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As The Burl Turns

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June Meeting Instant Gallery

It was great to see so much participation by our members, both the new comers and the old timers displayed and bragged about over 65 pieces displayed for all to enjoy.

I'm sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting and see first hand all of the pieces because pictures don't often do the work justice, you have to touch it and feel the finish both inside and out to appreciate the work that goes into making it.

Having said that, I've chosen a few examples for this newsletter to share with other members like myself that were unable to attend the meeting.

Once again **Carl Shortt** showed off his creative talents with a Mahogany & Copper Fish measuring 8"x 12". Don't you just wish that his talents would rub off on you when you shake his hand? I do!



Dewayne Colwell just joined our club and says he has been turning for a little over a year and already he is trying to make the rest of us look like amateurs by making beautiful segmented pieces.

I wonder if his background in auto mechanics and being a semi retired previous owner of a Hand Carved Wooden Doors business has anything to do with his talents... I doubt it but take a look at a couple of beauties he made.



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June Meeting Instant Gallery

When I first saw this piece made by *Virgil Young*, I thought to myself...I wonder how many beers Virgil had before he started turning it. To say the least it is most unusual, made out of Maple 8.25" in diameter and 1.75" high.



Another one of Virgil's creations is this square box with a lid made out of Mahogany & Cherry it is 6.25" x 4.5".

It almost looks like a cookie cutter on a stand, doesn't it? So what do I know... Maybe I had one too many beers!



Jack Hill's Christmas Ornaments may have inspired *Adam Unsell* when he made this beautiful Lignum Vitae & Ebony 6" diameter box.

Don't you just hate it when they make stuff better than you do and you don't even know what the heck is Lignum Vitae!



I wish that I had both the time and space to include all of the beautiful pieces from the Instant Gallery.

Many thanks to all of you for sharing with us your passion for the beauty of wood. Keep up the good work.

Dreamer Concepts Studio & Foundation seeking local Artists

I just happened to stumble upon a store in the Arts district of Norman and met *Amber Clour* the Executive Director of the Foundation. Amber expressed an interest in having some of our members display their work at various Art Fairs and Functions in the Oklahoma Metro Area. We invited Amber to attend our next meeting to tell us all the details about the Foundation and what they are looking for. Should you not be able to attend the meeting and are interested, you can reach Amber at the following address:

Dreamer Concepts Studio & Foundation
324 East Main Street, Norman OK 73069
Phone (405) 701-0048 or Cell Phone (405) 623-1369

Upcoming Events

July 17th Club Meeting

Demonstration of "Native American Flute Making" by Bob Weaver

August 21st Club Meeting

Demonstration on "Turning Baby Rattles" by Bob Jarrett

September 7th to 9th Maters at Work Woodturning Competition

Forest Heritage Center
Beaver Bend State Park
Broken Bow, OK

September 14th to 16th Georgia Association of Woodturners Symposium

Contact Harvey Meyer, Symposium Chairman
symposium@gawoodturner.org
(770) 671-1080

September 18th Club Meeting

Instant Gallery and Bring Back

September 22nd and 23rd Oklahoma State Fair

Woodturning Demonstration.

Presidents Message

New Members

A warm welcome goes to our newest members, Dewayne Colwell from Blanchard and Ted Beer from Oklahoma City... it's nice to have you aboard.

Cancellations

The Midsummer's Nights Fair in Norman had to be cancelled because of the weather, it was just too dangerous to take a chance on operating the lathes outdoors on a wet surface. I did call them and agreed to participate next year.

Open shop at Mike Blackard's was cancelled due to Mike's health problems. He was hospitalized and is now at home recuperating slowly but surely. We hope to reschedule sometime the end of the year or early next year, I will keep you posted on Mike's progress.

COWA By Laws Accepted

After a motion and a second, the members voted unanimously to accept the new By Laws as submitted.

Board Members at large selected

Members at the meeting indicated that the Board should contact and appoint two interested members to become Board Members at Large as stated in the new By Laws. Wayne Furr and Dale Jones both agreed to serve as Members at Large on the Board of Directors. The Board got four votes in favor and one abstained.

Future plans

We still have plans to establish a Bill Poterfield Scholarship Fund. So far we have received four checks. All contributions are welcome if you are interested.

A level II Class to turn a bowl will be held at my shop in the near future.

Joe

