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Scott Hampton Shows The Uniqueness Of Turning On A 'Shopsmith'

TURNING PLATTERS CAN PUT 'FRUIT ON THE TABLE'

By Scott Hampton

First, let me say that preparing for this demonstration was a bit different than the others I have done. Loading up my Shopsmith in the back of my pick-up was the tip of the iceberg when it came to preparing for this demo.

All club demo's take preparation, and unless you have done one, you can never truly know, and appreciate, the work that goes into it. This one, though, was a bit different.

My Shopsmith, and the accessories I use to turn it into a lathe, are not quite the same as a regular lathe. The tool rest is different, the tailstock is different, I need to put the entire machine on blocks for the right height, and hoping that I didn't forget a part or tool I needed was always on my mind. I can go on and on.

Also, I hadn't used my Shopsmith to turn wood for quite a while (I now use my Laguna Tools lathe), and there is a learning curve when it comes to using this machine. I wanted to make sure I had everything correct for the demo, so I turned two other platters leading up to the demo on my Shopsmith. The first one seemed to take forever, the second was a bit better, so I hoped for the best when I got to the meeting.

When I arrived everyone seemed very interested in the machine and I had plenty of

Scott demonstrates shear scraping while turning the bottom of a platter made of green Sycamore.



help getting it out of my pick-up and getting into the meeting room. A lot of members began to ask me questions about the Shopsmith and I was happy to tell them all I could.

When it came time to start my demo, I was a bit nervous at first, hoping that the Shopsmith wouldn't hinder the demo I had planned. Everything started to go smoother as I went along and my Shopsmith didn't let me down, and I didn't forget any of the accessories and tools I needed. Everyone seemed very interested in how the Shopsmith worked in comparison to other lathes, not to mention the several methods I showed in how to turn a platter.

I had a great time doing this demo, and I encourage all members to give it a try.

JANUARY 2012 MEETING MINUTES

By Tommy Tucker

Tye Putman opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

We now have another new member: Gordon Miller.

Guests in attendance: Doyle Rogers, Mike Cavanaugh, and Joe Smith.

Club President Tye Putman opened meeting at 10:30 am and noted that we had more members and guests in attendance at this meeting than we have had for some time. It seemed that it was standing-room only. Not sure if the large number in attendance was a result of this meeting starting an hour later than usual, but it seemed to be a major contributing factor.

Tye talked about the upcoming professional woodturning demonstrations to be hosted by Alan Lacer and Jimmy Clewes. Tye also let everyone know that lunch will be included if you reserve your seat early.

Chuck Smith and Howard Atamian reported on the Veteran's Cane Project that we will again participate in with the local wood carving club. They explained the details of how to make the canes, and passed out plans for the correct sizes, etc. Member Kevin Conner again donated the wood to be used in turning the canes.

We had a visit from the Fowler Library management. They showed us an antique

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MEETING START TIME 10:30 am
Same Location and Dates

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telephone that was in the original Fowler train depot. The Library is built as a replica of the original Train Depot and several antiques from the era of the original depot are on display. Member Gordon Bone volunteered to make a display case that will house the phone in the Library, and the club will be donating the materials and cost for the display case.

Member Dave Davenport showed us pictures of a replacement knob made from wood for wheel chair controller/joy sticks. He wanted to know if the club members might be interested in helping make them as a community project. Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

Stan Stevens began collecting dues for 2012.

Club Treasurer Craig Miller read the Treasurers report. We have \$4433.40 in the account prior to collection of the 2012 dues.

Club Librarian Mike Cunningham spoke about the clubs 110 volume video collection. He emphasized that borrowers make sure that they return the videos at the following meeting. That gives you two months to enjoy one of the many great benefits of membership. Mike Cunningham also volunteered to spearhead the group purchase of Pepper Mill Mechanisms.

Joe Smith (a new member) volunteered his time to be our new website manager. He has lots of experience and we all need to thank him for his support.

Tye finished up with all the standard business of the day and after a break it was on to Scott Hampton's demo on Platter turning.

Scott picked a nice piece of green Sycamore he got from a friend in Florida. The blank was about 14 inches in diameter. He turned on a Shopsmith, which is a bit different than most are used to when it comes to lathes.

He cleaned up and balanced the blank and turned to about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thickness. Scott put more effort into this piece while it was being turned because it will be dried before finish turning, also called twice turned. He used many different tools to show members several different methods that we can use to make our own platter.

It was a very interesting demo as the challenges of mounting, tailstock and chuck use are different using a Shopsmith. All appreciated the well prepared and executed demo. After the demo the meeting moved on to Show and Tell.

We then moved on to this month's club challenge. Eight members participated. The raffle conducted by Terry Gilliland was great with several members participating and several great prizes won.

Tye closed the meeting at 2:30 pm. It was action packed from beginning to end. I only hope I did not leave anything out in this report.

Editors Note: Thank you Tye for all the hard work you put into the professional demos, from bringing all the great food for lunch and snacks during both Alan's and Jimmy's demos (everyone happily filled their bellies), to providing the transportation and housing of our woodturning guests. Our club owes you a BIG THANK YOU. Scott H.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all doing well. At the last meeting in January we had to adjust to the new 10:30 am start time. With approximately 44 members attending, it seemed to bring more members out to the meeting. Thanks to all who attended and for understanding the library's economic challenges.

Thank you Scott Hampton for a great demo on platters while using your Shopsmith. I think everyone enjoyed seeing your method of turning that platter. Show & Tell and the Club Challenge were also very interesting. Terry Gilliland gave out nice prizes for the challenge and raffle (don't forget that March's Challenge is a turned project that includes a "hubcap"). I noticed Perry Coy was working hard on the refreshments. Everyone seemed to enjoy them so thank you Perry.

In February Allen Lacer and his wife Mary passed through Fresno and gave an awesome demo at Ideal Saw. We picked up three new videos from Allen for our club library. That was a tuff show to follow. Coming back for his third time was Jimmy Clewes. Again Jimmy entertained everyone to the fullest with his wizardry at the lathe. Kevin Conner donated some great materials for both of these demos. By the way, he has more for sale for any of you who are interested. A huge thank you to Scott Hampton for a great video/audio presentation!

This month our own Greg Miller will talk/demo on segmented turning.

Reminders:

- We start at 10:30 am at the Fowler Library.
- Return club videos to Mike Cunningham.
- Hand in your cane shafts for the Veterans' Cane Drive.
- Dues for 2012 are due by the end of the month.

See you there,

Tye Putman
Club President

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Meeting Dates: The Sequoia Woodturners meet the last Saturday of the month, every-other-month starting in January each year. Location and time of meeting will be announced in the newsletter and on the website.

Club Website: www.sequoiawoodturners.org

JANUARY'S 'SHOW & TELL' STARTS THE YEAR WITH ELEGANCE

Twenty-two members participated in the January 'Show & Tell.'

Bob Cravy: a pen and coffee mug.

Bill Milliken: peppermill, 2 pens and a bowl.

Larry McCartney: segmented lipped bowl.

Craig Miller: a segmented bowl and two others.

Gordon Bone: a candle holder made from an old redwood fence post and a turned post cap.

Mike Cunningham: two pistachio bowls.

Howard Atamian: two jigs and a mint dish.

Chris Grothe: two ornaments and two Corrian turnings.

Stan Stevens: a segmented bowl.

Bob Samson: a lidded bowl.

Lauren Sampson: a platter.

Jerry Irons: termite infested walnut.

Joe Weigant: a true stone pen.

Jack Schwartz: a platter and a goblet with a ring.

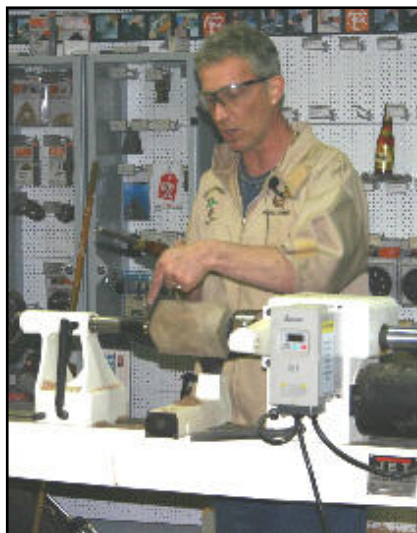
Bill Robinson: a platter and a poly pen.

Perry Coy: redwood vase and a bowl blank.

Rod Wiens: redwood platter and a fish



PROFESSIONAL TURNERS SHOW THEIR MAGIC



JIMMY CLEWES AMAZES DURING HIS THIRD DEMO

Jimmy Clewes made his third appearance to wow the audience at his seminar on March 6th at Ideal Saw Works.

Jimmy created four projects: a large platter, a cowboy hat and two boxes designed from far-off places.

Jimmy's sense of humor, stories from his trips around the world, and his lightning-speed turning kept everyone on their toes the entire day.



ALAN LACER DEMONSTRATS HIS WIZARDRY WITH THE SKEW

Alan Lacer made his first visit to our club on Feb. 9th at Ideal Saw Works and did not disappoint.

Alan showed us the many advantages of learning to use the skew chisel and its ease of use with practice. Alan made several projects including boxes and end grain bowls.

Alan then made the sparks fly, showing us how to make hook tools using his simple blacksmithing skills right on the lathe.

Everyone had a great time and commented that they will be giving their skews another try.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 2012

The club's Executive Board held a meeting on Saturday, January 28th after our regular club meeting to discuss our club's present and future general business.

In attendance were the following board members and guests: Tye Putman, Craig Miller, Ken Kenoyer, Stan Stevens, Tom Tucker, Rod Wiens, Jack Ritchie, Terry Gilliland, Mike Cunningham, Howard Atamian, Scott Hampton, George Spencer, and Gordon Bone.

All current communications were read during the club board meeting and approved.

Stan Stevens gave the Treasures report.

There was a short discussion about programs and demonstrations for upcoming meetings.

The Bakersfield and Bay Area woodturning club's have contracted with pro turner Graham Priddle to put on demonstrations in early May. The board voted not to schedule a demonstration for our club because of the close proximity of the other two he is scheduled to give. You can attend one of the other clubs scheduled demos' if you contact one of other clubs to

reserve a seat. If enough members are interested in going, maybe we can schedule a car pool.

The board voted to purchase professional light stand equipment that will be used at our club's various woodturning demonstrations and events. This will relieve member Scott Hampton from using some of his own personal equipment, as he has been doing for the last several years. The cost is approximately \$140.00.

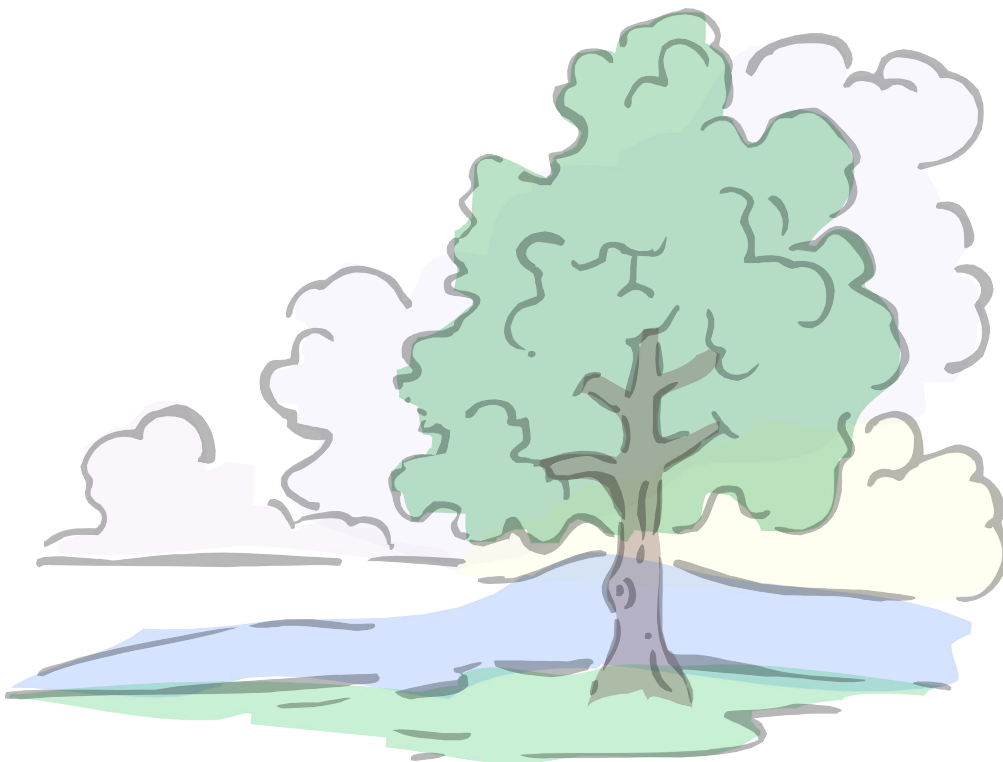
Further discussion was had about our new website manager Joe Smith. It was a unanimous decision to appoint Joe to this job. All agreed to help Joe all we could in the transition.

The board agreed to pay for the materials for the Fowler Library display case Gordon Bone has volunteered to build.

Tye brought up that our club's current By-Laws, that were enacted in 2010, were never signed after being approved by the membership. This will be taken up at the next board meeting.

Tye adjourned the meeting at 3:15.

Tom Tucker, Club Secretary



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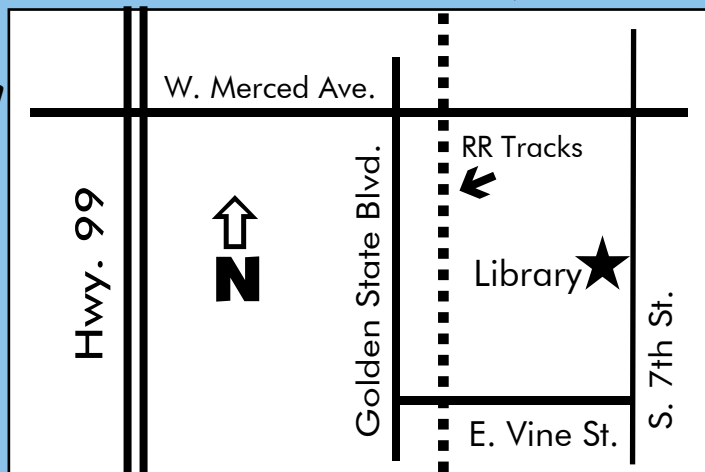
NEXT SEQUOIA WOODTURNERS MEETING SAT. MARCH 31ST

MEETING STARTS AT 10:30 AM

LOCATION: FOWLER REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DIRECTIONS: From Hwy. 99, take the Merced St. exit, turn east (towards mountains) onto W. Merced St., continue on W. Merced Ave., drive across the railroad tracks, then turn right onto South 7th Street. Library will be on the right-hand side.



THE SEQUOIA WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Do you have the time to become a newsletter writer? I am looking for a few members who will like to write some articles for our club's newsletter. Articles wanted include: How-To-Woodturn, Member Profiles, Woodturning Event Articles, Etc. Also, if you have an idea for an article(s) that you will like to submit, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Scott D. Hampton, Editor

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