

OVWG Newsletter

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild www.ovwg.org

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Special points of interest:

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- Club Contest Categories
- Hands-On Classes
- Symposium Photos

Chris Ramsey Shows His Stuff At November Meeting

The November meeting of the OVWG is set to be held at Mueller Tools, located at 101 E Benson Road in Reading. We will start at 9:00 AM sharp. Chris Ramsey from Somerset, Kentucky will be there demonstrating his hat making techniques. I'm sure there will be sharpening tips and tool handling advice and all the things necessary that have made Chris able to quit his "normal" job and use woodturning to make his living. Lunch will be brought in (probably in

the form of pizza) and soft drinks will also be provided. This should all make it easy to view the demo and still have time to browse through the goodies on the floor at Mueller's.

Send in the registration form below and \$10 to sign up for the meeting in advance. It will cost \$15 at the door. Help out our Treasurer, Jim Goethel, by registering in advance and let him enjoy the meeting and not have to worry about collecting money from those of you



Chris Ramsey models his turned and carved University of Kentucky cap.

that didn't need to save \$5. There is also going to be a drawing for two \$50 gift certificates. You can't win if you're not there!

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Sign Up Form For November Meeting // Save \$5.00!!

SIGN ME UP FOR THE CHRIS RAMSEY DEMONSTRATION AT MUELLER'S

I, _____, plan to attend the November meeting at Mueller's. I know the cost is \$10 in advance, which will also include lunch. (Admission is \$15 at the door.)

I'm also bringing _____ friends @ \$10 each.

Total enclosed = \$ _____ .

Send this form and your check, made payable to OVWG, to:

Jim Goethel, OVWG Treasurer, 9966 Thornwood Court, Cincinnati OH 45241

Club Calendar



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NOVEMBER

15th

Club Meeting
Chris Ramsey Demo
Mueller Tools
101 E Benson
Reading OH

19th

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

DECEMBER

5th

First Friday
Gallery Show
Pendleton Art Center
Rising Sun IN

12th - 13th

Club Demo
Mueller Tools
Christmas Show

17th

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

JANUARY

17th

Annual Luncheon & Turning Contest
"Put A Lid On It"
The Grove
9158 Winton Road
Finneytown OH

21st

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

FEBRUARY

21st

Club Meeting
Alan Lacer Demo
Northminster Church
Compton Road

22nd

Hands-On with
Alan Lacer
Woodcraft
Fairfield OH

25th

Executive Committee meeting to be held.



Segmented vase by
Mike Gordon

MARCH

20th

Club Meeting
Nick Cook Demo
Northminster Church
Compton Road

21st

Hands-On with
Nick Cook
Woodcraft
Fairfield OH

24th

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

APRIL

17th

Club Meeting
Bob Rosand Demo
Northminster Church
Compton Road

18th

Hands-On with
Bob Rosand
Woodcraft
Fairfield OH

21st

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

MAY

7th - 9th

Club Demo & Sale
Appalachian Festival
Coney Island

15th

Club Meeting
David Nittmann Demo
Northminster Church
Compton Road

16th

Hands-On with
David Nittmann
Woodcraft
Fairfield OH

19th

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

JUNE

19th

Zeller Annual Picnic & Turning Contest
Symmes Township Park
Loveland OH

23rd

Executive Committee meeting to be held.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee meets every month on the Wednesday following the normal club meeting date. Committee meetings are held at 5:00 pm at Woodcraft in Fairfield, in their training classroom. All OVWG members in good standing are eligible to attend meetings, but only Executive Committee members are eligible to vote.



Footed burl vase by
Terry Elfers

2003-2004 Elected Officers

- **President:** Dave Morrical
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Demonstration meetings generally held
the 3rd Saturday of the month
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Annual Membership \$25
(\$20 for AAW members)
Includes monthly newsletter

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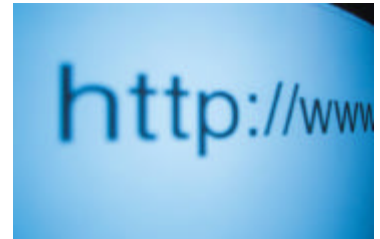
Co-Webmaster: Mike Nelson
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Web Site

The club web site, located at www.ovwg.org, has been evolving ever since members John Wake and Mike Nelson took it over. The home page has just been re-done and is now loaded with information about past and upcoming club events. John and Mike are still busy sorting photos and will soon be enlarging the Members Gallery section. This is also going to be the place to track down information on the professional turners that are scheduled to appear at our club meetings in the coming year. Right now there is a link to our November guest Chris Ramsey's

web site www.knot-head.com. Send any comments or suggestions to John and Mike at the addresses listed on the site.

Great job folks, keep it up!



Gallery Show Reminder

This is a reminder for those members wishing to place their turnings in the Pendleton Art Center in Rising Sun, Indiana for a gallery show during December and January. Most of the details were listed in last month's newsletter. To have your pieces included they must be brought to the November meeting and packaged for transport. The pieces will be inventoried and then be taken to the gallery. We will at-

tach stickers indicating the inventory number and the selling price. Make sure your work is signed! The turnings will be in the gallery through January and then returned at our February meeting.

If you have any questions about the show, or getting your turnings ready, contact John Lannom or Pete Kekel. We're expecting to see some beautiful things. Good luck.

Woodcraft Sale & Club Demo

The OVVWG once again demonstrated the fine art of woodturning during the BIG sale at the Cincinnati Woodcraft store located in Fairfield. What a fun way to be part of the action, along with the woodworking club and the carver's guild and other demonstrators. Someone from the group was even able to weasel some Walnut turning stock from the poor, unsuspecting kid that had brought his Woodmizer to the show. Be sure to contact John Lannom to sign up for the next club demo.

Thanks to Woodcraft for the support they have shown our club and members.



John Lannom & Lowell Converse discuss the finer points of bowl design during the club demo in front of the Woodcraft store.

Turning 2003 Recap

Let me know when you've seen enough . . . Here are a few more photos from our party in the woods. If this ever happens again, you need to make plans to be there. This was really a great experience and we're lucky to have it so close to home.



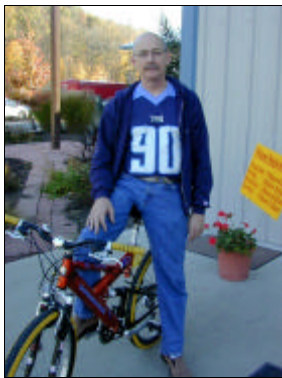
Barb Crockett turns over the tops to Dick Zeller at the Saturday night auction. Some of the tops were turned Thursday evening at the function Barb and the Central Ohio Woodturners sponsored.



Mike Mahoney (L) and Stuart Batty model Turning 2003 T-Shirts before adding another chapter to their "Bowl Off" grudge match. Pictured left is a natural-edge set of nested bowls done by Mike and on the right is one of Stuart's square-edge bowls, this one being turned from Mesquite burl.



Segmented bowl turned by Gary Johnson



John Jordan rode in from Tennessee. Says he got the yellow-walled tires 'cuz he didn't want anything too gaudy . . .



Al Stirt is shown texturing a platter in one of his demos. At left is a finished piece from Al that was featured in the Instant Gallery.



Segmented vase turned by Dave Shombert



Michael Lee is shown demonstrating laying out a form to be carved and textured, a passion that ranks right behind surfing for him. Top photo is a finished carved form that needs to be held to be fully appreciated. Below is one of Michael's production hollow forms that he has added Ebony butterfly patches to (that's right, on a round surface!)



If you think you need to turn something BIG to enjoy the hobby, you didn't watch Bonnie Klein. She proved again why she is one of the most sought after demonstrators in the country. All on a lathe that will fit on an end table. Needless to say, this photo of the turned, threaded acrylic containers just doesn't do them justice.



Jim Burrowes goes under cover.

January Luncheon

There is a new location for our Annual Luncheon and Contest - we will be going to The Grove on Winton Road in Finneytown. This will be more of a real meal versus the buffet we had at the place in Evendale. The charge will be \$10 per person and there will be a sign-up form in the next newsletter. There is a way to beat the fee for all of the OVWG members, place an entry in

the contest. That's all there is to it. By merely turning something that conforms to the rules of the contest (listed below) and placing it in the contest in the proper category (listed even further below), you'll get a free meal. Will Work For Food? How about, Will Turn For Food! This is even better than being paid for a turning, you get to keep it and still get a meal. The \$10

waiver applies only to OVWG members that enter the contest, otherwise, it's \$10 each to join the club and vote for a winner and eat a great lunch. You have seen the entries before when the rules have been spelled out, this should produce some interesting looking stuff when it's almost all left up to the imagination of each turner.



Threaded Acorn Box with textured lid by Bill Sullivan

"PUT A LID ON IT" Contest Rules

It's easy to remember the rules for our January contest - there ain't none! Well, okay, your entry does have to have a removable lid and it must have been on a lathe at some point, but that's it. Any size, any shape, any material. Not exactly stifling your creativity, is it? There is also the added benefit this year of getting your meal for free just by placing an entry in the contest.

This should be an easy one for all of the club members to get in on.



Spalted Maple lidded box with stand by Dickinson Gray.

Contest Categories

Once again, for everyone's clarification, we will list the criteria used to determine which category each member should place their contest entry.

Master Turner: any member who has won 1st place two or more times in any previous OVWG competitions.

Advanced Turner: any member who has won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Novice Class or any new member who has placed in other competitions before joining OVWG.



And the winner is . . .

Novice Turner: all remaining entrants.

All new members of OVWG should enter at their appropriate skill level.



Bleached Natural Edge Box Elder Vessel by Barb Crockett

OVWG MENTORS

If you would like help getting started or working out a problem, feel free to call any of the names listed below. As always, there is **NO CHARGE** to members of the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Northeast/Tri-County: | Earl Choromokos 513.771.5908 |
| | Bruce Gibson 513.522.2515 |
| | Dave Morrival 513.771.5205 |
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| Campbell County, KY: | Keith Bundy 859.781.5414 |
| East Side: | Gary Brackett 513.553.7474 |
| | Joe Keeler 513.233.0493 |
| Dayton: | Jim Burrowes 937.878.8051 |
| | Lowell Converse 937.426.2646 |
| | René Keyzer-André 937.277.4717 |

Contact: Dave Morrival, Mentoring Chairman, with any changes, or if you'd like to join the great group of talented volunteers.

CLASSIFIEDS!

ANCHORSEAL \$6 / gallon
 This green wood end-sealer is available in 1, 2 or 5 gallon containers.
 Contact: **Pete Kekel**
859.525.4092
2ndnature@fuse.net

John Lannom - Hyde Park Winner, Take 2

This is getting to be old news, but John Lannom won Best in Show for the second year running at the Hyde Park Art Fair this fall. We've been trying to ignore John, but he keeps bringing it up. For all of those that have given John some wood over the years, or passed along a turning tip or two, I'd say now is the time to collect. John is flush with money and was too busy at the symposium to spend it all. Congratulations John!



WANTED: More Classifieds

Just a reminder to everyone that receives this newsletter, the Classified Advertisements section is here to help you. These ads are free and are a great way to let about 200 or so of your closest friends know you have something you're trying to unload. Nothing like word-of-mouth when you have an overstock of curly Cherry or one too many bowl gouges or an extra motor or whatever. You might be surprised to find someone really wants those things you keep tripping over. Just send an email to 2ndnature@fuse.net with a description, asking price and even a photo. Or send it through the US Mail to Pete Kekel, 4175 Farmwood Court, Erlanger KY 41018



Turn your extra "stuff" into CASH!

FOUND!

DOLLY & CLAMP These two items were left behind after the symposium dust settled. The dolly is a 4-wheeler Rubbermaid model and the "C" clamp was used by Al Stirt in his demonstration area.

Contact: **Joe Keeler**
513.233.0493
jgklr2732@aol.com

Membership Dues for 2004 Now Being Collected

Membership dues for 2004 will be collected now until the end of January, but all dues must be paid in full by the end of that month (January 2004). We will update our roster and mailing list at that time and anyone who has not paid their dues will be left out. Your dues can be mailed to **Jim Goethel, 9966 Thornwood Court, Cincinnati OH 45241**, or given to him at one of the monthly meetings. Please make checks payable to Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild (OVWG). If you are a member in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), your annual OVWG dues are \$20; if you are not a member of AAW, the dues are \$25. Dues for student members (18 years and younger) are \$5 per year. Please fill out the attached form and include it with your check.

2004 OVWG Membership Renewal Form

Dues are payable now. They are \$25 annually. A \$5 discount is applied to AAW members making their total \$20.

I am a member of the AAW (Membership number _____). Remittance \$20

I am not a member of the AAW. Remittance \$25

I am 18 years or younger. Remittance \$5

Name: _____ Date: _____

Hands-On Classes For 2004

Take another look at the club calendar on page 2 of this newsletter. Pay particular attention to the information the day after we have guest turners presenting to our club in the months of February, March, April and May. There is going to be a hands-on class available with these turners at the Woodcraft store in Fair-

field. There is a charge for these lessons, but it is very reasonable considering the small class size and all of the individual attention you will get. However, don't wait until the May meeting to decide you want some hands-on tutoring from David Nittmann. A'int gonna happen! These few spots with all of our

guest turners should be filling up fast. Make sure to contact John Lannom soon to get the details about reserving your place. This is another benefit of belonging to the OVWG and having access to the program provided.

Consider this fair warning to get your name on the list before all the spots are taken.



"Earthband" basket illusion vessel with natural edge by David Nittmann.

President's Letter

I would just like to say a few words about the Turning 2003 Symposium, "Wow, Awesome, Fantastic, Great." Those were just a few of the descriptive words we heard over the 3-day symposium weekend. Well, I lied about the few words because the symposium was all of those things and more. I hope you had a chance to come for at least a day. Many from the club did and I believe they enjoyed and learned a lot. We have been asked if we will do another symposium in two years. Right now we are still a little tired from doing the last one, but I expect the energy will return in another year or so and we'll do another one.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the club member volunteers who helped make the symposium the great success it was. The volunteers ran the video cameras, assisted the pro demonstrators, unloaded and loaded

equipment, picked up people from the airport, took care of the instant gallery, helped at the auction, and anything else that needed to be done at a moments notice.

There are too many volunteers to name individually, so again thanks to all of you volunteers.

The November meeting will be held at Mueller's Machinery in Reading beginning at 9 am sharp. Chris Ramsey will be our featured demonstrator. He is from Somerset, Kentucky and is well known for his wooden hats of all kinds, baseball hats, top hats, cowboy hats, and miniature ones to name a few. He will be fresh back from his second visit to the White House where he will have presented President



George W. Bush with several of his creations. Chris travels with his own lathe, tools, and wood. I promise we will have a Show-and-Tell at this meeting, so bring your successes and your not so successes. We are looking for someone to write an article about Chris and the activities of the day. Please let me know if you would be willing to volunteer for this task.

Artistry in Wood is on the same weekend as our November meeting. I would encourage you, of course, to come to our meeting on Saturday and then attend the *Artistry in Wood* show on Sunday. *Artistry in Wood* will be held in the same place it was last year, near the Vandalia Airport. We will try to have directions for you at the Saturday meeting. Also, this is a reminder to check the October Newsletter for details about our upcoming show at the Pendleton Art Center in Rising Sun, Indiana.

There will be a membership renewal form in this newsletter. Dues are payable January 1, 2004 for the upcoming year. Dues are \$20 if you are an AAW member and \$25 if you are not an AAW member.

The January luncheon and contest - "Put a Lid on It" - will be held on January 17, 2004 at The Grove, 9158 Winton Road, in Finneytown. The contest rules and categories are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing, I encourage you to volunteer and help anyway you can. At this time we especially need volunteers to write articles for every newsletter. Pete does a wonderful job publishing the newsletter but he can always use your help. This is your club and your participation will only make it better. Please bring a fellow member to the next meeting. We miss you.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

2004

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
ENCLOSED!**

THE ANSWER IS THE SAME WHETHER YOU USE NEW MATH OR OLD MATH!

IT IS BAD LUCK TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS.

A LOT OF PEOPLE MISTAKE A SHORT MEMORY FOR A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.

THE REASON THAT LIGHTNING DOESN'T STRIKE TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE--IS THAT THE SAME PLACE ISN'T THERE THE SECOND TIME.

THANKS TO THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM YOU CAN NOW DRIVE COAST TO COAST WITHOUT SEEING ANYTHING.

ONE REASON EXPERIENCE IS SUCH A GOOD TEACHER IS THAT SHE DOSN'T ALLOW DROPOUTS.

PEOPLE ARE LIKE STEEL – OF LITTLE USE WHEN THEY LOSE THEIR TEMPER.

Silver Fox Says:

