fitzpatrick</b>	(248) 608-6972	john-elliefitz@sbcglobal.net

## ***Committee Members***

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Resale	<b>Dave Wiltse</b>	(248) 625-5347	
Mentor Program	<b>Chet Bisno</b>	(586) 254-7605	chet.bisno@gmail.com

## **Welcome to New Members**

The members of the DAW want to send a warm welcome out to its new members listed below:

Steven Bull	West Bloomfield	Chuck Kasler	Bruce Twp
Vicki Nicolo	Livonia	Norbert Rapp	Romeo
Victor Rios	Romeo	Marc Ruby	Warren
Leonard Schemm	Bloomfield Hills		

## How the DAW was founded ...

The following is how the DAW was founded and by whom....

We had been having our meetings in Ann Arbor. It was a bit of a drive for many "East Siders", such as Greg Smith, Dr. Bob Marceau, Al Pizor, Gary Hoover, and others, who were regular attendees. Al Pizor and I were anxious to start a new chapter on the East Side, so I phoned Mary ( before she married Al Lacer ), to request the paperwork and advice.

One day, as Al Pizor drove Gary Hoover, Bob Merceau and I to the Ann Arbor meeting, I showed them the 'Charter' papers as I had them with me. To complete them, we had to show the Officers names...Pres. Vice. Pres, Secry, and Treasurer. The problem was, who wanted those Titles? Al was talked into being the President, I took VP., Bob took the job of Secretary and Gary took the Treasure's spot. Al Pizor arranged for us to hold our first meetings at the Woodcraft Supply store on VanDyke near 16 Mile Rd.

The rest is history, according to Greg Smith's article, in last month's "SHAVINGS" edition. I'm so glad to see the Chapter grown as it has. Barney

## Al Stirt Demonstration

Al Stirt injured himself a week ago at a demo in Florida and we have had to reschedule his Demo and workshops. As a result, he will not be able to do our demo or workshops in February as scheduled.

We have rescheduled them as follows.

Demo Saturday, April 21st, 2007

Workshop 1 Sunday, April 22, 2007

Workshop 2 Monday, April 22, 2007

If you are not able to attend, we will refund your fees. If we do not hear from you we will assume you are able to attend the demo on the rescheduled date or the workshops on the day of the week originally scheduled.

Contact John Fitzpatrick at 248-608-6972 or email him at

[john-elliefitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john-elliefitz@sbcglobal.net)

## Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy getting the prizes. The monies, from the raffle, pay for things like operating expenses.

Please bring along any extra wood, tools or other items you feel you can afford to donate to our prize table.



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Saint Clair Shores, MI

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*Real success is finding your life work, in the work that you love.*

# 2007 DAW Treasury Report

Ended 2006 with...        \$4,332.88  
Started 2007 with...      \$4,514.70

Net Gain        \$ 181.82

## Credits

## Debits

Demo's                \$2,551.00  
Dues                    \$2,635.00  
Door Prize            \$1,106.00  
Fund Raisers        \$        -  
Scholarship Fund    \$        -  
Coffee Fund          \$ 106.28  
Bulk Sales - Wiltse   \$ 880.00  
Logo Sales - Earl    \$ 324.00  
Misc                    \$        -

Demo's                \$3,677.98  
Newsletter            \$1,189.52  
Pubilicity & Mtg. Mat'l.    \$ 369.59  
Mini Lathe            \$        -  
Equipment            \$ 584.11  
Library                \$ 519.75  
Bulk Sales - Wiltse    \$ 828.75  
Logo Sales - Earl     \$        -  
Misc                    \$ 614.40

Total    \$7,602.28

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**Net Gain    \$ 181.82**

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## THOUGHTS FROM A MENTEE

My name is **Mark Maddock**. I've been a member for about 5 months. I just finished the mentoring program. Ron Sztumerski is my mentor. Ron is not only a friendly person, but is also a very good teacher.

At our first meeting, Ron explained , in great detail , about the many safety issues that arise in turning. He also showed me how to sharpen the different tools we use. Then we moved onto the lathe , where Ron taught me the proper way to use these newly sharpened tools, by turning a spindle.

The second time I visited , we started out sharpening all the tools and again going over the safety issues. Then we moved right into bowl turning. We discussed the different ways to chuck up the bowl blank, and opted for the tenon on a scroll chuck. Ron then taught me techniques for bowl turning, including hollowing , scraping and how to put a foot on the bowl.

My third visit was all about turning a box. End grain proved to be a little more difficult , but sharp tools , determination and a good teacher got me through it. We finally sanded the finished product.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron for his instruction, and to thank the D.A.W. for the mentoring program. I am very grateful! I learned quite a lot and someday hope to repay it, by teaching someone else. I suggest that if any one is thinking about entering the mentoring program , dont think twice about it. Contact Chet Bisno and he will steer you in the right direction.

Mark



### **Know your finish, Read the Label**

#### **Shellac - The Woodworker's Pal**

The consistency of shellac is determined by “cut”. A 3 lb. cut would be 3 lbs. of shellac flakes per one gallon of high quality Denatured Alcohol solvent. If you have never worked with shellac before, it is recommended that you start with a light consistency, preferably about a 1 lb. cut (*1 lb. of flake to 1 Gal.; or [1/4 lb. in a Qt.] of Denatured Alcohol*).

Use a spit coat (1/2# cut) of dewaxed shellac as a barrier coat between other stains/finishes. This is especially useful when refinishing, and you're unsure what's on the wood, and you're unable to strip it all off. Shellac will stick to anything but wax.

**Wood conditioner** - a spit coat of shellac can be used to avoid uneven absorption of stains .

**Sealer** - shellac can be used to seal any wood.

**Top Coat** - There is no more beautiful finish for woodwork, than French polish.

Here are some good web sites

[www.homesteadfinishing.com](http://www.homesteadfinishing.com) and [www.shellac.net](http://www.shellac.net)

## **Presentations ...**

Greg Smith doing his demonstration at the January meeting.

Greg Smith and Bill Schrodt receiving their sculptures of appreciation for their service to the club.



# Member's Gallery



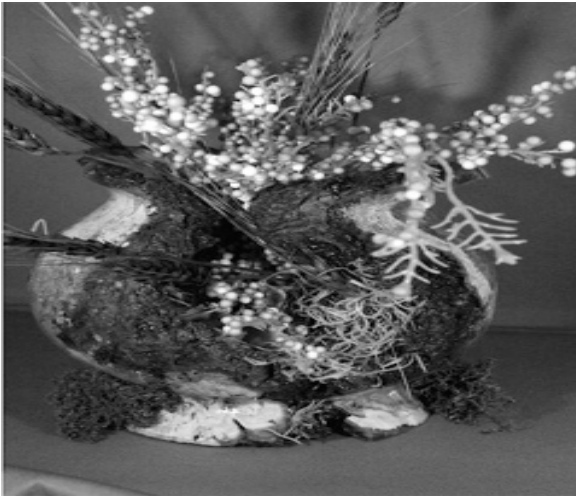
Gary Smith proudly displays his latest deep-hollowed creation.

Below is a close-up of the off-centre turning done by Mike Foydel. It was presented to Greg Smith at the January meeting, on behalf of the club, for his service to the club.



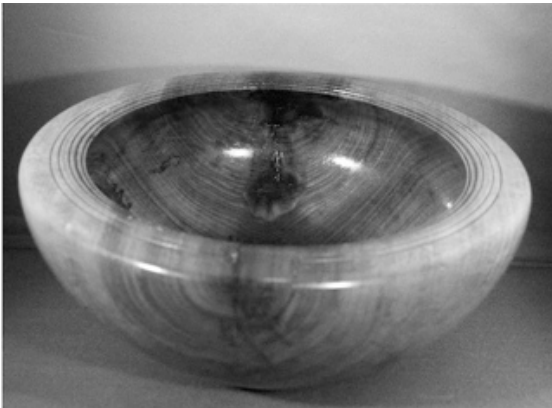
To the left is the off-centre turning done by Mike Foydel. It was presented to Bill Schrodts at the January meeting, on behalf of the club, for his service to the club.

## Member's Gallery continued ...



To the left is a natural edge vase turned and decorated by Ray Frase.

Below is a candle holder by Mark Maddock



To the left is a bowl by Steve Kujawa.

To the right is a bowl with walnut inserts by Ray Frase.



Below, on the left, is a pentagonal bowl filled with acorns by Mike Foydel.

Below, on the right is a dramatic hollow form turned by Ken Reidel.

