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From the Office of the President--

Over the years I have taken more than seven years of college classes. If I learned one thing in a class that I actually remembered and used I considered that class a success.

When I bought my first lathe I knew I needed instruction on how to turn with current equipment. I took a woodturning class at Woodcraft for \$120 and learned one thing that was very important, some chuck jaws hold and some don't.

I have woodturning DVDs that are truly helpful and I have watched them many times and still do occasionally. When I joined the Minnesota Woodturners, they had six hour classes by professional woodturners three or four times a year. Like my DVDs, I learned multiple things at each demo that I still use.

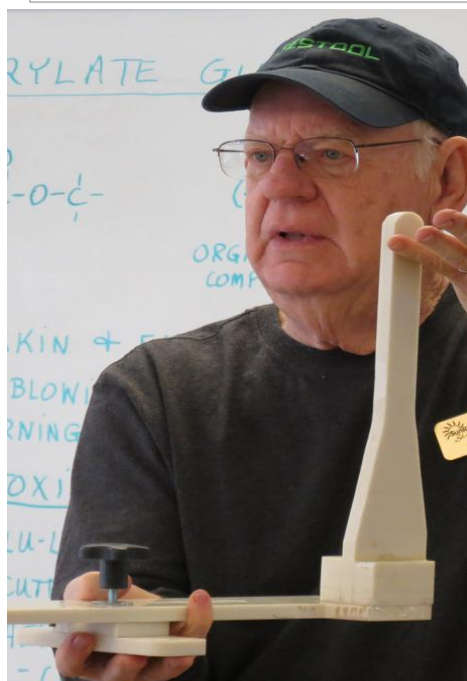
I joined the AAW before I joined the Minnesota Woodturners. I have kept every issue of the American Woodturner and even added more from before I joined the AAW. The AAW is a wonderful resource and has helped me learn things about turning that I have gotten nowhere else. Things like how to sharpen a skew so it is easier to use.

When Covid hit, live demonstrations went away. They are back but not in the same way. Now there are Zoom demos and YouTube videos. All the turners in my DVDs are on YouTube. I watched a YouTube video where Cindy Drozda discussed new equipment in her shop. She has an inexpensive digital display that shows the RPM so that viewers can see the speed she is turning. I need one of those for a lathe with no RPM readout and now I know what I need and where to get it.

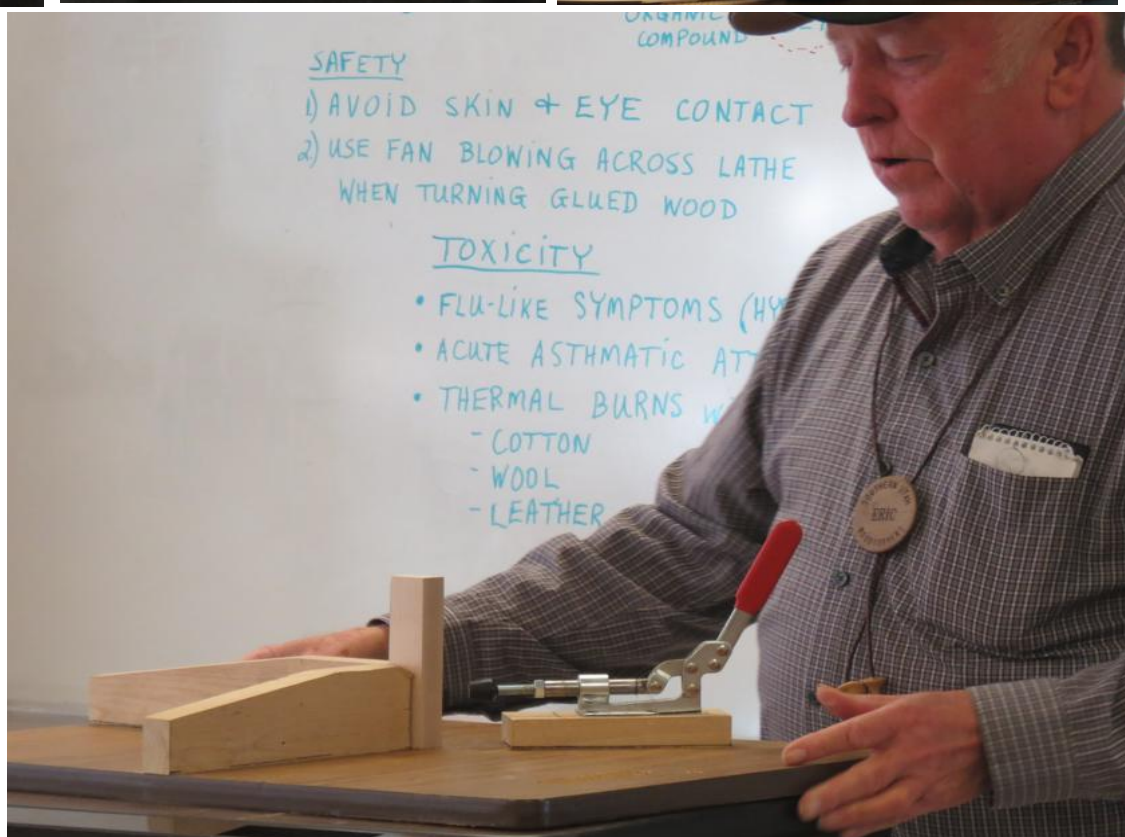
There are lots of ways to build your knowledge of woodturning. You need to use them all.

We are making the application for membership to Southern Utah Woodturners available on our website as well as including with the newsletter mailing as a separate attachment. Please mail form, with dues check (\$30) for 2022, to Glenn Pearson at the address on the application so he may update our records for the membership roster.

The demo of the month was individuals bringing in jigs, fixtures and tools that they have made to help them turn. Bill Vincent brought in indexing and marking fixtures that he uses for marking basket weave lines. He also brought in a steady rest fixture.



Don Smith discussed safety issues with CA glue. You can see what he wrote on the board next to Eric. Do not use cotton, wool or leather to apply a CA finish. You could be seriously burned.



Eric Walker brought in a drilling fixture



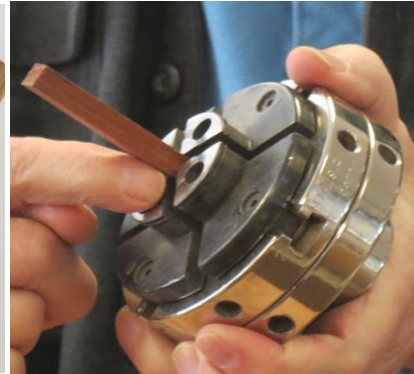
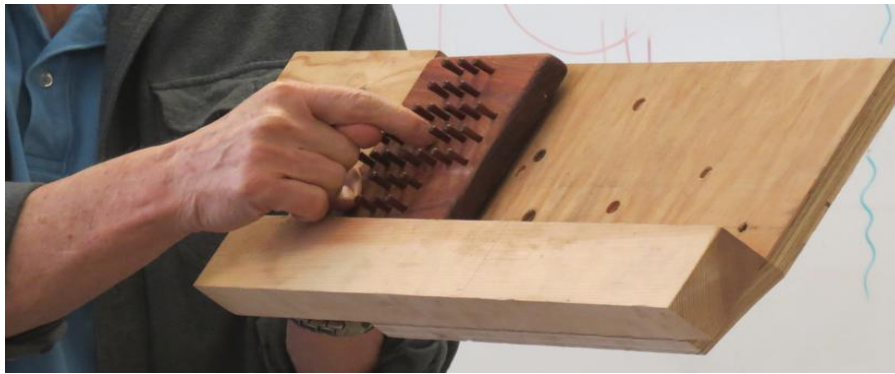
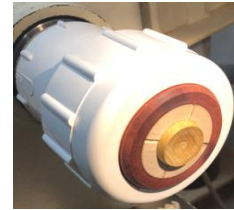
Joe Peacock brought three tool rests, a drilling fixture he adapted for use in his banjo, a figure eight caliper for measuring wall thickness and a parting tool made from a lawn mower blade.



Jeff Blonder brought in a trivet tray to hold hot cooking vessels after removed from the stove or oven.



Karl McMullin brought in a device for measuring the thickness of the bottom of a bowl as he is turning.



Leon Olson brought in a drill press "table" that allows you to drill accurate holes for the game on the table using spacers. He brought in a chuck with modified jaws to hold the blanks for the game pins. He uses a steel pin in a chuck in the tailstock right against the pin blanks so he can cut the correct diameter rapidly. He brought in a 24" toolrest with two banjo posts and the welding fixture for making the toolrest. You are welcome to use the welding fixture. He brought in four chucks made from PVC compression fittings that use wood collets turned from aspen. He also brought in a degaussing device that removes the magnetism in lathe tools. He had more but we ran out of time.

Show & Tell, this month's challenge was to turn eggs



Will Arcularius with multiple eggs, a laser project, a small lidded box and a multi axis turning



Leon Olson with a BBQ hook and the fixture for bending the BBQ hook and the finished egg he turned in the demo in February

Sean Lovell with a maple candle stick



Karl McMullin with a shallow walnut bowl and a small walnut bowl with the grain running across vertically at 45 degrees. He will not turn another bowl with the grain at 45 degrees





Jeff Blonder with a pepper mill and a shallow bowl made with spectraply and walnut



Joe Peacock with a small vase with a carved lip and a hollow form dyed with alcohol dye





Mike Russell with a maple bowl, walnut bowl, a shallow sycamore bowl and a segmented bowl





Scott Richey with an egg



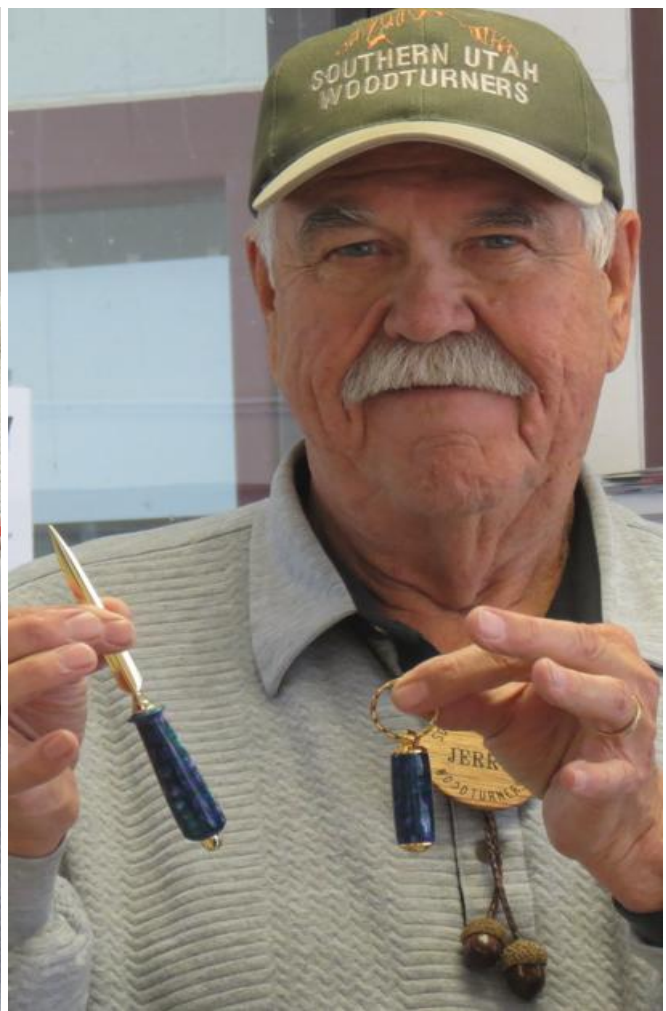
Chad Humphries with an egg

Ken Ragsdale with an egg and egg cup



**Karl Bradshaw with a
spalted aspen bowl**





Jerry Keller
Basket illusion platter, Man in the Maze. He also had acrylic pens, bottle stoppers, letter opener and a pill holder



Eric Walker with a turning "which came first, the chicken or the egg?" He also had a large egg



**Bill Vincent
3D optical illusion
serving board**

GALLERY



Ken Ragsdale
egg and egg cup



Jerry Keller
Man in the maze



**Jeff Blonder
pepper mill and a shallow
spectraply and walnut bowl**



**Karl Bradshaw spalted
aspen bowl**



Sean Lovell
Maple candle stick

TIPS AND TRICKS

Leon Olson

Woodturners on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and Online

The woodturning videos you find on the various platforms include people who have discovered that regardless of their skill level they can make and post videos. Then there are woodturners that have made videos that I have bought because of the wonderful information and insights they give. How do you distinguish between them. It usually only takes a few minutes of watching their safety practices and tool techniques. The cost of the equipment they are using only tells you how much money they have to spend, not how well they use their equipment.

There are two types of sources, groups and individuals. Groups would include the AAW, various woodturning clubs and businesses that put out instructional videos using equipment they sell. It does not matter if a video is from a group or an individual, they are almost always selling something. Ignore the sales pitch. The advantage of starting with a group is that they usually have individuals demonstrating that are exceptional woodturners. I found a video on bleaching wood on the Northwest Woodturners website. The same individual wrote an article for the American Woodturner on bleaching wood. I got out that issue and got information I did not get from the video. The AAW site on Instagram shows a wide range of turners and is easier to use than their website. Instagram is free. I follow Richard Findley, the AAW and Mike Mahoney on Instagram. Some AAW clubs put their videos on YouTube for all to see. Mike Mahoney recently put all of his DVDs on YouTube.

So far I have found five sharpening videos on YouTube that have interesting and valuable content. They include Mike Mahoney and why he grinds freehand. The Craft Supplies USA video talks about the same issue and how to get the Vari-grind jig to do what Mike Mahoney wants. Thompson Tools owner Doug Thompson demonstrates how he sharpens every tool he makes. An individual, Teds Turnings, has a video "Vari-grind experiments" worth watching because you get to see what changing the variables does to the grind you get. Carter and Son has a video on grinding that shows all three types of bowl gouges. Except for Mike Mahoney, they all use the Oneway Wolverine sharpening jig. The Craft Supplies USA video is listed as three years old in March 2024.

Groups I have found: AAW; Axminster Tools; Trent Bosch; Craft Supplies USA; Carter and Son Toolworks; New Mexico Woodturners; Northwest Woodturners; Rocky Mountains Woodturners; Thompson Lathe Tools; Windy City Woodturners; Woodturners Coffee Hour.

Individuals include: Sam Angelo (wyomingwoodturner); Stuart Batty; Jimmy Clewes; Cindy Drozda; Ashley Harwood; Alan Lacer; Eric Lofstrom; Gary Lowe; Glen Lucas; Mike Mahoney; Mike Peace; Richard Raffin; Todd Raines; Steve Sinner; Allen Stratton; Tim Yoder. There are lots of people with the same names as those listed. Just add woodturner after the name.

WHY WE LIVE IN SOUTHERN UTAH



Kolob Canyons, Zions National Park Glenn Pearson Photos

Attendees to regular meeting January, 2023

Lyman Abbott, Gayle Adams, Will Arcularius, Steve Ashworth, Roger Bender, Jeff Blonder, Karl Bradshaw, Ken Carter, Kim Christopherson, Ross Henshaw, Chad Humphries, Jerry Keller, David Layton, Karl McMullin, Leon Olson, Joe Peacock, Glen Pearson, Jim Pope, Ken Ragsdale, Scott Richey, Mike Russell, Bruce Sharp, Don Smith, John Spevak, Bill Vincent, Eric Walker, Susan Wells, Chuck Zimmerman. Students: Sunny Johnson, Sean Lovell

Visitors: Derek Ashdown, Norman Beagley, Barry Brown, Jorden Jessup, Treyson, Jessup, Thomas

Dedicated to promoting woodturning in Southern Utah through
educational demos, classes & fellowship between members.

"Learning Through Turning"

Turn Often & Turn Safe

Meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month

Visit our website at :

<https://www.southernutahwoodturners.com>

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ITEMS FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Please submit items for sale to Leon Olson (leonolson@aol.com) before the 15th of the month to be included in the newsletter. Include SUWT Newsletter in the title of the email



Canyon Creek Services: Making a Difference in Our Community

At Canyon Creek Services, our commitment to supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault is unwavering. In the past year alone, we have provided vital assistance to an astounding 712 individuals in Iron, Garfield and Beaver Counties, demonstrating the pressing need for our services in the community.

Canyon Creek Services is dedicated to creating communities free of violence, where everyone can live safely and with dignity. We offer a wide range of essential services, including shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, and critical resources to survivors in need.

Our passionate team daily extends a lifeline to survivors, providing unwavering support, vital resources, and a safe haven. But our mission doesn't stop there. We also run prevention programs, educating our community on important topics such as healthy relationships, consent, and bystander intervention.

The demand for our services has grown significantly, with hotline calls increasing by 75% over the past year. Unfortunately, securing funding sources has become increasingly challenging, placing immense pressure on our resources.

You can Make a Difference

Donate: Your contribution goes a long way in helping us continue our vital work. \$25 a month will pay for 1 hour on the hotline.

Spread the Word: Sharing our message with your friends, family, and community helps raise awareness of our mission.

Volunteer: If you have the time and skills to offer, consider becoming a volunteer to support survivors.

Together, we can create a community where survivors are supported, empowered, and violence-free. Your support brings us one step closer to achieving this vision.

For more information on making a difference, please visit canyoncreekservices.org or contact Canyon Creek Services at 435-867-9411. Thank you for being an integral part of our community and considering support for Canyon Creek Services. Together, we can change lives and build a brighter future.

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