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Peppermills by Alex Pettigrew

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President's Corner

August 2017

CVW Meeting

President's Corner - Bob Welch



I appreciate members who help setup and clean up after meetings, but we could use more help with setup of chairs, etc., beginning around 5:30 pm. Thanks also to mentors who come to our skills training and to all team members who work behind the scenes to make our club a success.

This month's meeting featured an excellent presentation by Alex Pettigrew showing us how he makes Pepper Mills. He brought a cut-a-way he made showing how the ceramic grinder fits in an assembled pepper mill. He showed us his method of locating a piece with the tailstock center while somewhat loose in the chuck and shaving the part outside diameter with a skew; and feeling for vibration at the tail stock to insure concentricity to the hole. He showed us two types of forstner bit extenders he uses to cut deep holes and use of a home-made sanding rod or fine round file to smooth the inside of the bore, especially where customers will feel with their fingers so customers will feel and see quality. This sander is a dowel with a slot into which a piece of sand paper is inserted, then put in the hole and spun with a drill. He mentioned using 5 minute epoxy to hold the grinder in place and some initial customer feedback that led him to standardize on this. The pepper mill kits are fairly inexpensive and sell for a good profit. Alex makes several at a time to minimize setup for each part.

Mike Sorge filled in for Fred Williamson, who was on vacation, for our Show and Tell. As always members bring fabulous creations. It is always great when newer members bring in the first bowl and other items they made, often generating a round of applause from attendees. Mike also introduced Alex for his demonstration, giving Mike experience he obviously does not need for his role as replacement VP Programs next term. Mike has suggested having four paid demonstrators next year with two on Tuesday regular meetings and two on Saturdays. He also recommends we have a day-long class with payment by attendees and a featured instructor. These will be with the objective of breaking even or

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close to that. I endorse this approach and am sending his proposal to current and expected officers.

Per our by-laws we need candidates for our management team for the next two year term by October for a vote in November. Positions include the following with names of candidates volunteering so far to remain or to replace members who we know will not continue in the next two year term. 'Open' indicates we need a replacement. "?" indicates not fully firmed up. I contacted persons as shown below. We will send an email inviting members volunteer to fill openings and welcome volunteer candidates at any time. Position descriptions are available for each function.

Don Voas introduced a new club member and two guests. He announced a contest using a lathe somewhere in the process of making something from a standard pine construction grade 2x4. We will judge two categories: up to and including two years; more than two years in October. We will have cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category.

Members enjoyed cool water and soft drinks in our newly donated 'Monster' cooler during the meeting. Thanks again Buck Culver.

Mars Champaign donated many issues of Woodturning Design and some wood turning books to our library.

Treasurer Richard Landreth reported club financial status is in good shape.

Dennis Hippen filled in for Jim Oates saying last Saturday was well attended at our skills center. Skills training included multi-axis spindle work, toothpick holder, a magic wand, bowls, a thin platter, tool grinding and other items.

Next month's meeting will be held at our regular third Tuesday time. Our planned, paid demonstrator, Jerry Whitehurst, who features wall hung ornamental platters and other items will not be able to attend due to an illness. Our demonstration(s) will be on use of coring tools to make multiple bowl blanks.

The Ruritans, who manage the Crimora Center, reported finding lights left on, so if anyone is visiting other than at skills day and our regular meetings, please make sure the lights are off and the doors are locked.

Best regards,

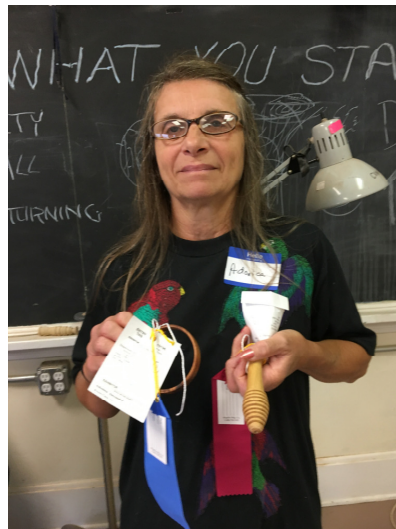
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Scenes From the August Skill Center Session

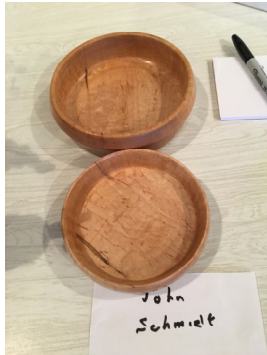




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Photos from the August Meeting





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MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2017

The General Meeting:

Our president, Bob Welch, opened the meeting at 7 PM. He thanked all who came early to assist with setup of the meeting room and those who will help with closing.

He reminded everyone of the process for the selection of officers and leaders for the new term of 2018-2019. Elections will be held in November. Please consider serving and/or nominating a member to serve. The slate will be presented at the October meeting.

Don Voas introduced our newest member Hunter Morton. He also welcomed two visitors brought by Lee Albright – Jim Sutherland and Jeff Beeby.

Don then introduced a club challenge for all. That is to create something using your lathe from all or a part of a construction grade 2"x4"x8' stud. The wood may be cut into smaller pieces before or after turning and may be reassembled by gluing or other means. Embellishing, coloring or finishing may be done at the artist's preference. Entries will be judged at the October 17th meeting and cash prizes will be awarded in two categories: turners with up to and including two years experience and those with more than two years.

In Jim Oates absence Don presented the Safety Minute for August. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask, filtering respirator, or a powered air filtration respirator in conjunction with a dust collection system and proper ventilation. Be especially mindful of dust from exotic woods, spalted woods or any wood that might give you a skin or respiratory reaction. Refer to the AAW wood toxicity charts on the club's web site for information on wood you are not familiar with.

Treasurer Richard Landreth reported that the Operating Account balance is good and the Equipment Reserve balance is okay With tonight's new member we have 96 members. There have been 99 folks who have attended Saturday Skills Sessions for a total of 294 hours during 2017.

Dennis Hippen, filling in for Jim Oates, reported that the people attending last Saturday's Skills Session worked on bowls, wands, toothpick holders, etc. Several experienced turners were on hand to mentor.

Mike Sorge, filling in for Fred Williamson, managed the Show and Tell. Tonight's program will be on Pepper Mills by member Alex Pettigrew.

Tonight's Attendance: 40

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 16, 2017



Proposed CVW 2017 Programs Schedule

September 9	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
September 19	Fred, Kirk and Roger	September 19 — Kirk, Fred & Roger - Coring Systems
October 14	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
October 17	Richard Landreth	Texturing, Coloring, Bleaching
November 11	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
November 21		Multi station on Christmas Christmas: ornaments, snowmen, trees.
December 9	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
December 12	"Note: date is second Tuesday and not third Tuesday."	Holiday party and big show and tell.