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Zumbro Valley Woodturners March 2009

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Pres. Mel Corner -

Greetings Woodturners,

It's too bad that we missed out on having the meeting on finishing last month, I hope everyone can make it for the Tim's re-try next month. Hopefully, the weather will start cooperating by then. Looking out the window right now, it's hard to imagine.

I just got my issue of the American Woodturner a couple of days ago and I'm dazzled by all the eye candy it has to offer. Regardless of your taste in wood art, there should be something for you in there. One thing I found especially inspiring is the story of a blind gentleman who was determined to learn to turn wood. I've known other turners with various disabilities and they have always been an inspiration to me as well as a reminder of how lucky I am. If they can do this, what can I possibly complain about?

There is also an article about faceplates in there. This has some bearing on the demo I will be doing for you on the 26th. My techniques for threaded lid boxes are all learned from Bonnie Klein and she recommends the use of faceplates rather than chucks for this type of work due to the greater accuracy and less chance of the workpiece shifting in the mounting during the process. I'm planning on having the small lathe in the middle of the room so that everyone can crowd around. There isn't a lot of chip flying type turning in this project, but some detail work that is easy once you see it done. There is a slight possibility we may have some video equipment to try out, but no promises on that score. Let's hope for good weather. If it all thaws, the driveway may be a bit mucky, so try to get as close to the shop as possible, there's plenty of parking up there and I should have signs out.

Don't forget the woodcarvers show 28th and 29th. Even if you can't sign up, try to come by.

See you soon,
Mel

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The following article is referenced with permission from the Minnesota Woodturners Association of Stillwater, MN. You will recall that ZVW supported this program in a small way by contributing a hundred dollars to the project.

You can read the entire Minnesota Woodturners Association newsletter from December 2008, by clicking on the following link – <http://mnwoodturners.com/newsletters/december2008.pdf> . The Ukraine project is on pages 6 and 7. I tried to copy the pages here but software changed the format and this newsletter was at one point 4436 pages long.

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Remember that the Woodcarvers show is at the fairgrounds in Rochester on March 28 and 29. Contact Irv to reserve your time at the lathe or to help man the booth.

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The next meeting will be at Mel Turcanik's workshop, on March 26th. The subject is threading! This from Mel:

I will be talking about doing threaded lids for small boxes. I will have a few examples of some past work I've done to show how the technique can be used. My plan is to first do a quick run through of a regular box with a slip fit lid, then proceed to do a box with a threaded lid using the Bonnie Klein threading jig.

I have hand-out plans on how you can build your own threading jig out of easily obtainable materials at reasonable cost and will have an outline of the process of making a box.

Even if you never want to do threading, the basics of box making should be worthwhile.

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The meeting cancelled in February has been rescheduled for April 16th at 6:30 at the Rochester Covenant Church. Tim Sullivan will give his presentation on finishing.

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On Monday last, Merle Peterson gave a demo to a couple beginning turners on how to make inside/out turnings. The demo was much appreciated and thanks again!

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If you have not sent your 2009 dues, the time is now. One of the upcoming agenda items is a tour of three shops to be held on a Saturday. Coffee and donuts will be at the first stop and lunch at the third. Should last from 9 AM to about 1PM.

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If you have any items of interest that should be announced to the troops, let me know.

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