

Timp Woodturners Association

Meeting Minutes

10 December 2008

The monthly meeting was convened by President Kirk DeHeer at 7:00 p.m. in the Craft Supplies USA facility with 28 people in attendance. Richard Beesley was added to our membership which now stands at 45 members. Kirk also acknowledged and welcomed four first time attendees.

Kirk announced that at our 14 January meeting we would like to add two new positions to our board of directors: a Director of Programs, and a Director at Large. Members are encouraged to nominate candidates for those positions. Paul Chilton will be the turning demonstrator at that meeting.

In the show and tell portion of the meeting the following members presented items:

1. Charles Topham presented a three-way versatile candle holder turned from soapstone and described a dust collecting system he uses to contain the soapstone powder when turning.
2. Lynn Jacobsen presented a nice segmented bowl and described his technique for sanding and sawing segments.
3. Beth Denner presented an aluminum and acrylic spinning top that later won first prize for duration of spin. A warning was given about the risk of fire when turning aluminum at high speeds.
4. Debby Mendenhall presented a novel bell-in-box ornament.
5. Dale Dallon presented some birdhouse ornaments patterned after Dale Nish's demonstration last month.
6. Kirk DeHeer presented a threaded ebony ring box and walnut platter.
7. Leonard Cleveland presented a set of square-edge walnut bowls.
8. Blaine Petersen presented a batch of wooden cars produced by a junior high school shop class in Alpine. They are being donated to the Primary Children's Hospital along with our top donations.
9. David Anthony presented a Smokey Bear Balloon ornament that is still in process.

The main event of the meeting was the Top-a-Thon competition. Craft Supplies donated gift certificates as prizes. Those prizes were won by:

1. Beth Denner – longest duration of spin for a finger twist top (1 minute 42 seconds)
2. Mike Hill – longest duration of spin for a string pull top (1 minute 32 seconds)
3. Mike Hill and Beth Denner – artistic merit
4. Gary Mendenhall and Dale Dallon – largest number of tops donated (17 each)

Several dozen tops and several wooden cars were donated and will be delivered to the Primary Children's Hospital before Christmas.

The monthly wood exchange generated \$80 for the club treasury.

Kirk encouraged club members to participate in this year's Utah Woodturning Symposium. It will be a 30th anniversary event and will feature nine international demonstrators rather than the usual six. He also reminded us of the Craft Supplies Super Wednesday sale and demonstration event that precedes the symposium. The AAW national symposium will be held in Albuquerque this year and is a very large event with extensive vendor and demonstrator participation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Dale S. Dallon, Secretary/Treasurer