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From the Office of the President--

I have missed Grant at our meetings. It was always interesting to discuss things with him. I know that some took the time to visit him in his home. Grant was not just a charter member of our club, he was an example to our club of what is possible. His workmanship was spectacular and his designs were wonderful. His son told me that when he became an engineer, he realized that his father was one of those in the 99th percentile. it was a privilege to have him in the club. Seeing his work always made me want to improve my work and the designs of things I make.

From the moment I found the AAW and AAW chapters I knew that they are an incredible resource for those who want to learn how to turn, beginner to advanced. Grant shared that belief in the AAW and local AAW clubs. As an active member of the club he never missed a meeting until he turned 90 and stopped driving on the freeway. He left his machinery, tools and supplies to the club so that we could use them or use the proceeds from their sale to help the members of the club become better woodturners.

There will not be a funeral. When his family has the gathering to celebrate Grant's life I hope that it will be well attended by members of our club.

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 2024, 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: A club discussion of various ways to dry wood for turning. It was an interesting meeting for me. Life got in the way of multiple members attending the meeting that I had expected to be there. As a result I got to lead the discussion in a way I had not expected. We discussed different sealers and the reasons to use or not use them. We discussed rough turning the wood to a uniform thickness to help it dry faster and avoid cracking. We discussed a variety of ways to dry wood, from fast to slow. We discussed the advantages and problems. We discussed how much they cost to use. The real question is will anyone change how they dry wood, or at least experiment with different ways to dry wood.

Show & Tell



Will Arcularius with two aspen bowls. One with a natural edge

Will Arcularius with a natural edge aspen bowl engraved to celebrate the birth of Brent Arnold's daughter



Jerry Keller with boxelder and silver maple bowls with beaded illusion



Mike Russell with a lidded bowl. The lid is purpleheart. The cracks in the bowl are accented with colored epoxy



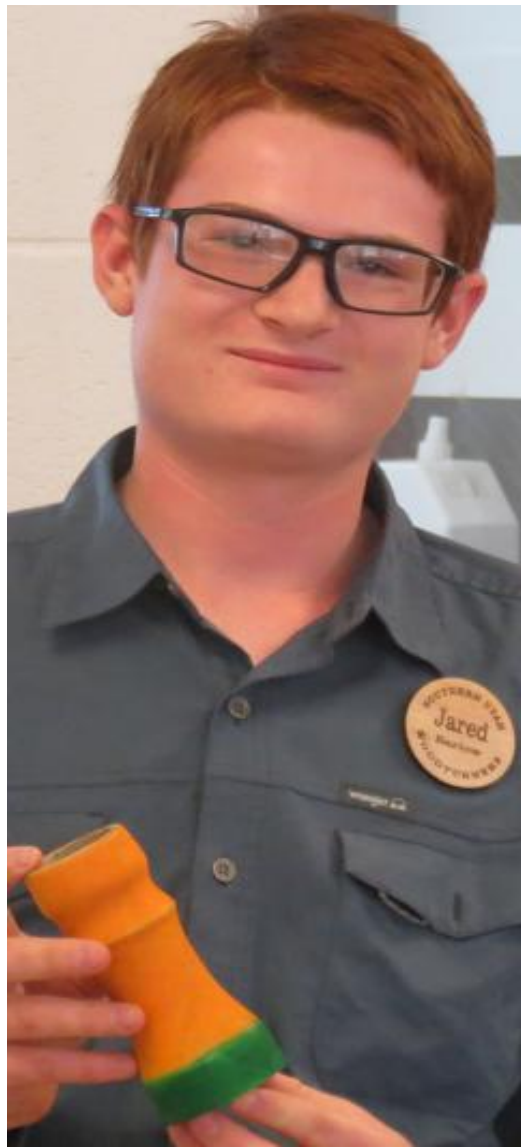
Leon Olson with a silver maple multi axis turning



Bruce Sharp with a candle stick/vase and a pedestal bowl turned with almond



Jarod Barlow with a Halloween themed candle holder and pens



Karl Bradshaw with a red cedar goblet

GALLERY



Will Arcularius
Live edge aspen bowl, aspen bowl and aspen bowl engraved to celebrate the birth of Brent Arnold's daughter





Jerry Keller
Boxelder and silver maple
bowls with beaded illusion



Karl Bradshaw
Red cedar goblet
Shoe horn
four pens





Jarod Barlow
Halloween themed candle holder
Five pens

Leon Olson
Silver maple multi axis turning



TIPS AND TRICKS
Leon Olson

Sharp tools

A year ago, after I was elected club president, I went and talked to Grant. He suggested that we help members learn to sharpen their tools before our meetings. He had done that when the club began with great success. We announced that we would help members sharpen their tools before our meetings. At the first meeting in January, I had the grinder out and was prepared to help anyone who asked. January, February and March came and went and no one brought in any tools or asked questions about sharpening. I stopped getting the grinder out. At our October meeting I was asked about sharpening tools. I made an appointment and went to the member's home to help him sharpen his tools with his grinding equipment. I believe it was a worthwhile experience for both of us.

I have written articles about sharpening multiple times in the newsletter. I have never had any questions or comments about any of those articles. After our October meeting I talked to two club members that wanted to know more about sharpening. If any of you have questions about sharpening, please let me know. My wife expects me to understand all the implications of whatever she says and then act accordingly. Unfortunately I do not read minds, hers or yours.

If you have watched professional woodturners sharpen their tools free hand and try to sharpen free hand you will rapidly discover there are small but very important movements you cannot see. Professionals sharpen their tools often and learn how to do it by experience. You have heard that The School of Experience charges HIGH tuition. In our case that high tuition is in the form of wasted expensive tool steel. Tools that should last more than ten years do not. I bought Penn State Benjamin Best gouges so I could learn to sharpen on inexpensive tools. Then I bought the expensive tools. Even so, I still occasionally waste expensive tool steel.

The last time Kirk DeHeer came, among other things he discussed sharpening. He showed us how to set up our Oneway Wolverine grinding systems so that they will produce the same grind that professionals get free hand. I went home and reworked my sharpening system. Now I can sharpen my tools in seconds and switch between setups rapidly and accurately.

When I bought CBN wheels, one was a 320 grit wheel. Eventually I realized that I can only have so many grinding wheels ready to use. The 320 grit wheel is more like a hone. It is used for light grinding to keep an edge razor sharp. If you want to reshape a tool, a 320 grit CBN wheel is not what you want to use. I replaced the 320 grit CBN wheel with a Norton seeded gel wheel. After CBN wheels, Norton seeded gel micro crystalline blue wheels are the coolest running wheels and they stay sharp. Again the school of experience was expensive. Ask when you have questions.

WHY WE LIVE IN SOUTHERN UTAH



**Cottonwood Road, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument
Glen Pearson Photos**

Attendees to regular meeting September, 2024

Gayle Adams, Will Arcularius, Steve Ashworth, Roger Bender, Jeff Blonder, Karl Bradshaw, Elroy Bryant, Les Gray, Ross Henshaw, Wyatt Holm, Jerry Keller, George Mason, Karl McMullin, Leon Olson, Glen Pearson, Jim Pope, Mike Russel, Bruce Sharp, Eric Walker, Noel Wells, Susan Wells, Chuck Zimmerman.

Students: Jared Barlow, Sean Lovell

Visitors: Otto Clark, Marilyn Loveland

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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

FOR SALE

SUWT has acquired multiple wood working tools that are for sale . An email , listing these tools has been sent to all members. Some have been sold. Contact Jim Pope for current availability.

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Motion Industries is near Costco. They sell belts and bearings among other things. This location is a sales office but they gets things quickly.

Mike's repair is not far from Canyon View High School but it is on the north side of the freeway. There is a road under the freeway from the school. The website is mikestool.com You need to be careful to get it exact. There is another website that is one letter different.