

NORTH COAST WOOD TURNERS NEWSLETTER

February, 2009 - NCWT's 23rd Year as an AAW Chapter

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Larry McCardel Side-Grain Boxes

By Joe Brinkman



Unlike some box designs which utilize tight tolerances with a friction fit, Larry showed a more traditional design which focuses more on the form rather than technical precision. Like every good turner, Larry was quick to point out where there may be multiple techniques to achieve the same end result.

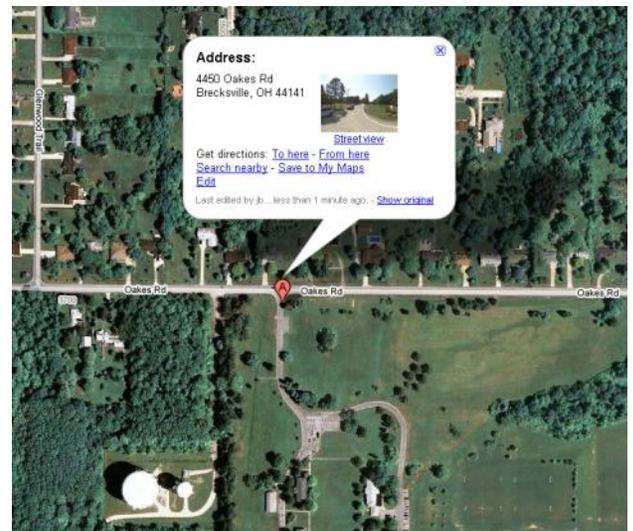
Larry's boxes show a nice mixture of straight lines and curves and includes the use of beads and coves to help add visual interest to transition areas. Overall it was a great demo with a lot of good information whether you are a beginning turner or have several years of experience under your belt.

NCWT rang in the new year with a great demo by Larry McCardel on turning side-grained boxes. Not only did NCWT have another great demo from one of our own members, but the club also had a chance to meet and evaluate a new possible home for the club.



February Meeting

The February meeting will be held at Blossom Hill in Brecksville. See page 4 for complete directions to the site.



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President's Turn

By Paul Kosmos

2009 – Getting Down to Business!

We have been so busy thinking about a new home for NCWT that some of the day-to-day business can get lost in the shuffle. It is certainly exciting to think about having several options for a facility and making a decision soon.

Before the dust settles, it is important to thank some of our members and others for helping us hold our regular meetings (although at irregular places). Big kudos to Tom Hogarth for making his site available for two meetings, and for contributing wood to the auction! Thanks also go to Don Karr and Mike Hawkins for hosting those meetings. Kudos are also due to Eric at A Woodworkers Place for his hospitality. Finally, honorable mention goes to Mo for getting up so early – he actually was there to greet us when we arrived! And kudos to Tom Nero for arranging for this meeting in Brecksville.

Once we make a decision on location it will be nice to move in, set up shop, and get back to normal. That way we can again focus on turning, special events, and the like. Don't forget that we have two shows this year. The Wayne Center for the Arts and the Woodcarvers/ Woodturners Show. We'll discuss those at the February meeting since we have some decisions to make regarding participation and awards.

Perhaps the most important result of a new location will be setting up a demonstration schedule. Joe Brinkman has had to sit back a bit until we know for sure what we are doing.

We are going to contact the AAW regarding education grants to see if we can get a little

help with purchasing some sets of basic tools for our lathes. One of the more difficult parts of any class is not having the proper tools, or the properly sharpened tools. For beginners, it can be doubly frustrating since they don't know if it's their technique or the tool.

It is also not too soon to think about national and regional shows. The AAW Symposium is in Albuquerque, NM this year. The Cincinnati Chapter will host Turning 2009 in October. Cincinnati is regarded as one of the best regional shows. There is also the Utah Symposium in May; the oldest and longest running show in the US. It is also considered one of the best shows each year.

Please try to join us at the February meeting as your input on these topics, and especially on the possible facility are extremely important. **Remember to bring your own chair!**

The demonstration is an advanced Show and Tell. Bring one or two of your pieces to discuss with the group. It can be the wood, the shape, the finish, surface texturing.... Always a fun time, and we learn from it as well.

Happy Turning,

Paul Kosmos

“The real dividing line between things we call work and the things we call leisure is that in leisure, however active we may be, we make our own choices and our own decisions. We feel for the time being that our life is our own.”

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January Meeting Minutes

By Donald Wilhelm

President Paul Kosmos called the meeting to order at 9:30.

This month's meeting is being held at "A Woodworkers Place," 3099 Graham Road, Stow OH 44224. Phone 330-678-3664. Eric Hyde, owner, welcomed all members and described his operation. Eric offered members a 10% discount on items purchased today.

Visitors were asked to identify themselves. This meeting's visitors were:

- Charles Geers of Cuyahoga Falls
- Teresa Geers of Tallmadge
- Mike Tulloss of Stow
- Paul LaLonde of Avon
- Dave McGhee of Cuyahoga Falls
- Jerry Butcher of Akron
- Don and Richard Kovash of Rootstown
- Terry Alesnick of Stow
- Gwen Rosenberg of Kent

Old/New Business

Mort Epstein donated 19 copies of his book "Sixty Nine Years of Design at Ninety" to the club. He suggested they could be sold for \$20 each with all proceeds going to the club.

Holden Arboretum is holding a 2009 Arbor Day Show and Sale on April 24 and 25. See the newsletter for more details..

Ron Sieloff discussed the clubs finances. The club has approximately \$9,660 at the end of 2008. There was a net decline of approximately \$990 during last year. There is hope than we can have more raffles this year.

50-50 Raffle. The raffle winner received \$49 and the club got \$49. Unfortunately, we did not get the winner's name.

Tim Reder has started a "museum for wood-working" at "A Woodworkers Place." He requested woodworking books and finished woodworking items for inclusion in this collection. He can be contacted at 300-673-1572.

Featured demonstrator was Larry McCardel, NCWT member. He demonstrated turning side-grained boxes.



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February Meeting Location

By Paul Kosmos

On Friday, Jan 16, the board met in Brecksville to view a possible site for our club and to discuss our needs and those of Brecksville. This was our 2nd meeting and it went very well. We will have access to a room for our future club meetings pending a club decision. One result of the meeting is our February meeting will be held at the Brecksville location. This will give members a chance to see the facility, check out the drive, etc. For most members this is no farther than Rocklers, and closer for many.



Please try to make this meeting as we will rely heavily on you for your input when we make a decision regarding our new home.

The meeting will be Saturday, Feb 7, usual time open at 8:30, start at 9:30. Following a brief meeting we will have a 50-50 raffle to raise donut money since we do not want to cart wood and stuff into their facility (yet). **Remember to bring your own chair!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you have a folding table you can bring, we could use about 4 tables.** Let Joe know if you plan to bring a table so he can stay on top of it.



One important topic will be the Wayne Center for the Arts and the WoodCarvers/Woodturners Show. The board needs your input as plan which programs to participate in, and to what extent.

The demonstration will be an informal show and tell. Joe Brinkman organized this demo so we could have a meaningful meeting without need for a lathe. Bring one or two of your pieces and be prepared to talk about

them. They can be pieces you really like, unique pieces, pieces that have a particularly nice finish, or pieces that involved an interesting approach to the creation.

Members always enjoy such sessions, we just don't always have time. So this should be perfect.

The meeting will be at Blossom Hill at 4450 Oakes Road in Brecksville. Oakes is located between Brecksville Road (21) and Broadview Road. It is 1.8 miles west of Rt 21, Just West of Barr Road.

From the North: If you exit I-77 at Route 82, you can drive east to Rt21, turn south to Oakes. Or you turn West on 82, and soon you'll see Glenwood Trail on your left. Glenwood is a short street that ends on Oakes. Turn left (east) on Oakes, only a short distance on South side.

From the West or East: Your best route to Rt 82, then as above.

From the South: I-77 to Rt 21 north. You'll pass Miller Road, the parkway, and soon come to Oakes Road.

There is a sign at Oakes Road that says Blossom Hill. The drive is like a big U. Follow it to the back. As soon as you come around the first turn you will see a one story building and a parking lot on the side. **Use the side parking**, it has lots of room and is close to the door and room.

Look forward to seeing you there. It's pretty exciting.

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Meeting Information

First Saturday of the Month
Doors open 9:00 AM
Meeting begins 9:30 AM

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Meeting Schedule 2009

Date	Topic
February 7	Extended Show and Tell. Raffle. Officer Elections.
March 7	Woodtuning Finishes Demos. Raffle. Show and Tell
April 4	TBD
May 2	TBD
June 6	TBD
July	TBD
August 1	TBD
September 5	TBD
October 3	TBD
November 7	TBD
December 5	TBD

As we head into the New Year, not only do we have a change in the meeting schedule, but we have a change in the club Officers and Directors. Remember that we'll be officially voting on the new Officers and Directors at February's meeting. We will also start filling out this next year's meeting schedule which will be a little fluid until we have a permanent meeting spot identified.

If you have ideas for turners or topics you would like to see for the coming year, please feel free to contact me at Joe.Brinkman@dotnetnuke.com.