



HURON VALLEY WOODTURNERS

January 2015

Meeting Highlights

Dan started the meeting exactly at 1pm. He explained that having the executive forum directly before the meeting seemed to “bleed” business into the general meeting beyond the 15 minutes he had promised us for each meeting. So the officers are meeting at Jeff’s the day before to get business issues reduced to fit the schedule.

He introduced three new guests to our monthly meeting.

He then moved on to talk about the need for a mission statement for our club based on a question that a member had posed last month. He requested that club members email their thoughts to Erica (eperry@umich.edu) in one two words. He will meet with Erica after he looks over the bylaws and Erica compiles club input and then they will put together a mission statement. This is usually one or two sentences.

Erik, our treasurer, shared how much we have in our new account and he collected dues from many members at the meeting. He said that what was left after yearly expenses would be available for start up expenses in having nationally known turners come for workshops, etc.

Dan brought up the three paragraph article that he and Erica wrote regarding the Holiday Sale, and the immediate response from AAW. They will publish our article next October and they made the request that we also send some high resolution photos from the show. Dan asked members to send pictures to Erica who will keep them on a flash drive for when we resubmit next autumn.

Dan brought up the AAW symposium in Pittsburg June 25-28 and offered to be the collector of names to organize a group trip there.

Bruce sold raffle tickets for both our regular raffle items and for one year’s club dues which Mitch won!

Jackie reported that a Facebook page (Huron Valley Woodturners) and website ([Huron Valley Woodturners.org](http://HuronValleyWoodturners.org)) for the club are up and running!! Apparently our website has been down for over a year. She needs pics and meeting minutes from Erica which she will post. She is continuing to work on improving our page and website.

We will be working on improving the newsletter so that you can read it from your phone. This means we will not do multiple columns. Also, we will have the schedule for the next month’s demonstrations and snacks highlighted. And very likely, we will not use the application that Erica had purchased since it uses too much memory. It may be that it will only be on the website and members will be directed there for the meeting minutes and photos.

Erica passed around a contact list this month to double check addresses and emails. She will do this again next month.

Snack Schedule

February: Jeff

March: Mel

April: Jackie

May: Al

June: Mitch

July: Jose

August: Maurice

October: Tom

Nov: ?

Dec: ?

**President’s
Challenge for
February:**

**A piece made using a
skew**

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Show and Tell

Art and his spaulted candlestick



Tom and his elm burl



Art and his sassafras natural edged bowl



Mitch and his bird's eye bud vase



Tom and his box elder urn



Mitch and his top toy



Demo

Gary provided handouts and talked about sharpening the skew. He used a diamond sharpener of 120 grit and talked about how using a black magic marker can let you know where you are sharpening.



Russ and John talked about what profile to present to the wood, helped distinguish the toe from the heel of the skew, and provided hands on learning to the club. All in all, a fantastic club opportunity to learn the multiple uses of the skew.



Problem Mentoring:

Steve brought in a winged tray that he wanted to thin.

Erica brought in an ambrosia maple bowl with a crack.

Good advice was offered by the club.

A thousand thanks to Jose for becoming our IT person