



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am looking forward to our upcoming club meeting and demonstration on September 7th. It would be great if you could join us for this in-person event. It marks an exciting milestone as it will be our first club demonstration using the new lathe.

With Christmas approaching faster than we may realize, I encourage you to consider your holiday projects. Taking the approach of crafting a few items each week can make a significant difference, sparing you from the last-minute December rush. The recent series of storms has left numerous fallen trees and branches in their wake, presenting a prime opportunity for us. Particularly, I've noticed an abundance of Bradford pear tree limbs, which prove to be excellent for turning. Notably, homeowners greatly appreciate receiving some turned items as gifts in return for the free wood. In my experience, I used to only value larger timber due to my concentration on bowls and platters. I've now come to understand the potential of smaller limbs. They lend themselves to crafting twig pots, goblets, flower-shaped long-stem goblets, and small natural-edge bowls, among many other items.

Let's not overlook our "show and tell" segment. This provides a platform for you to proudly showcase your lathe-turned pieces, offering insight into their creation and design. By sharing the details of your work, you will inspire fellow turners, fostering an exchange of ideas.

I encourage you to extend invitations to others who may be interested in joining our community of turners. This inclusive atmosphere enhances our collective passion and knowledge. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

Tim Robertson

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“Persist in your wood turning efforts while always keeping safety as the foremost priority.”

Tim Robertson

Highlights from the Aug 3rd Meeting:

Gary Shead demonstrated cupcake boxes. His use of a powered carving tool was the highlight. Several members purchased the tool and we expect to see more of the cupcakes in the future. These are zero calories but they may be hard on your teeth.



Show and Tell, Sorry did not record the details, enjoy the pictures;



Raffle Items

**Next Meeting Sept 7, 2023:
Bill Sheridan Will be demonstrating Segmented turning**

I first got interested in segmented boxes/bowls from another club member and a demo he had done for us. I have been making segmented boxes and bowls for about 4 years.

I will be going over some basic design steps and basic layout of the project. From there we will discuss number of segments per ring and how to calculate the angle, length and width of each segment. We will also be discussing the sled, stop block and other fixtures needed for cutting, sanding and gluing them. From there I'll show the gluing up of each ring, flattening (sanding) and assembling the rings into the project. Finally, turning the assembled project on the lathe.



Future Programs:

Date:	Demonstrator	Demonstraton
August 3, 2023	Gary Shead	Cupcake box
September 7, 2023	Bill Sheradan	Segmented Turning
October 5, 2023	Charlie Levan	Finial Box
November 2, 2023	TBD	
December 7, 2023	Holiday Party	

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