

Shavings

DETROIT AREA
WOODTURNERS



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<http://www.DetroitAreaWoodturners.org>

President's Message

The last snow has come and gone and spring is well on its way with summer not far behind. This is when it is nice to have a shop that opens to the outdoors or a small lathe to take outside.

The AAW has arranged a deal with Jet tools to provide lathes for chapters at a great discounted rate. We are adding a variable speed jet mini lathe to our collection for the reasonable price of \$250 including stand and freight. Don't forget the Delta 14 inch is available for members to use, it seemed that at the last meeting there was interest, but no one spoke to either myself or Ron.

We will hand out a survey at the next meeting to help us prepare for our planning meeting in the late summer. The member shop tours schedules will be available at the May meeting so check your calendars for the May June weekends and sign up. This activity was scheduled resulting from member interests so lets support the activity and who know you might even get some good ideas.

May Picnic/Meeting

Our May meeting will include a picnic. Lunch will start at 1:00 p.m., Members and their family and friends are welcome. We should have plenty of seating but it might be a good idea to bring a folding chair just in case.

Tables will be set up in the multi purpose room for the instant gallery, so be sure to bring a few examples of your work, to share with all.

Ohio Valley Symposium

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild, OVWG, is pleased to announce a new web site for the "Turning 2005" Symposium to be held Oct. 21, 22 & 23, 2005 in West Harrison, IN. The Symposium will feature six world class domestic and international turners. The list includes Jimmy Clewes, J, Paul Fennell, John Jordan, Ray Key, Richard Raffan and Chris Stott. In addition, Chris Ramsey, "The Kentucky Hat Man" will be turning his Hat tricks. Also over 24 hours of top mid-West turners will show their techniques. Attendance limited to the first 225 people to give attendees top notch seats and chance to interface with demonstrators and other turners. Class vendors with the latest tools and wood suppliers will be at the Symposium.

Join the AAW!!



Next Meeting - May 22, 2005

Meeting Highlight will be our Picnic and Chainsaw demo. The Detroit Area Woodturners meet at the Shelby River Bends Park, Shadbush Nature Center, Shelby Township, MI, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The Park is located on Ryan Road between 21 and 22 Mile Roads opposite the Hamlin Road junction. All visitors are welcome.



Rules For Good Design continued from April issue ...

Concentrate on form, not wood grain. A lot of wood turns darker with age, and all that you may have left is the shape. All curves must be "fair". A fair curve is one that flows with smooth transitions as it changes in shape or from a concave to a convex curve. There are no flat areas between curves.

Lift the object off of the table or other surface on which it is sitting. Ideally, it should appear to be floating slightly above, rather than

Calendar of Events

DAW meets the third Sunday monthly, unless adjusted for holidays, September through June. General Meetings are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Executive meetings are open to all club members.

- May 11/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Chet Bisno's home
- May 22 /05 - General Meeting - DAW Picnic and Chain Saw demo
- June 15/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced
- June 26 /05 - Demo to be determined

Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy getting the prizes. The monies, from the raffle, pay for things like operating expenses. Please bring along any extra wood, tools or other items you feel you can afford to donate to our prize table.

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- being firmly attached to the surface. bowl or vase until they have intersected under the bottom of the vessel.

With the bowl or vase sitting on a table, follow an imaginary continuation of the lines of the sides of the vessel.

- This intersection will be inside of the foot of the piece. It should be above the table surface for the vessel to appear as being lifted above it.
- Turn the bowl or other turned object upside down on the table. Its proportions should be just as pleasing to the eye as they were in the upright position. If not, there is something wrong with the proportions or the curves between them.
- If you have made two bowls that are nearly identical in size and shape, place them along side of each other on the table, and concentrate on the shape of the space between them. The proportions of the space will be the reverse of those of the bowls, but it should have a "pleasing" appearance.

• When any pair of objects, vases, candle holders, etc., will be viewed at the same time, the shape of the space between them is as important, as that of the objects themselves. Always work their design as a pair, and never as individual pieces that are later placed together.

Know Your Woods - Walnut

submitted by Marty Mangold

One of my favourite woods is walnut. In fact, the very first piece of wood, I ever put a gouge to, was walnut. Here are a few interesting facts, about this popular type of hardwood:

Name: Black Walnut (also know as walnut, American Black Walnut, American Walnut, Canadian Walnut, eh, Black Hickory Nut, Gun Wood and Canaletto)

Growth Area: Grows throughout the United States and Canada

Appearance:

Generally, walnut is straight grained, with a moderately coarse, but uniform texture. It has a rich, dark brown heartwood and a cream coloured sapwood.

Physical Properties: Walnut is a moderately heavy, hard, strong and stiff wood. It has good decay resistance and dimensional stability.

Working Properties: Walnut works very well with machine or hand tools. It excels when turning, molding routing, shaping carving or drilling. It sands easily and finished t a velvey, natural-coloured sheen.

Uses: Walnut is prized in North America and Europe for high-end cabinety and furniture. It is ideal for gun stocks, due to dimensional stability and its ability to absorb recoil. It is also used for decorative panels and veneer, interior joinery, novelties, carving, turning, boat building, clockcases and musical instruments.

Toxicity: Breathing in walnut dust can cause sneezing and rhinitis. The dust may also cause a mild skin rash and redness of the eyes. These effects are fairly common. When working with walnut, as with any wood, ALWAYS be sure to wear some type of breathing and eye protection. Be sure to wash off any residue dust, as soon as possible.

(Resources....Article from Woodbin.com, Woods of the world, and the Health and Safety Executive.)

Now back to making more chips.....

If you have a favourite wood, research it and let us know about it, in the next newsletter.

Woodworking & Tool Sources in NE Detroit

- **WoodCraft**, Sterling Heights, Sterling Place Shopping Center, 37864 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights.
- **Rockler Woodworking**, 29918 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, (Woodward at 12-1/2 MI)
- **Performance Tools** - 26772 Dequindre, Warren, MI. (Just S. of 11 Mile Rd.)
- **Butki - Saw and Tool**, 26707 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI (Just S. of I-696)
- **Harbor Freight** - 34900 Grossbeck Hwy, Clinton Township, MI (SE Corner of Grossbeck and 15 Mi.)
- **Abrasive Brokers**, 1695 Rochester Road, Troy, MI (Just N of Maple Rd)
- **Wholesale Tool**, 12155 Stephens Rd, Warren, MI 48089 (S of 10 Mile, E of Hoover Rd.)
- **Glenn Wing Power Tools** 33656 Woodward Ave, Birmingham, MI 248-644-5790 (discount to DAW members).

For sale ...

Stihl Chain Saw, Model 021 \$150
35 cc with an 18 inch bar, carrying case,
and an extra chain
Greg Smith 248-649-3565

Welcome to new members:

Don Kessler, Clarkston MI
David Hoch, Berkley MI

Turning Green Wood – Another Alternative submitted by Chet Bisno...

In a recent article, which I read, author Leif O. Thorvaldso in Eatonville, WA, explained how to pick up a piece of green wood, turn it, sand it and finish it, all within a day or two, without unsightly cracks occurring. Here is how he accomplishes this:

The author takes primarily green wood and rough turns it in one day, soaks in the solution (50/50 Costco detergent and water) overnight, and finishes his turning the next day. Sometimes he didn't finish it on the second day and left it mounted on the lathe overnight - sometimes even for several days. He found that Costco's house brand (Kirkland) liquid dishwashing detergent mixed with an equal amount of water provided, hitherto unavailable qualities, in both conditioning and stabilizing of wood, for almost immediate turning and finishing. The complete text for this process may be found at: <http://www.turningwood.com/LDD.htm>



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If you never try, you are sure to fail.