

Shavings

DETROIT AREA
WOODTURNERS



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<http://www.DetroitAreaWoodturners.org>

Editor Ruby Cler

President's Message

Well, it's been a busy winter and I for one can hardly wait for summer to get here. As I'm writing this article, I am listening to the weather. We are supposed to get 6-10 inches of snow over the next day or two. If that happens, I have lots of wood asking to be turned. Hope you do too.

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend a demo by Eli Avisera with Dave Wiltsie and two members of the Bluewater Woodturners. It was in London, Ontario and it was really a great learning experience. We learned a variety of new ways to approach turning and sharpening our tools. The trip back was a little scary, since the whole area was in the middle of an ice storm. However, we all survived and are now trying out some of the new things that we learned. Be sure to check out the Show and Tell table at the next meeting to see what we've learned. I can't encourage you enough to take classes and expand your knowledge base.

The next demo I'm looking forward to will be by one of our Internationally famous members, Ruby Cler. At the March meeting, she will be demonstrating hand chasing threads and if time permits maybe some colouring.

Soon it will be April and Al Stirt will be coming to dazzle us with his turning abilities. We are also having Al do some hands-on sessions. If you are interested in participating in there, contact John Fitzpatrick.

By keeping an eye on what is happening in other clubs, you can partake of demonstrations that they have arranged. I just mailed out my check to the Traverse City club for a demo by Jimmy Clewes in May. ***** SO MUCH TO LEARN *****. If you are interested in this demo, let me know.

At last month's meeting, I asked for a volunteer to be the greeter at the door, before our meetings. I haven't heard from anyone yet, so the job is still open. Please give me a call if you would like to help out.

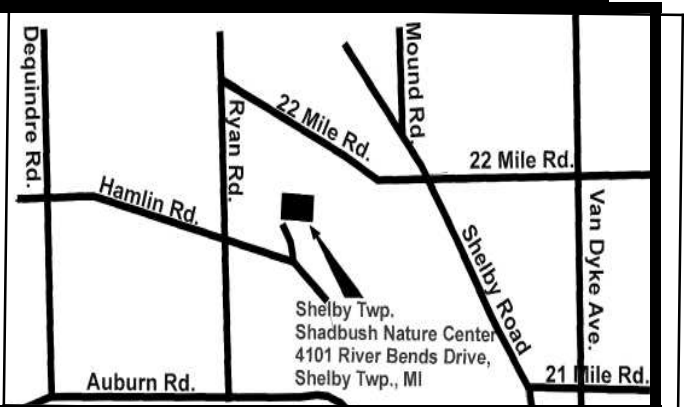
If you have any questions or ideas that you would like addressed, just drop me a line and I will try to respond in a timely manner. Let's work together to make this club a great place for all Woodturners in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

Mike Foydel



Join the AAW Today!!

Next Meeting will be March 18th, 2007. Highlights will be hand chasing threads. 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.



Florida Woodturning Symposium

Due to a layoff, I had time to visit relatives and go to the Florida Woodturning Symposium. The symposium has been an annual January event, held about a 45 minute drive northwest of Orlando, at a Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center. It is a nice facility, which reminded me of a camp, but the food was crappy. Everything else was a good time. It gets started at lunchtime Friday goes into the evenings and finishes on Sunday with lunch.

The demonstrators were **Paul Pouliot, Larry Friedrich, Tony Cortese, Ron Browning, Al Stirt, Andi Wolfe, Binh Pho, and Stuart Batty**. There were 8 rotations throughout the weekend, 4 at a time and several hands-on workshops Friday.

Friday evening was a "Florida turn-a-round" competition, where a three-person team had 15 minutes each to turn a lidded box, to look as identical as possible to the others on their team. The project is unknown beforehand and each team has 5 minutes to plan before the chips start flying.

During the competition, in the same room, an Instant gallery critique was being done by Lyle Jamison and another turner, whose name I am sorry I didn't get. It was very insightful to see how others look at the many people's works and point out interesting details, likes and dislikes.

Saturday evening had raffles and auction items.

There was a good mix of tools for sale. Also, a lot of Australian woods were available and a good price on some domestic wood.

Of the demonstrators I went to, I was most impressed by Andi Wolfe and Binh Pho. It seemed a little ironic as they both paint their turnings and I typically don't like painted wood. They both mostly use clear paints, so they can blend color by layers of different color or shades and some grain shows through. Their styles are quite different

Andi typically does bowls with tree leaves or carves out the leaves as if swirling in the wind. Andi Wolfe is a botanist from Ohio State University and got a ribbing about a recent college game. (Loss to Florida Gators in one of their bowl games). She taught us about the cells/fibers in a tree and their function in a growing and aging tree, which gave insight on colour of wood and why and how wood grain itself varies.

Binh Pho typically does a very thin wall tall half torpedo like vase shape with his distinct airbrush painting and piercing. Much time is put into taping off sections and then applies various paints and colors. Most of his pieces represent events in his life as a Vietnamese. He missed being on the last helicopter when the U.S. left Vietnam. He told us tales of how he finally escaped, after four attempts, from the communist prison (re-education camp), and other stories of his life.

For next year's symposium, start checking their web site in June, as the hands-on sessions fill up quick.

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"We turn not older with the years, but newer every day" - Emily Dickenson

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.

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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:

March 7th - Executive meeting at Bob Daily's house 7:00 p.m.

March 18th - Club meeting at the Nature Center 2:00 p.m.

April 4th - Executive meeting at Mike Foydel's house 7:00 p.m.

April 15th - Club meeting at the Nature Center 2:00 p.m.

April 21st - Demonstration by Al Stirt at Troy Elks on Big Beaver 9:00 - 5:00

Member's Gallery

Natural Edge Bowl by **Ray Frase**



Segmented piece by **Bill Youngblood**



A Special Welcome to Our New Members

A special welcome goes out to the following people, who have recently joined our club:

Paul Le Page, Warren

Cecil Rice, Washington Twp

For Sale

Jet 12" (JWL1236) lathe and all accessories, plus 2 extra tool rests and mobile base. All in A-1 condition. \$350.00.

Contact Bob Daily 248.373.1748.

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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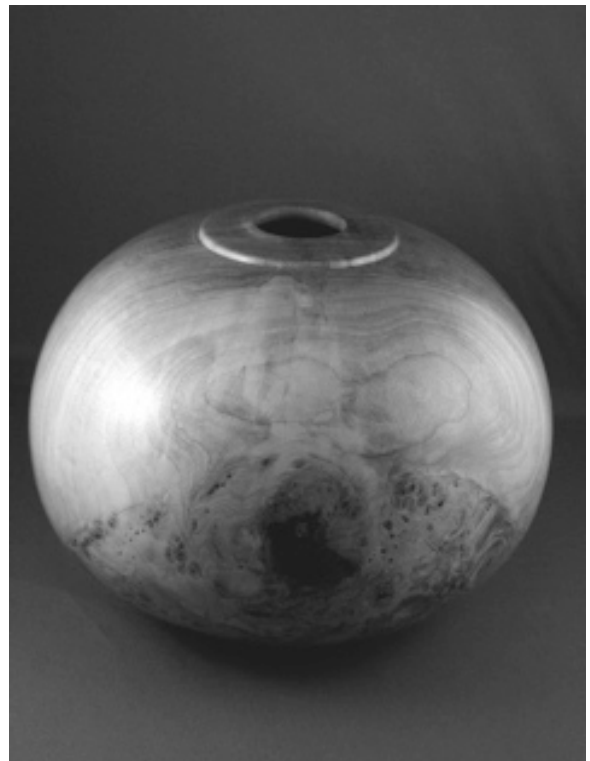


If your ship hasn't come in, swim out to meet it.

Member's Gallery continued ...



Vase with burned Celtic
decoration by **Matt Harber**



Hollow form by **Mike Foydel**

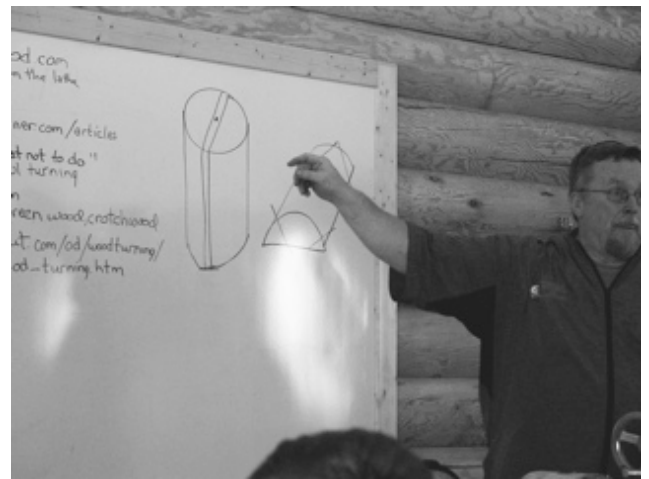


Walnut clock by **Mike Foydel**



Mike Foydel demonstrating how to turn a green bowl at the February meeting.

To the right, **Mike Foydel** is explaining the do's and don't of turning a green bowl.



Walnut clock with a burned image of a squirrel by **Ray Frase**