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OVWG NATIVE SON RETURNS HOME

OVWG's native son, Mark Gardner returned to demonstrate his award winning talents at the May meeting. Mark started making furniture at the age of 16 in his father's basement shop. He was first drawn to the simple beauty of the Shaker style. His creative process is driven by this influence and his desire to produce furnishings that are both simple in form and quiet in nature, yet functional and beautiful to behold. Mark showed the 90 members his simple style and beautiful form in a hollow turned pot. Mark now resides and has his studio is in the mountains of North Carolina. Mark has won many awards and been selected to show his work in prestigious exhibitions. Some of the exhibitions and awards he has won include, Bronze Award, Smithsonian Craft Show, Washington, DC, 2004; "Small Treasures," del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 2004; "Celebrating Contemporary Craft," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR, 2004; Award for Excellence in Wood, Washington Craft Show, Washington, DC, 2003; "Wood Currents," Andora Gallery, Carefree, AZ, 2003. Mark brought some of his pieces for "Show and Tell", but was somewhat "upstaged" by his mother who was also on hand to show and tell about her son. I'm sure we will see a lot of Mark Gardner inspired work at future OVWG "Show and Tell" meetings.

CLUB CALENDAR

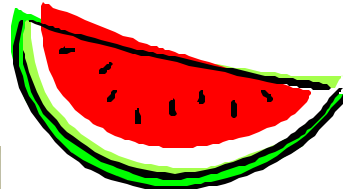
JUNE

17th
Club Meeting
Jimmy Clewes Demo
Northminster Church
Compton Road



Pyro pot by Bruce Gibson

18th
Hands-on Jimmy Clewes
Woodcraft Classroom,
Fairfield



JULY

15th
Zeller Picnic & Club
Turning Contest
Symmes Township Park,
Loveland OH

19th
Executive Committee
meeting



Hollow Form by Alex Griffith

21st
Executive Committee
meeting



22nd–24th AAW
Symposium Louisville,
KY



Juggling Balls by Arnold Ward



NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It looks like summer has finally arrived. I remember a Burma Shave series of signs that read, "Spring has sprung, Fall has fell, Summer has come, and it's hotter than usual." Our June meeting will be with Jimmy Clewes. Jimmy wowed us at Turning 2005, so we jumped at the chance to have him for a regular meeting. As you know, we had to move the Zeller picnic into July. We will continue with the pay at the door method. It makes having the meeting easier on everyone. The meeting will start at the regular time 9:00 AM. Come early and help set up and chat with other members. The June meeting will be at the church. It was originally reported that the meeting would be in Loveland at the park. We will have elections at the June meeting. We have John Albachten running for 1st Vice- President and John Cahall running for Secretary. I haven't heard of any other nominations so it looks like they will be elected in a landslide. We will be needing more of you to stand up for election next year. My position as president will be up for election

as will John Lannom's position as 2nd Vice-President. I don't know if the Treasurer's position will be open. Jon Hornbach may choose to stay. I hope he does. We need new people to keep your club running smoothly and they bring with them new ideas and energy. Don't forget the AAW Symposium in Louisville, June 22-24. There are quite a few prizes to be awarded to paid attendees, go to www.woodturner.org and check out what is being given away. There are many free activities at the symposium. The Instant Gallery and the Trade Show are open to the public. The Trade Show is a candy store for those of you who like to buy tools. The Instant Gallery is a showcase of some of the best wood turnings in world. It is a great place for ideas and shapes. There are museums nearby featuring wood turnings. Hope to see you in Louisville. The picnic and contest will be held this year in July at the park in Loveland. We will be grilling round food, hot dogs, metts, and brats. No steaks this year. Everyone should bring a covered dish. Some bring desserts, others bring salads or vegetable dishes. I don't know how it works out, but somehow it does. I was going to bring Jell-O, but I lost the recipe. The contest this year is to make a lamp. Any kind of lamp. Finally, it was voted at our last board meeting that starting in September all members with an e-mail address will receive their newsletter over the internet and those who don't have internet access will receive a printed copy. Most of our members have internet access and this will reduce our mailing costs. Keep turning round. David

In Memory of Earl Choromokos (May 4, 2006)

Earl Choromokos, past Vice-President and President of the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006. He was 67 years old. Earl had been involved in the leadership of the OVWG since 1994 in some capacity. He was instrumental in starting the original and successive symposiums put on by the Guild. Membership grew quite rapidly due in part to many demonstrations at shopping centers and tool stores. Earl invited many beginning and experienced turners to his shop every Wednesday for many years. We all enjoyed the camaraderie and sharing that is so typical of woodturners. Everyone enjoyed his wit and intelligence. Earl worked for the University of Cincinnati Medical Center after being recruited out of Chicago's Northwestern University. His specialty was photographing the eye. From what we understand many diseases can be diagnosed using this method and he was just one of two people with this specialty in the United States. He also trained doctors from across the US in his specialty. Earl is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter, Nikki, two grandchildren, Sean and Alexis, and three brothers, Louie, James, and Sandy. His family, friends, and woodturning friends will miss him a great deal. Memorials may be made to the Shiner's Hospital for Children, 3229 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, 45229.



The Silver Fox says:

If you stumble twice over the same stone, you deserve to fall.

What makes you tick sometimes needs rewinding.



Scholarship Committee Anxious to Give Away \$'s!



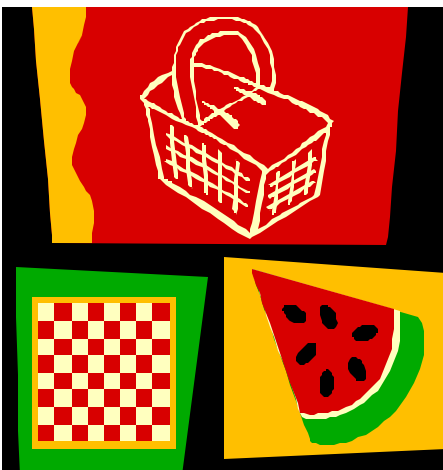
The newly formed OVWG Scholarship Committee is trying to get a jump on giving away money to a worthy applicant. The Zeller Memorial Scholarship is set up to provide up to \$500 for a wood turning experience for a Ohio Valley Woodturner that fills out the application found on the club web site (or also available from Pete Kekel.) The qualifications are minimal and the reward should be great for both the recipient and the club. The scholarship will probably have an application deadline early in the year once the committee gets settled in, but for the very first one we didn't want to wait that long. Fill

out the application included in this newsletter and turn it in before June 30, 2006 to be qualified to receive your scholarship this year. Good luck.

AAW Member Survey

The AAW is taking a survey to help the board know what the members want. We need your input on a range of topics to help us set goals and implement programs. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=840992174112> and fill in the survey. It only takes a couple of minutes. It is your organization, so let us know what you think. If you have any questions please contact John Hill – AAW Chapters and membership committee 828-645-6633 johnrhill@charter.net

JULY PICNIC & CONTEST



The annual OVWG Zeller picnic will be held July 15 this year due to the fact the club had the chance to have Jimmy Clewes demonstrate at a June meeting. The picnic, originally hosted by Dick and Donna Zeller at their house, will continue with the name but be held at Symmes Township Park in Loveland, Ohio. The club will provide hot dogs, brats, metts, and drinks. All the membership attending should bring a covered dish to share that will compliment the main course. There will be plenty of time to get to know more of your fellow members. There will also be a contest held at the picnic this year and the board decided that to keep it simple and interesting the contest would be to make a

lamp on the lathe. The rules for this contest are very simple. The first rule is, there are no rules. Make a lamp, any lamp that is electric, oil, holds a candle or any other you may dream up. There are no rules as to the type or shape of lamp you can make on your lathe. The second rule is do not ask about the rules, see rule number one. So it is that simple, make a lamp, any lamp, be creative and bring a side dish to share that goes with hot dogs and have a good time. See you at the picnic.

Jimmy Clewes at OVWG



Jimmy Clewes returns to the OVWG for a demonstration at the **North Minster Presbyterian Church**. His demonstration was originally scheduled for the Symmes Township Park in Loveland. Jimmy was one of the featured turners at OVWG Symposium 2005. Jimmy is on the Register of Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and has over 20 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. His college education in design and engineering plus his previous experience as a tree surgeon and his limitless imagination was a perfect fit for Jimmy to pursue his creative abilities as a woodturner. There is a big demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator that takes him all across the United Kingdom, Europe and of course, now the United States and Canada. Jimmy's charming style, unending British wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit. The regular meeting will begin at 9 AM and is still only \$10 at the door., which includes lunch. Don't miss the chance to see the world renowned turner.



Dear Fellow Woodturners,

We are proud to announce that the **Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW)**, dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting **Turning Southern Style XII Woodturning Symposium**. This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia on **September 8-10, 2006**. As popular as this event has become, you'll want to register early. Registration is limited to 200. You can download the brochure containing the registration form at <http://www.gawoodturner.org/Symposium/TSSXII2006.pdf>.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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