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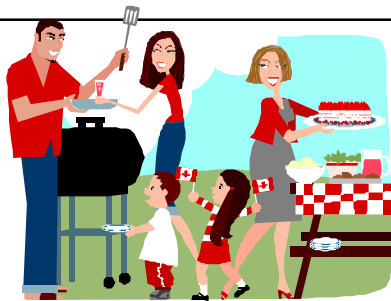
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CLEWES READY FOR TAKE OFF

Everyone sat up, paid attention. Usually, everyone is trying to move closer to get a better look at the demonstrator, but this time a few even moved their seats further away from the lathe as Jimmy Clewes started to work on one of his oriental boxes. A large chunk of walnut spinning at nearly 2500 RPM sounds more like an oriental airline ready for take off. Having left his measuring calipers, Jimmy used a piece of sand paper with a pencil mark for the diameter of the box lid and it first perfectly the first time opening with a "pop". Jimmy was rewarded with spontaneous applause from the almost 100 members and guests in attendance. Throughout his entire demo, the everyone present was shown many turning techniques and tips while constantly being entertained with great British humor. He'll be back across the pond again for sure real soon. But until then, look for Jimmy's new three instructional DVD set available for sale now.

ZELLAR PICNIC



The annual OVWG Zeller picnic will be held July 15 at 10 AM. The picnic will be held at "small shelter" at Symmes Township Park in Loveland, Ohio. The club will provide hot dogs, brats, metts, and drinks. All the membership attending should bring utensils, cups and a covered dish to share that will compliment the main course. This year will mark the first ever contest for the "Best Dish". There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as judged by everyone attending. There will also be plenty of time to get to know more of your fellow members. The contest held at the picnic this year will be to make a lamp. The board decided that to keep it simple and interesting and 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 your best side dish to share and be judged as the "Best Dish".

LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER

This July edition of the OVWG Newsletter will be the last to be printed and mailed to the membership. The Board of Directors decided in an effort to save money on printing and postage, that starting with the September issue, it will only be available on-line. You will be able to read on-line or download to print your own copy. The newsletter should be available at www.OVWG.org by the fifth of each month.

AAW LOUISVILLE SYMPOSIUM



If you didn't get a chance to go to Louisville, you missed a great symposium. Although the AAW and hotel were somewhat overwhelmed by the attendance, the symposium was a great success. The demonstrations were first rate and the trade show floor was a woodturners' Christmas morning dream. Every aspect of turning from form to surface decoration was covered by the top turners in the field and the trade show offered nearly every type of wood that grows in the world.

The Instant Gallery was loaded with some of the most prestigious turnings you will ever find. From the professional studio turner, to the week-end garage warrior, every aspect of wood turned art was displayed. The picture above was one of my favorite. It was made by Elvie Jackson, who was a submariner at one time. I do not know what the piece is called, but I'm sure there is a statement behind this piece and his time spent under the sea. It is probably three feet long and nearly two feet in diameter. It was quite the contrast to a delicate pierced piece by Binh Pho.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



This will be the last newsletter you will be receiving until before the September meeting. We consider the picnic that last meeting for the summer and the September meeting the first meeting of the new year. If you have any ideas as to any particular demonstrator you would like to see at a regular meeting or a topic you would like for us to cover at a meeting please let any of the board members know. We are planning to have a few more "home grown" meetings where our members will demonstrate.

Hope you went to the AAW symposium. As always the tool show, the Instant Gallery, and the demonstrations were great. I think the tool show is like a candy store except we have credit cards to buy tools with instead of just a quarter that grandma gave us on our birthday. Think of a 5-year old with a credit card in a candy store. The Instant Gallery is a showcase of some of the best work being done by our counterparts across the country and also around the world. It is also a place for ideas on design and form. I'm not one to buy fancy wood, but there was a bunch to pick from. Wood that a lot of us have never even heard of, like "Perumba," for example. Sounds like the latest dance craze from Brazil.

The picnic is Saturday, July 15 (a noteworthy day in history). It will be held in Loveland at Symmes Park. We will be in the smaller shelter house on the right hand side, not the one we have been using lately. The contest is to make a lamp, oil, candle, or electric. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. We are having round meat on the grill, metts, brats, and dogs. The club will furnish the meat. You should bring your own knives, forks, spoons, cups and a big appetite. The club will provide the plates, napkins, soft drinks, condiments, buns, and coffee. There is no charge for the picnic or to enter the contest. Members and guests should start arriving around 10 am.

Cooks take notice. This year we are going to have a contest where everyone attending will judge "Best Dish". We will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes on the dishes you or your spouse/guest bring, so get out your best recipes and be prepared to win. One word of warning to those of you who cheered when John Lannom announced that I was not going to be at the last meeting and that I hadn't left him with any cornball jokes to tell. I have double for the July Zeller Picnic. Hope that doesn't keep you away. Keep turning round. David

The Silver Fox says about time:

It isn't what you know that counts; it's what you think of in time.

Pick your rut carefully, as you may be in it for a long time.

There should be a better reward for promptness than having to wait for everyone else.

You will always find time for that which you place first.

Instead of counting the day, make the days count.



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