

Apple Valley Woodturners

A Natural Edge

C.A. (Cajun) Savoy, show director for the Capitol Area Woodturners, gave the members a lesson in turning natural edge bowls, and with some help from Don Riggs, adjusted Dick Krehling's wood lathe at the March 2 meeting.

A turner who has been around the (wood) block more than a few times, Savoy detailed cutting the blank, balancing and chucking it and scribing the tenon.

Savoy emphasized that improper scribing can lead to serious accidents, pulling the scribe out of your hand and maybe into some other part of you.

Other safety aspects included always using eye and face protection.

During the demonstration, Savoy invited members to come up one by one, to a safe area to his left, to see what he was doing.

Savoy was using a very large blank, approximately 10 by 20 inches, a soft green maple that weighed up to 35 pounds. With a piece of wood this big, even with a first-class lathe such as Krehling's "Oneway," safety has to be a priority. Savoy teaches a monthly class at Woodcraft supply company in Springfield and another, bi-monthly at the Bryant Center, so teaching safety is a priority with him.

Savoy prefers to use a half-inch bowl gouge with a modified Ellsworth grind. He also makes first-class turning tools in his shop, including scrapers and heavy duty, deep-hollowing tools, in addition to custom tool rests and other accessories. He produces the quality of manufactured tools, but at a more reasonable price.



C.A. Savoy practices what he preaches when it comes to safety procedures. Here, he begins to rough out a bowl and shape the base for the tenon.



At this point, C.A. Savoy has almost finished shaping the outside of the bowl. These are the finishing touches.



C.A. Savoy sharpens tools for the members at the March meeting of the Apple Valley Woodturners club.



Don Riggs redemonstrates how to chuck a block of wood to create a ball. Riggs gave his original demonstration at the February meeting. This was a request at the skill enhancement section of the March meeting.

Also at the March meeting, Savoy sharpened gouges, skewers and scrapers for the members and Don Riggs redemonstrated the chucking and turning of balls, at the request of one of the members during the skill enhancement session at 8 a.m.

April Meeting Spotlights Turning Pens and Pencils

The demonstrator for the April 6 meeting will be Mike McInerney who is the treasurer for the Capitol Area Woodturners.

He will be turning pens and pencils, a great gift idea and a great way to learn how to use a skew. Dick Krehling will have pen blanks ready, with tubes inserted, so the members can practice what McInerney teaches. Bring your tools.

Club Logo Adopted

At the March meeting, the club members adopted a logo for the Apple Valley Woodturners. It is an apple, pierced with a gouge. The idea was created by Tim Gregory.



Meet Barbara Darr, the new secretary for the Apple Valley Woodturners Club. She is the wife of member Ken Darr, who is our librarian.



President Dick Krehling demonstrates the most important duty of his position, making sure there is enough coffee to run the meeting.



Club member and demonstrator Don Riggs (left) keeps an eye on Krehling as he pre-selects the winner of the monthly raffle. Now we know why Dick volunteered for this job.

Hail to the Chief Woodchuck

This is a salute to our president. Dick Krehling is the man responsible for the existence of the Apple Valley Woodturners Club. He had the idea, went looking for kindred souls, talked the idea up with enthusiasm and made the connections.

He offered his home and his equipment for the meetings. He took on the duties of president, got the bylaws put together and got us affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. He arranges for demonstrators at each monthly meeting and makes sure we have coffee and donuts.

He arranges for club discounts with supply companies, took on the temporary post of club librarian and runs the raffle each month to swell our treasury and provide more books and videos for members to improve their skills. He's currently working on T-shirts to boost club spirit.

He purchased two small lathes, in addition to the two he already had, so

members could have the opportunity to immediately practice some of the skills our demonstrators are teaching. He has invited all members to come early and stay after meetings to use the equipment and get answers to questions or solve problems. He has recently gotten some wood stock for members to use at the April meeting, when we will be learning about pen and pencil turning.

Krehling says, "We will have small turning stock for those that want to come early and stay late and improve your skills. We need to take advantage of some of the experience that is available before and after the meetings. Keep those chips flying!"

Your editor will bring some bowl blanks to the April meeting for those that want to practice bowl turning, too. Let's see how much of a mess we can make of Dick's basement.

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At the March meeting, the members adopted a logo for the club. Tim Gregory's suggestion was accepted, an apple pierced by a gouge. (Our president was enamoured of his wormy apple to the end.)

Raffle Winners

At the March meeting, Don Mort won the \$60 gift certificate from Craft Supplies; Ken Darr won the bowl Don Riggs turned at the February meeting; Darr also won a bowl gouge, which he donated back to the club. It was then won by Stefan Raab. At the April meeting, the raffle items will be a natural edge bowl turned by C. A. Savoy at the March meeting, a 1/2" bowl gouge with side grind and three \$15 gift certificates from Craft Supplies. (Here's a hint: Member Robert McFarland is providing the gouges for the raffle at cost. He is discounting other woodworking tools and equipment for members. Take advantage!).

Sale Barn

- Delta 14" Band Saw, with riser blocks and \$150 worth of new blades, \$600. Call Dick Krehling, 542-6716.
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Unusual Wood

Don Johnson mentioned at the last meeting that he finds some of the unusual woods he uses via the Internet. Go to www.woodfind.com and check it out!