



WOODTURNERS II

May 2015

WHAT'S NEW AT WOODTURNER'S II

I wasn't able to attend the May meeting, that's two in a row and I promise that I will be attending again in June. I might have to wear a name tag so you remember who I am.

I understand that the demonstration was put on by John Lilley our esteemed president! So sorry I missed that one. I hear it was great. John did a wonderful job demonstrating bowl making. This was John's first time turning in front of the club and he encourages others to give it a try.

Remember we are always looking for volunteers for demos!

Don't be shy!



Turn-a-thon 2015

The event was held on May 16th at the Depew Fireman's Park. An overcast day didn't dampen the spirits of the attendees. We arrived around 8:30 and set up the pavilion. There's just something about turning outside in the open that was most enjoyable.

We had eight to ten lathes set up and two sharpening stations. Turners chose a variety of projects to work on. Mine was a natural edged bowl from an elm tree from my own yard. The log had been sitting for three years under cover. I figured it would be dry but low and behold it was still quite wet.

It was a very interesting day with tips from the mentors and interest from other turners. I found it to be a great learning experience turning in front of a good sized group.

I also got to man the grill. Something I always tend to gravitate toward at any event. Usually if there's a grill going, I am right there.

I would like to take a minute and thank Joe Wiesnet for organizing and implementing this event. We had some Club 2 members there and I hope to see more next year.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Eckert



Tips and Tricks



When I had to turn 275 large rosettes, I quickly found that my left hand cramped from holding my 1/2" bowl gouge and gripping the chuck key. As an experiment, I made a wooden sleeve through-bored for the tool's shank. I bored and tapped three 3/8" holes. Applying light pressure on three set-screws held the sleeve in place. The cramps in my left hand disappeared.

To solve the problem with the chuck key for my r-jaw scroll chuck, I found a 1 1/4" dowel through-bored for a 5/16" carriage bolt, then cross-bored it 5/8" for the chuck-key shank. This trick prevents me from getting annoying blisters on my hands.

~ Robert Vaughan, Roanoke, Virginia

Have you Ever Turned with This Species?

Black Walnut.

The Black Walnut tree (*Juglans nigra L*) is an extremely valuable forest tree, found abundantly in North Carolina and Virginia, has tough wood with even but coarse texture, string grain with only occasional wavy grain patterns. It usually only grows well in rich bottomland, in moist coves and on lower slopes. The sapwood is light in color contrasting with the superior quality, highly valued, rich dark chocolate brown to purplish black, hard heartwood. The black walnut tree can grow to reach 50 to 90 feet tall, with diameters of two to three feet.



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