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Spherical Sanding Tool Demo

David Hoehns presented the November Demonstration, a reprisal of the David Reed Smith article in *Woodturning Design*, Spring 2008.

The foam sanding tool, Hoehns explained, may be used on any surface, but it is most useful for concave or interior surfaces. Too, the foam sander seems to yield a smoother surface than other sanding methods for each grit used.

The tool is made of 2 mm craft foam glued and wrapped around a mandrel made from drill rod, 1/4 or 3/8. After the glue sets, the foam is shaped with the mandrel running on the lathe using sandpaper.

The tool is completed by gluing hook and loop or Velcro © around the sphere. In the handouts Hoehns showed the pattern for cutting sand paper for 1 and 2 inch sphere's. These patterns were in the David Reed Smith article, and they may be found on Smith's website, <http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/FoamBallSander/FoamBallSander.htm>

Hoehns said the technique could also be used to create special shapes for a unique sanding target.

AAW Membership

Does the number of woodturners relate to the availability of wood? If so the AAW membership should be concentrated in areas available forest.

Research for this essay began as an analysis of AAW membership contrasted against members living near available forest. It seemed a simple concept. True, much of America's forest is not preferred by woodturners. Linda Ferber responded to my request for a list by state of the organization's membership, (with some apologies for some errors) in the list. Someone prepared it using the postal codes for the states, provinces and territories from where the members hail. Just where P! is located geographically may be anyone's guess. Such errors are few, and the data seemed sufficient for my work.

Generally, AAW membership comprises one in every 24 thousand Americans. Ranking the states, one finds Alaska with the greatest number of AAW members in relation to its population: 1 in just under 9 thousand.

Alaska, forest, it seems to make sense. So did the top ten states. Unfortunately, the membership in those top ten state equals only 15% of AAW's nearly 13 thousand members. So where is the problem?

Washington and Oregon with about 1 in 13 thousand seems to suggest available forest might play a role in AAW membership. California's 1171 AAW members, the greatest of any state, comprised only 1 in 32 thousand of the state's population, ranking 42nd among the states.

Our own Texas along with California are the most populous states and together account for 15% of AAW membership. Is population a greater indicator of AAW membership? The top ten most populous states account for 47% of membership in AAW.

After some thought, David's postulate resulted. AAW membership relates directly to the number of people to whom we may give our bowls. So, if you live in Wyoming for example, and you have run out of people to give your work. No one ever wants to buy it right? Come on down to Texas. We still have people left who will take a bowl.

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AAW a Divided Organization or Not?

At the close of the AAW 2010 Symposium last Summer, the tumult over the terminating of the Executive Director spilled out of the Board of Directors and into the membership. Accusations and reactions welled up and on to the web pages of the AAW Forum. Everyone with some ax to grind voiced launched missives attacking the members of the Board and anyone who defended them. Largely unbid, defenders responded with equal vitriol. One statement made last summer and frequently restated in the AAW Forum is that the AAW is a divided organization.

In October a complaint generated by those angered by the termination accused the Board of unethical behavior. The Ethics Committee will consider this latest issue, and they do not need input from this newsletter to aid them. Instead, this article considers whether the AAW is seriously fractured. In October a complaint generated by those angered by the termination accused the Board of unethical behavior. The Ethics Committee will consider this latest issue, and they do not need input from this newsletter to aid them. Instead, this article considers whether the AAW is seriously fractured. Continued on Page 3 (See AAW)

Presidents Letter

The holiday season is upon us and the SPW Christmas Party is just around the corner. For all those persons who indicated that they were planning to attend at the November meeting, I hope that you have gotten your tickets from Treasurer Tom Farrell. If not plan to bring cash or a check to the December meeting and get your spot secured. Our Party Planner, Bob Harbaugh, reports that he has a good meal and music entertainment secured. We will again have a gift exchange, so if you bring a finished piece to put in the exchange you will get to take home something crafted by a fellow wood turner.. **Bring a guest.** This is a great way to introduce friends and family to your hobby and to share your turning skills with your fellow wood turners.

While on the subject of SPW social activities, mark your calendar for the May 2011 meeting which will be a BBQ cookout and swap meet. This will be an opportunity to do some trading of finished turnings, tools, wood blanks and anything else related to the wood turning hobby.

Be well, stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends.

Jim Harris aka 'The Prez'

Next Club Meeting

December 4

At Target Sheet Metal

In the wood shop

Enter via the West door near rear

South Loop 289 (see map on last page)

Demonstration: Mike Oglesby

Coloring and Dying Techniques

Meeting starts at 10:00, but come early. Help make the coffee and visit with other turners.

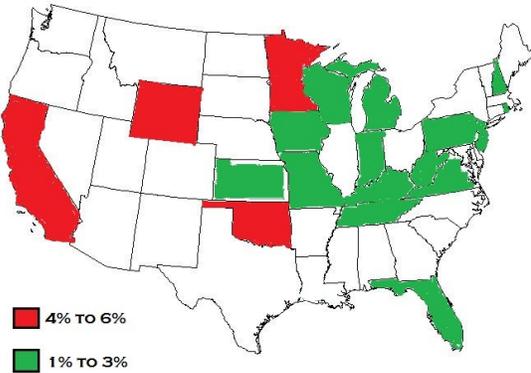
**** Since New Year's Day falls on the first Saturday, we will meet on January 8, 2011 in to allow our members to be with family.**

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AAW (Continued from Page 3)

The complainants, after having three months to marshal their sympathizers, number just under two-hundred signatures. This equals about 1.5 % of the AAW membership. Don't immediately dismiss the small numbers, however. The list includes a number of affiliated club leaders, master woodturners and long-time woodturners.

The geographical distribution of the members signing the complaint to the Ethics Committee is interesting.



Throw out Wyoming and Oklahoma, each notably skewed by small numbers, 2 and 11 signers respectively, and the map takes on a rust belt characteristic.

The greatest percentage of signatories came from Minnesota, 6.9% the AAW members living in the state. California was second where 6.4% of the AAW members signed the complaint. California, home to the two AAW board members who resigned their positions in protest listed at least seventy-five signers.

The distribution is interesting because the next two symposia are in Minnesota and California successively. Whether or not AAW is a fractured organization, a symposium depends heavily on local support for success. The disproportionate number of dissatisfied members in the two states could make the rift seem larger and more important. Will local support be eroded by the issues?

That over 98% of the AAW membership failed to join the dissenters is a very loud statement that AAW is not fractured. The focus of discontent being centered in two states is not random. Angry people have been hard at work recruiting supporters. Their success in Minnesota and California may encourage them to continue.

The next test is membership renewals. If a large number of people fail to renew membership for any reason, the leaders among the complainants will insist this supports their cause. If at least 12,000 members renew this year, it will rebuke the complainants, not for their cause, but for their actions and agitations.

Note: Alaska and Hawaii are not shown on the map, but neither state reflected even 1% of its members signing the complaint.



David Turner was busy in October. At left three pieces made from divers woods. He also showed a beech platter, seen below left and a whimsical display shown below at the right.

Meeting Conduct

The Board of Directors has determined to streamline the conduct of meetings in order to allow ample time for demonstrators to present their material in the normal time and to allow members who may have to leave at noon to see all of a demonstration.

This will be best accomplished, the BOD has decided, by allowing no extemporaneous announcements from the floor. If anyone has announcements, see the president before the meeting. Give him the information, and he will present the information **if there is time**.

Anyone with an announcement can always call the newsletter editor with the information. This is one of the newsletter's purpose. The deadline for announcements in the newsletter is the 20th of the month, but call later to see if the information may be fitted in somehow. The same thing is true for members who wish to sell anything.



Bob Herman displayed this catalpa bowl with lacquer finish. The bowl was completed in October. Bob gave me a piece of this wood. I found catalpa a difficult wood to turn. Good job Bob.



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Mooove over for more whimsy. This from Kay Agnew. Kay turned the refrigerator magnets and tops from walnut and an unknown tree given to her by a neighbor.

The snowman's head at lower left came from that unknown tree down the street.



Rendy Drouette turned the two natural-edged bowls shown above. To the left is a pecan bowl done in September. It was finished with a polyurethane finish.

The mesquite bowl in the foreground was turned *a la* Buddy Compton. Finished with polyurethane, it was done in September after the Buddy's demonstration.

Interestingly, Rendy reports this was turned on a treadle lathe!

Dick Markham, like Rendy at far right, has been watching our demonstrations. To the right are three Christmas ornaments in the style Tom Farrell. Dick made the ornaments in October. The ornaments have been completed with gold leaf and various paints. Dick apparently used a parting tool, instead of female thread-chaser, for surface enhancements on the ornaments.



At left a close-up of Dick's ice cream cone ornament. How wonderful is the evolution of creative work. Tom developed the ornament, expanding on previous concepts as explained in last month's newsletter. Dick's eye made a new twist in the idea.

Then two fools licked the ice cream cone at the meeting. Some of us are just evolving at a different rate.

At right is a beaded body drum turned and enhanced by Mike Oglesby, using his beading tool shown below. Mike finished the drum on October 30.

Drum is made of maple.

If anyone is interested in buying a beading tool from Mike give him a call. He makes them with and without handles. I traded for one, but I haven't used it yet.



Mike Chambers who has become almost a production salt and pepper shaker turner of late brought some his turquoise enhanced cherry pieces. The turquoise rings look really nice on the cherry.



At left two bowls by Larry Rogers. Sorry Larry, the information sheet got lost so details about the bowls is unavailable. They look nice.

To the right is an orphan, a natural-edged bowl. This picture was made after the meeting started, but I was busy getting ready to do the demo and failed to note whose it was. Sorry.





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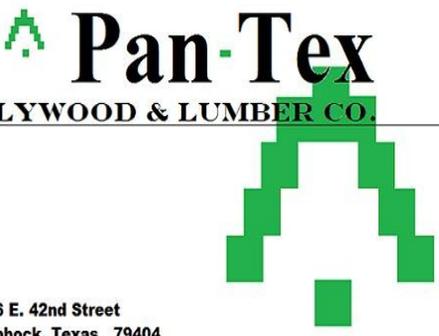
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Map to locate club meeting

