



President's Message

The November meeting was well attended. I tried to count heads and I think we had 60

members in attendance. The **door prizes** sure were plentiful. Thanks again to all the members who bring things in for the raffle.

Gary Smith's Hollowing demonstration was really enjoyable. I hope Gary doesn't mind when I copy his boring bar design. It is definitely the best I have seen out there. I have made 6 different bars and his design is by far the best.

At the December meeting

we will have a **gift exchange**. If you want to participate, just bring a turning or a turning tool that is gift wrapped. We will number all the gifts, anyone who brought in a gift will be allowed to draw a number and then match it to a gift. It should be a lot of fun, so let's see how many members we can get to participate.

The December demo will be on Chucks and how to use different ones.

Think about bringing something in for the **show and tell**. We all like to

see what's new and what others are working on. I get many ideas from other turners and I hope that I have helped to inspire someone to try something new. Even if just one person likes it, or if any of you get just one good idea from a meeting, it makes everything seem more enjoyable.

Mike Foydel

Maker of fine sawdust

Wood Working Show Rock Financial Showplace

Our Club will be operating a booth at the show this year, many members have signed up so we expect a great turnout, If you are not working, be sure and stop by the booth. Coupons for \$2.00 off the entry fee will be available at the Meeting on Dec 9th. Check out the printed schedule for the club demos on spin tops and small boxes.

Where

Rock Financial Showplace
Hall A, 46100 Grand River
Avenue, Novi, MI 48375
248-348-5600 Parking:
\$5.00

When

Friday, December 14 / Noon - 7pm, Saturday, December 15 / 10am - 6pm, Sunday, December 16 / 10am - 4pm



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We're on the web!
Detroitareawoodturners.org

Spalted Wood Make it Yourself

Is there anything that is much better than a well done turning made from a beautiful piece of spalted wood? Who would have thought that fungi could create such beauty and be so expensive at the same time? Well if you have a little time and are willing to do some experimenting, magic can happen and you too can have beautifully spalted wood, without the expense of having to purchase it. Then, you too, can make those one of a kind pieces like the pros.

On the USDA Forest Service website you can find an article called *Producing Spalted Wood*. This article discusses what is needed for white-rot fungi to grow. This fungus is what creates the spalt that is found in some woods and is prized by most of us that turn wood. It talks about the temperature requirements, the need for moisture, and the food that the fungi eats, i.e. wood. It also mentions three methods that others have used to create their own spalted wood and explains the different

types of fungi that can be found in wood.

Check this article out at www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/techline/producing-spalted-wood.pdf



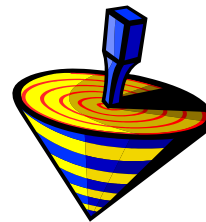
Gabe Sauls— Spalted Maple

<http://www.woodcentral.com/shots/shot263.shtml>

Tops for Tots

Don't forget to turn some tops. We are still collecting them to donate to Children's Hospital.

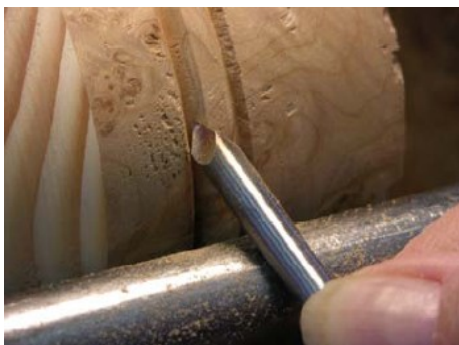
Please be aware that the base must be at least 1 3/4 to 2 inches in diameter to eliminate the possibility of a small child swallowing one. A simple gauge that you can use to measure is the cardboard tube from a toilet paper roll.



As a reminder, the heavier the base is, the longer the tops will spin. They can be decorated with colored marking pens or paint, but to facilitate cleaning they must have a coat of sealer applied.

Three-Point Tool A New way to Turn a Bead

Have you ever seen a chisel that was ground on three sides forming a point at the end? Well if you haven't (or even if you have, but have not tried using one) you may be interested in an article by



Frank Penta called *Using a Three-Point Tool to Make Beads* or an article by Darrell Feltmate called *Make a Three-Point Tool, it is easier to use than a skew and does a lot of the same things*.

Frank Penta's article discusses how to use the three-point tool to make beads. He

mentions that a quarter-inch tool is a good choice for general use and that a three-eighth-inch tool will make larger beads easier. The article then explains the steps to mark out a bead and what the correct actions to make to create it.

Darrell's article discusses how to make a three-point tool. He states that it cost him less than three dollars for the materials which consist of a piece of Ash for the tool handle and a piece of 3/8 " x 5" round High Speed Steel. He explains how to make the handle, install the steel, and then grind it to the correct angle.



So, check out these two articles, you might find a new favorite tool, and at the very least, have a little fun. Darrell's article can be found at <http://www.aroundthewoods.com/three.shtml> and Frank's can be found at http://www.cnew.org/tips/techniques/using_a_3_point_tool.pdf



Another Christmas Gift Idea

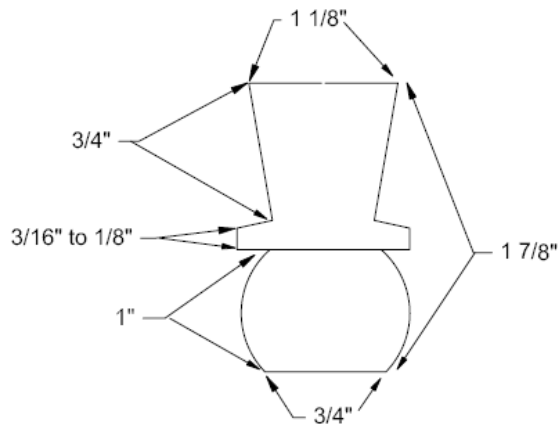
At one time, Craft Supplies USA, also known as The Woodturners Catalog, allowed users to download turning projects monthly if you were on their email list. Although I still get emails from them with sales ads, they seem to have stopped offering these wonderful free downloads. Mike Foydel reminded me of this one and suggested that we put something in the newsletter about it.



The *Turning a Snowman Bottle Stopper* by Tom Hintz can be found at <http://www.newwoodworker.com/turning/trnsnomnstr.html> and is a great project for the holidays. As Tom points out in his article the stoppers are fast and fun to make and they are great gifts. Another advantage is the small size of the blank needed to make these little treasures.

Being only 2 1/2" long by 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" diameter you can make these from wood out of the scrap bin.

So check out the article and remember to bring in some of your creations for the rest of us to see.



What Tree Did You Fall From??

Find your birthday and then find your tree. This is really cool and somewhat accurate. Each month I will try to put in that month's trees.

Dec. 2 to Dec. 11—**Hornbeam Tree (Good Taste)** of cool beauty, cares for its looks and condition, good taste, is not egoistic, makes life as comfortable as possible, leads a reasonable and disciplined life, looks for kindness and acknowledgment in an emotional partner, dreams of unusual lovers, is seldom happy with its feelings, mistrusts most people, in never sure of its decisions, very conscientious.

Dec. 12 to Dec. 21—**Fig Tree (Sensibility)** very strong, a bit self-willed, independent, does not allow contradiction or arguments, loves life, its family, children and animals, a bit of



social butterfly, good sense of humor, likes idleness and laziness, of practical talent and intelligence.

Dec. 22—**Beech Tree (Creative)** has good taste, concerned about its looks, materialistic, good organization of life and career, economical, good leader, takes no unnecessary risks, reasonable, splendid lifetime companion, keen on keeping fit (diets, sports, etc.)

Dec. 23 to Dec. 31—**Apple Tree (Love)** of slight build, lots of charm, appeal, and attraction, pleasant aura, flirtatious, adventurous, sensitive, always in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, scientific talents, lives for today, a carefree philosopher with imagination.

Library Notes from Glenn Lieving

Please remember that all the books, tapes, DVD's, and magazines are for all the members benefits. If you are going to borrow something please fill out the card that is with every item and give it to Glenn before leaving with it.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will keep your status in the club in good standing.

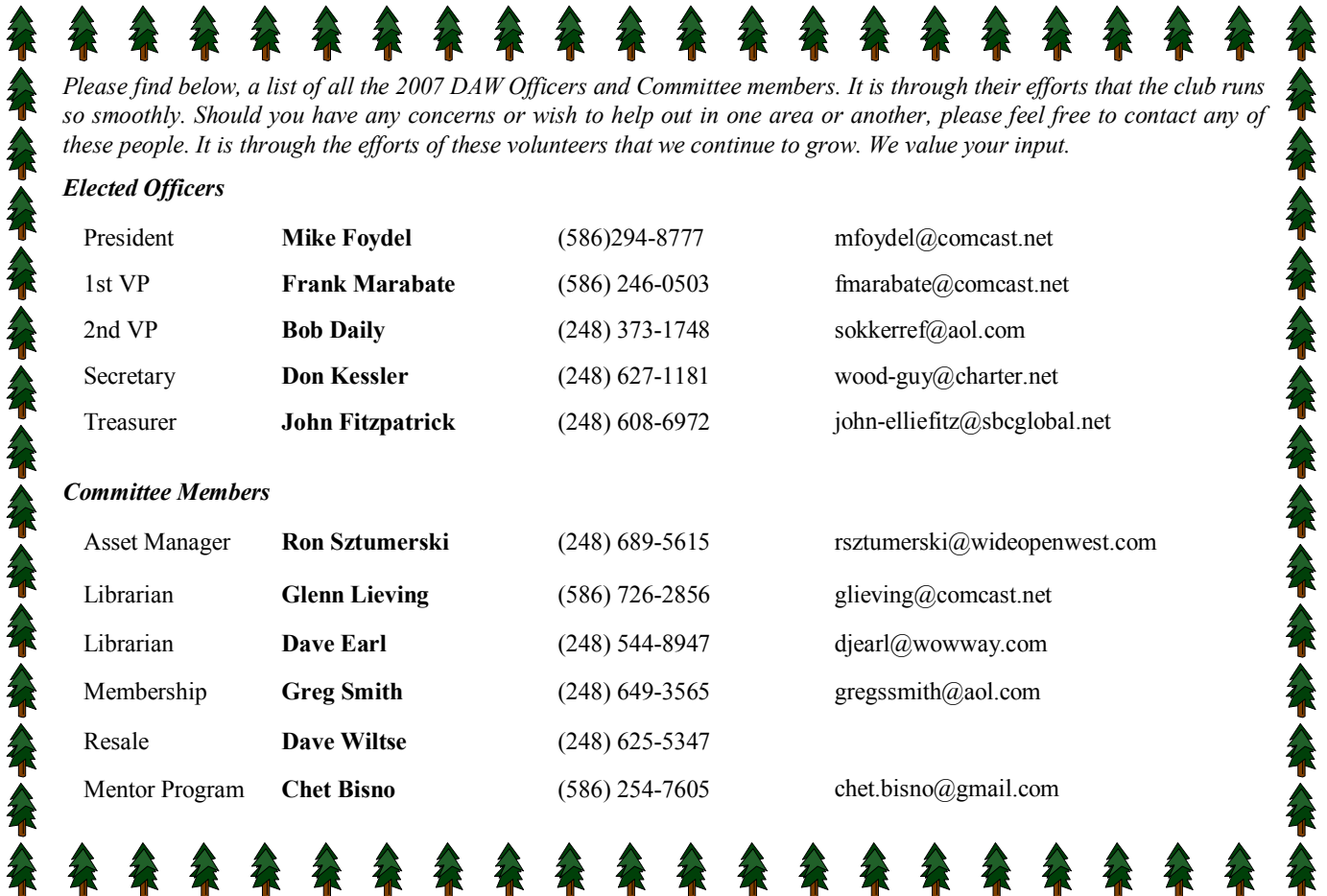


Schedule of Events

- Dec. 9—General meeting at Shad-bush. Demonstration of various techniques for chucking materials by Mike and Chet
- December 14-16—Wood Show at Novi
- January 9—Executive meeting at Frank Marabate's
- January 20—General meeting at Shadbrush. Demonstration on sharpening and design
- February 6—Executive meeting at Ron Sztumerski's
- February 17—General meeting at Shadbrush. Demonstration on small boxes

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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 efforts of these volunteers that we continue to grow. We value your input.

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November Demo

The November demo was boring...what I mean was that it was on the use of a boring bar and it was anything but **BORING**. Gary Smith brought in his own design for a boring bar and it had some interesting improvements over



some the name brand ones that can be purchased for hundreds of dollars.

The ability to install a bit in both ends is a great idea by Gary that can really save time. Another brilliant idea Gary has is the extended length of the clamp that holds the bar from twisting. This extended length not only allows the turner

to bring the cutter all the way to the inside lip of a hollow form, but underneath it as well.

Thanks, Gary, for sharing your design with the club and for the great demo.



Don't forget that Rockler offers our members a 10% discount on everything, except power tools. Check them out at:

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware
29918 Woodward Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 543-5110
www.rockler.com

Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy the prizes, whether they be wood, tools, or other miscellaneous items. 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.



Hartville Tool is giving our members 20% off orders from their catalog. This is for a limit time, so take advantage of this great offer soon!

Photo Gallery



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The next Meeting will be

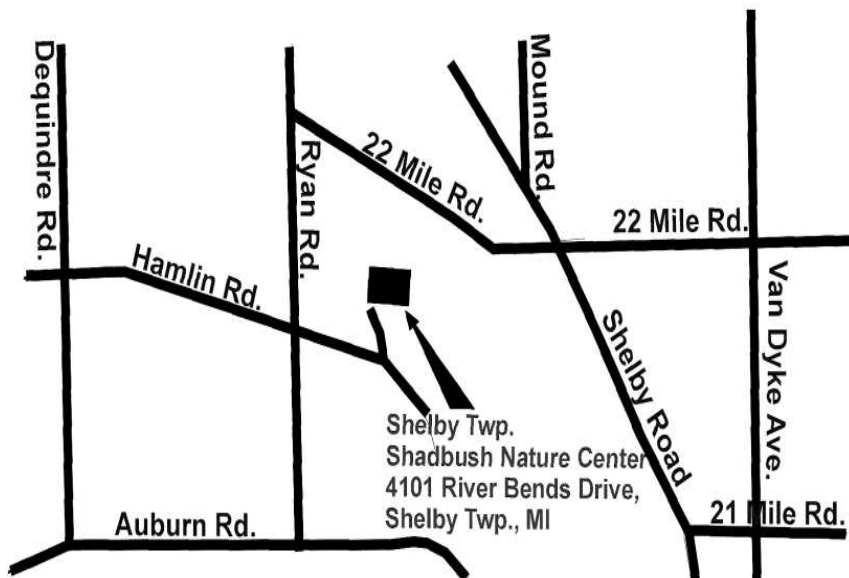
December 9th, 2007

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.

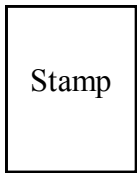
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