



January 2013

Peter Mcreea

Will demonstrate Elegant Urns

On January 22 at Erskine Academy

Peter's statement:

I will cover both green and dry solid wood urns, sizing a cremains urn, turning tree-section green wood safely, chucking using deep jaws, minimizing checking during turning, how to determine the volume of an urn, creating o-ring sealed lids as well as lids suitable for display of dried flowers while waiting for the eventual owner. I will not be doing a completed urn from start-to finish as that takes entirely too much time. I will likely turn the external form between centers (lots of chips), demo the mounting safely in a chuck, partially drill the central core, demo the top shoulder hollowing, skip the Jamieson hollowing setup used to completely hollow the interior, and time permitting, demo the turning of a lid with o-ring seal.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed, and if a turners friend has passed, a gift of an urn will be thanked at long last" I hope my demo will be better than my poetry. Peter



One of Peter's Cherry Urns

DATE CHANGE for this meeting TUESDAY 1/22/13, 7PM in the all-purpose room



Presidents Message

From **Lanny Dean**

The Christmas meeting looked like might have to be canceled but as the day approached the weather wasn't all that bad . I'm happy to report it was a success and a fun time was had by all able to make it. Did everyone notice Laurie Curtis got #1 , not only that, she picked Macs gift . Lost it for a while then took it back... Gonna take up turning now Laurie and cash in that shop time voucher?? Dennis will be jealous . Heck so am I. Congratulations Phil Perkins for winning the Christmas ornament contest.

Anyone noticed the days are getting longer ? Two months from this meeting and spring is here. Mud season then whoopee the black flies. I'm now getting next years firewood out and there's been just the right amount of snow to level out the woods road, so turning has to wait My eye is on a rock maple with a nice burl 50 feet up in it. Yes, it Will come down soon.... I just cut a red maple to get some pieces for our Feb demonstrator who is Another one of our past presidents .Peter Asselyn has graciously agreed to demonstrate how he makes beautiful lampshades.

Lets remember to get those bowls made up we promised Dave Barden for the senior class. By my eyeball measurement of his hand gesture it looked like about 13 to 14 in bowls would fit the bill.

I'll end this with a more disparaging note: I hope by the time you read this it will be all settled but I doubt it. The AAW sent a notice the chapter may lose insurance coverage through them since their premium is up 1600 percent to cover the chapters. Looks like we may need to dig deep to handle this evil necessity . More info listed on the AAW forum and members page.

See you at our past president Peter Mcree's demo Jan 22nd !
If weather is questionable check for email cancelation before heading out !

Christmas



Party







To: All AAW Affiliate Local Chapters

For more than 20 years, the American Association of Woodturners has purchased liability insurance that covered both AAW members and AAW chapters for any liability exposure arising from chapter-sponsored events.

In the latter part of 2012 we undertook an exhaustive review of all AAW corporate, member, and chapter insurance to write an insurance specification in order to solicit bids for 2013. This was also in response to a doubling in our general liability insurance premium in 2012. It has become evident to us that under terms of renewal, the policy offered through our existing carrier will no longer meet our terms and conditions for liability coverage to our chapters. By way of illustration, the cost to AAW for our chapters in 2011 was \$11,000. In 2012, that rose to \$23,000. Under new terms of proposed insurance for 2013, our premium would rise to more than \$175,000 to offer the same coverage to all chapters.

Although we have engaged two agents to independently identify a carrier willing to write a policy extending pre-existing liability insurance for our chapters, we have not yet identified a suitable and affordable policy. In effect, this means we are not able at this time to implement a policy that we can extend to each chapter affiliated with AAW. We are identifying other providers of optional general-liability coverage for the chapters and we are confident that we will very shortly be able to offer policy coverage at a competitive price. Accord insurance certificates sent on behalf of the AAW reflect coverage held by the AAW national organization. The national office will issue an update on the status of this process as soon as possible. Of course, chapters also may choose to seek liability coverage from providers in their local area.

We acknowledge that this information represents a substantial change to our longstanding practice of the AAW paying for the liability insurance as a way to support the work of our local chapters. We understand that this is an extremely disappointing development and we realize that a change of this nature does not come without some distress. We want to assure you that we are continuing a diligent search for the most affordable solution to this problem. As noted above, we will be issuing a more complete statement of options very soon, but in the meantime we will be available to answer your questions and get your feedback by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,
Phil McDonald
Executive Director

Al Hockenberry writes

Individual AAW members are still covered which gives coverage for demonstrations at clubs and regional symposiums.

Club officers are covered since they must be AAW members.

Clubs required to show proof of insurance for things like burning down the meeting place need a club policy. Hopefully AAW can find a company willing to write a policy the clubs can purchase at small expense.

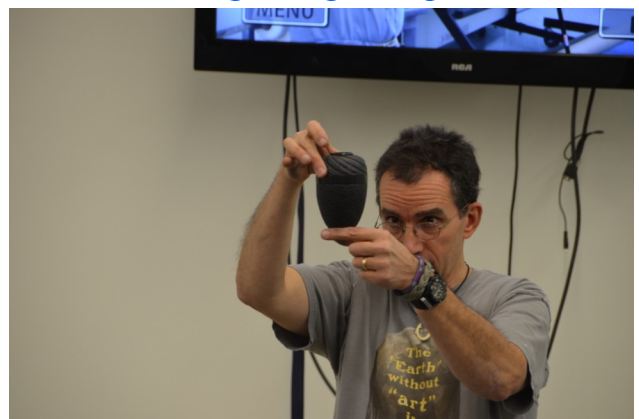
This information copied from AAW forum

Jack Vesery's November demo

Jack began his demo showing everyone the proper way to use some basic tools—the garden spade, hatchet and even the spindle roughing gouge !!!



FORM WAS THE DEMO TOPIC



By painting everything black you can see the form better - the wood grain does not distract the eye!

Jack Vesery's November demo



Jack also discussed form on some of the show and tell pieces.

