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Grant Presented to Mustang Mid-High School

We applied for a grant from The American Association of Woodturners and we were awarded \$1,250 for the Mustang Mid-High School woodturning program.

On April 9th Jim Clow and Joe Millsap were delighted to present the good news to Mr. Jeff Johnson, the President of the Mustang School Board. The Oklahoma Woodcraft store will also participate by offering a discount to the school on items purchased.



Jim & Joe Present Grant to Jeff Johnson

Mustang Mid-High School Demonstration

Joe Millsap and Jim Clow met with Mustang Mid-High School woodshop instructor Mr. Tom Dudak to create a wish list of how best to spend the \$1,250 grant money.

On April 13th we put on a demonstration at the school for the 9th graders in the woodshop. The youngsters were fascinated by the skills demonstrated...



Tom Dudak & Students watch in awe as Joe turns an itty-bitty lidded box.



What amazed both the kids and the instructor most were the miniature lidded box turned by Joe Millsap and the Christmas Tree Ornament turned by Jack Hill. Needless to say, the tops were a hit with the kids also.

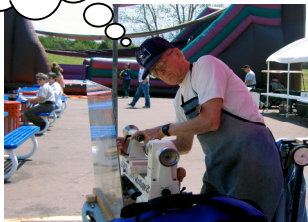
Kids Tops A Hit At Choctaw Land Run Festival

We were a hit with both the kids and the adults at the three day event of the *Choctaw Land Run Festival* in Shawnee April 19th through the 21st. There is nothing more fun to watch than those little noses pressed up against the safety shields, with eyes wide open to see the transformation from “block” to “top” with colors of their choice too! If you have never participated in turning “tops for tots” you are missing a lot of “warm fuzzies”. The turning effort reminded me of a production line with some turning and others helping the kids select the right top from a box of tops already turned. It was hard to keep up at times because the demand certainly exceeded the supply...we turned over 800 tops!

“Little girls seem to prefer Pink and Purple colors on their tops.”



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Stuck again



Joe pretending to be busy for the camera before the crowds came!

Annual Picnic and 20th Year Celebration

We could not of asked for a more beautiful day to have a picnic. The weather was great and our hosts Dorothy and Beau were most gracious to provide us with such serene surroundings for a get together. There was also plenty of good food thanks to all the ladies. Those of you that couldn't make it, you missed some good conversation and food not to mention the entertainment by Larry Slief on his quest to teach everyone how to spin his tops. As expected, the guys gathered around Beau's shop and talked shop while the ladies formed circles and talked about Lord knows what!

Heck I'm not gonna worry about calories... I'll have some of everything



I wonder if he really knows why I'm pointing my finger!



Take off your fanny pack and I'll show you



Larry is about to give Barbara a top-spinning lesson... at least that's what he said!

That's all I'm gonna take off

Now that our bellies are full do you think Beau will let us do some turning?



Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 19th Open Shop

At Joe Millsap's Home
4709 Woodlawn Park Terrace
Spencer, OK
(405) 771-3865

May 15th Club Meeting

Demonstration on "Wood Drying Techniques"
by Ron Engle-Wilson and Hayes Copeland from
the Broken Bow Woodturners Club.

June 19th Club Meeting

Instant Gallery and Bring Back

It's time to "strut yer stuff" and show off...No there will not be any prizes awarded but we do promise a lot of ooh's and awww's with a few attaboys or attagirls (is there such a word?). And in spite of inflation, tickets are still a \$1 each or 6 for \$5 plus you get a free ticket just for showing up! And yes, you have to stay for the boring part of the meeting in order to get your free ticket!

June 29th – July 1st AAW Symposium

Portland Convention Center
Portland, Oregon

July 13th and 14th Midsummer Nights Fair

Lion's Park in Norman, OK from 6pm to
11pm

July 17th Club Meeting

Demonstration of Native American Flute
Making by Bob Weaver

July 21st Open Shop

At Mike Blackard's Home
We will carpool from OKC leaving between
6am and 7am. Mike is doing some piercing
and this will be considered as one
topic...Sorry but it's not that kind of
piercing and Mike does not do tattoo's either
for those of you who are so inclined!

Presidents Message

Well we did it again. I thought that we turned a lot of tops for the South Oklahoma City library, about 500.

Last week we turned tops for the Choctaw frontier days and we turned a whole lot of tops... about 800 were given to the young people who attended.

We also sold over \$50 worth of tops

to the adults. There were seven lathes whirling away all day long and we could not keep up.

Saturday we had the largest picnic that I have ever attended at Beau's house and all had a good time.

Well what about the very nice place we have to hold our meetings.
Let's keep going...Thanks

Joe

