

Turning Times

The monthly newsletter of the Inland Woodturners

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IWT Summer Turn-a-thon

Written by Ron Sahli
Photos by Ron Sahli

This month's demo wasn't really a demo at all, well sort of. It was more like a hands on demo, you know it was a "Turn-a-Thon". Why are all those turners gathered around that lathe, like I said it was a "Turn-a-Thon" and a mighty fine one at that.



Well as you can see, I was one of the members manning a lathe and letting you try out hollowing and some off-center turning. So I didn't get to visit all the other lathes and take volumes of notes for this article. So this month, I will let the pictures tell the story and you can take small break from my corning words.

Dave Holzberger shows how to use his shop built "Captive Shaft System". He made it from Plywood and round metal rod.



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Monthly Challenge

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One of the main goals of the Inland Woodturners is to educate and inspire its members in the art of wood turning. Each month a member or a guest instructor will lead a presentation or a demonstration related to the art of wood turning. The following month's challenge is loosely based on the presentation; all members of the club are challenged to take what they learned and use it. We realize everyone does not have the same tools and equipment; challenges are designed with that in mind. If the demonstration is a full size platter and you only have a mini lathe, your challenge is to make a smaller platter using the same basic shape. If the challenge requires a special tool you do not own or want to own you may be able to take your project to another club member's workshop and/or borrow the needed tool. If you meet the monthly challenge, and present your challenge piece to the club at the next meeting, you will be entered in the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA. If you meet all 12 Challenges for the year you will be eligible for the Ironman year end award.

Wood Raffle

One of the ways this club covers expenses is the monthly wood raffle. Members are encouraged to bring a chunk of wood or two for the raffle. Raffle tickets are a buck each or six for five dollars. Some of our best work has been done with raffle wood, part of the fun is figuring out what you can make from a piece of raffle wood.

Show and Tell

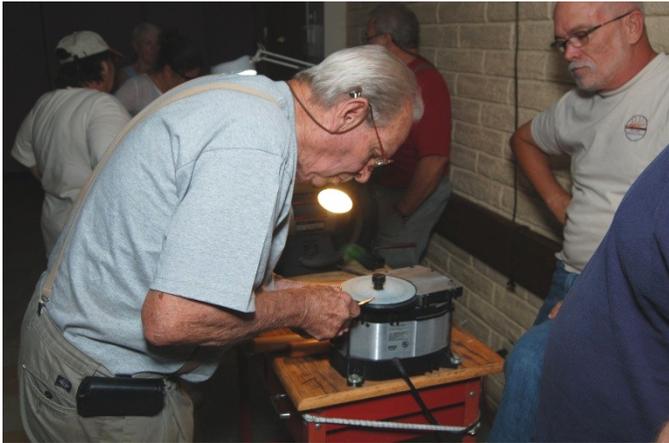
Each meeting everyone in attendance is given an opportunity to show work other than the monthly challenge. Items in show and tell should meet the following guidelines.

1. Something you made yourself out of wood even if it was not on a lathe.
2. Something you crafted yourself using your lathe, but not necessarily out of wood, it could have been made out of acrylic, plastic, deer antlers etc.
3. A specialized tool or jig you made or purchased for use in your workshop, that you feel the members of the club would be interested in.

If you present a show and tell item you will be entered in a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate at Craft Supplies USA.

IWT Summer Turn-a-thon

Thanks to all that brought lathes and sharpening systems to our “turn-a-thon” It was sort of like a mini club symposium with lots of instruction and advice free flowing in the room. A great chance to try some new tools and new ideas. We have an abundance of experience in this club and it always impresses me how well we share!



Thompson Lathe Tools “Made by a Woodturner for Woodturners”

Written by Jim Sciolla

Thompson Turning Tools

Last month's tool raffle was due to the generosity of Doug Thompson and his amazing tools. I had the good fortune to experience one of Doug's bowl gouges based on a recommendation from our departed friend Ron McKinley. At the time of the order I really had no need for another bowl gouge but being the tool junky that I am and the reasonable pricing I decided to buy one. Purchase was easy and shipping was very timely. When you receive the tool it comes packaged well and also includes a full size sheet for your sharpening jig setup. If you use the Wolverine or something similar, just lay your jig on it and adjust to maintain the way your new tool is ground. Since the tool comes sharp already, I took the opportunity to use the tool unhandled (not recommended obviously) to go ahead and make the handle for it and out of the package it was terrific!



I purchased the 3/8 bowl gouge and over the last year it has become my “go to” tool for most things. I have nothing but praise for the way this tool cuts and sharpens. For the exact information on the make up of the tool from powdered metals, hardening and cryogenic treatment used, see Doug's website. When I called Doug to speak about the possibility of donation for our tool raffle he was very kind and more than willing to help. Doug's tools are sold unhandled as you saw at last months meeting and there are 4 very happy members who won Thompson Tools sets. When you look at Doug's website you will see all of his tools offered, new handles with free laser engraving and reasonable pricing to boot. You will find his number on the website and I would recommend that when you are ready to get another tool that you call him and try his tools. Tools made by a woodturner for woodturners that you will enjoy using. Most importantly, from myself and the Inland Woodturners members a big “**Thank You**” to Doug for his generosity. Please look at his website, www.thompsonlathetools.com and give his tools a try, I think you will be happy you did.

Jim Sciolla

President, Inland Woodturners

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Now for the shameless request, this newsletter goes to a lot of places and a lot of people who are connected or know someone who makes woodturning tools or equipment. If you are looking for a woodturning club that actually has people that turn and you have new tools or equipment that you would like to donate to our tool raffle, please feel free to contact me at woodwrkr1@ca.rr.com. We have an average of 55-60 members attend each meeting and have well over a hundred people on our web mail listing that we communicate with. We will do the same as we have done here and get you some exposure about your tools and give you an honest evaluation.

Thanks in advance for your support, Jim

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

Sunday the 18th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Richard Spencer on Segmented Turning. Richard is well known for his segmented tunings and his specializing in urns and castles. Don't miss what I am sure will be an entertaining and interesting demo.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday the 16th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Dave Morgan on Miniatures. Dave is know for so many different things, Turned hats, miniature surfboards (and other miniatures), knot tying, and the list goes on and on...

Saturday the 15th at Rockler in Ontario 9:00am to ~ 2:00pm

Bring your lathe and turn in front of the crowds, promote the club, or just come and offer moral support.

OCTOBER

Sunday the 21st at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Bob Nay on Xmas Ornaments. Bob as well as being the club's treasurer, also turns some of the nicest small turnings.

NOVEMBER

Saturday the 17th, all day demo by John Jordan from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Price to be announced later.

Sunday the 18th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Jim Sciolla on turning a donut box. Don't miss the chance to see Jim in action. Heckling will be strictly encouraged.

Saturday the 17th at Rockler in Ontario 9:00am to ~ 2:00pm

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DECEMBER

Sunday the 16th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm

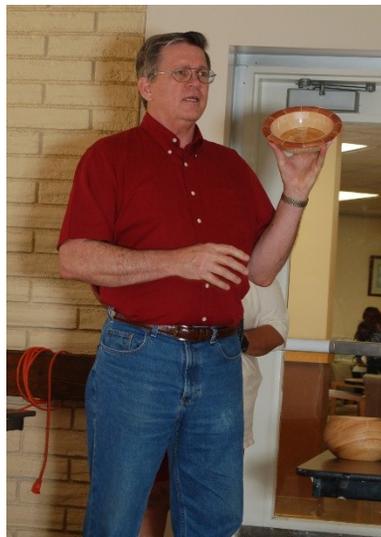
IWT annual Christmas party and celebration.



Show and Tell

This month's show and tell contained many great items!

We had a strong showing for the show and tell. Dave Morgan was back with a bevy of turnings after being gone for a few months. Jim Thompson showed some fun and musical hollow forms with piercing and painting (just like the teenager behind the counter at 7-11). We saw Glenn and his 1,100 piece plus segmented turning. We discovered we had a marine biologist in our midst and Gary shared his international wood smuggling story. Finally Richard previewed the piece for next month's demo, a segmented bowl.



Challenge / Show & Tell Forms

Below are copies of the Challenge / Show and Tell forms. If you find yourself having to borrow a pen, struggling to remember the type of wood or finish used on your project at the meeting, then print out this page and fill in the forms in the convenience of your own home.

We will still have forms at the meeting as well.

Please remember to circle where the form is for the Challenge for the Show and Tell. It makes my life a lot easier.

INLAND WOODTURNERS
Challenge / Show & Tell Form
(please circle one)

Month: _____

Name of Turner: _____

Description of Piece: _____

Type(s) of Wood used: _____

Finish used: _____

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Challenge “Mulit-Axis”

The May challenge was to make a multi-axis turned item and bring the layout piece.

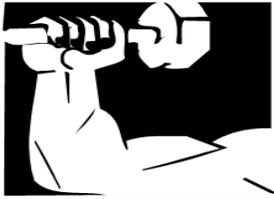
I heard from a few folks that this was a difficult challenge to complete. I won't apologize for this, but hope that you are all better turners for attempting multi-axis turning.



Challenge “Multi-Axis”



Iron Man Challenge 2012



	<i>Mortar & Pestle</i>	<i>Matched Items</i>	<i>Spin top</i>	<i>Hollow Forms</i>	<i>Multi-axis Turning</i>	<i>Turn a Thon</i>	<i>Segmented Turning</i>	<i>Miniatures</i>	<i>Xmas Ornaments</i>	<i>Donut Box</i>	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gary Bingham	X	X	X	X	X						
Larry Cooper	X	X	X	X	X						
Cliff Dean	X	X	X								
Darrell Harris	X	X	X	X	X						
Dave Holzberger	X	X	X	X							
Brad Joplin	X	X	X								
Robert Love	X	X	X	X	X						
Darrell Luthy	X	X	X	X	X						
Dave Morgan	X	X	X	X							
Tom Perkins	X	X	X	X	X						
Ron Sahli	X	X	X	X	X						
Matt Sahli	X	X	X								
Jim Sciolla	X	X	X	X	X						
Richard Spencer	X	X	X	X	X						

Iron man Challenge Criteria

Your wood turning must meet the requirements for that particular Challenge. It must be timely, done or at least completed after the demonstration and turned in within two months. You must fill out the challenge questionnaire, and present it to the group.

Turning Around The Web

This month, I want to highlight the hollowing system that I use, the Don Derry System “Lightning”.

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Check out Don’s website for more information and pricing.

[Derry Tools](#)



We had a few sharpening systems at the demo, so I should also show you where you can get more information on these. A woodturner has to have sharp tools and needs them fast, so we have to become sharpeners as well.

The best known wet system is the Tormek system.

Check out their website for more information .[Tormek](#).



The best known tool holding jigs for your 8” grinder the One-Wolverine system.

Check out their website for more information .[Oneway](#)

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Newsletter Editor’s Notes

As always I am looking forward to your comments, suggestions, and criticisms. They are all welcome.

I encourage all of you to submit an article to be included in the newsletter.

If you have any ideas for suggestion, please email me at Ron@sahli.us or call me at 951-203-8257.



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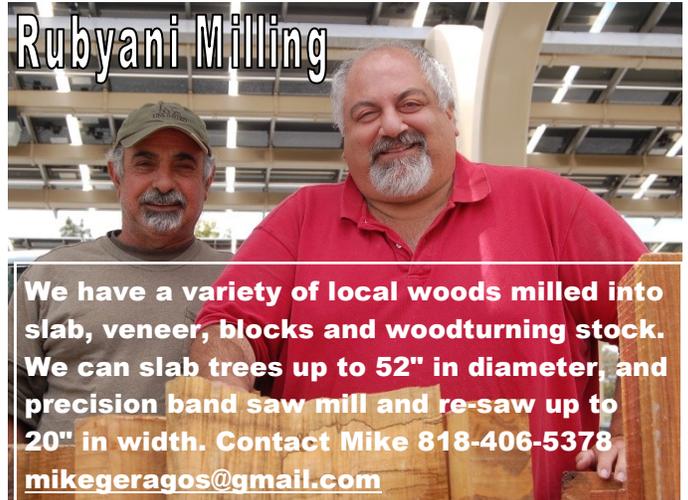


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