

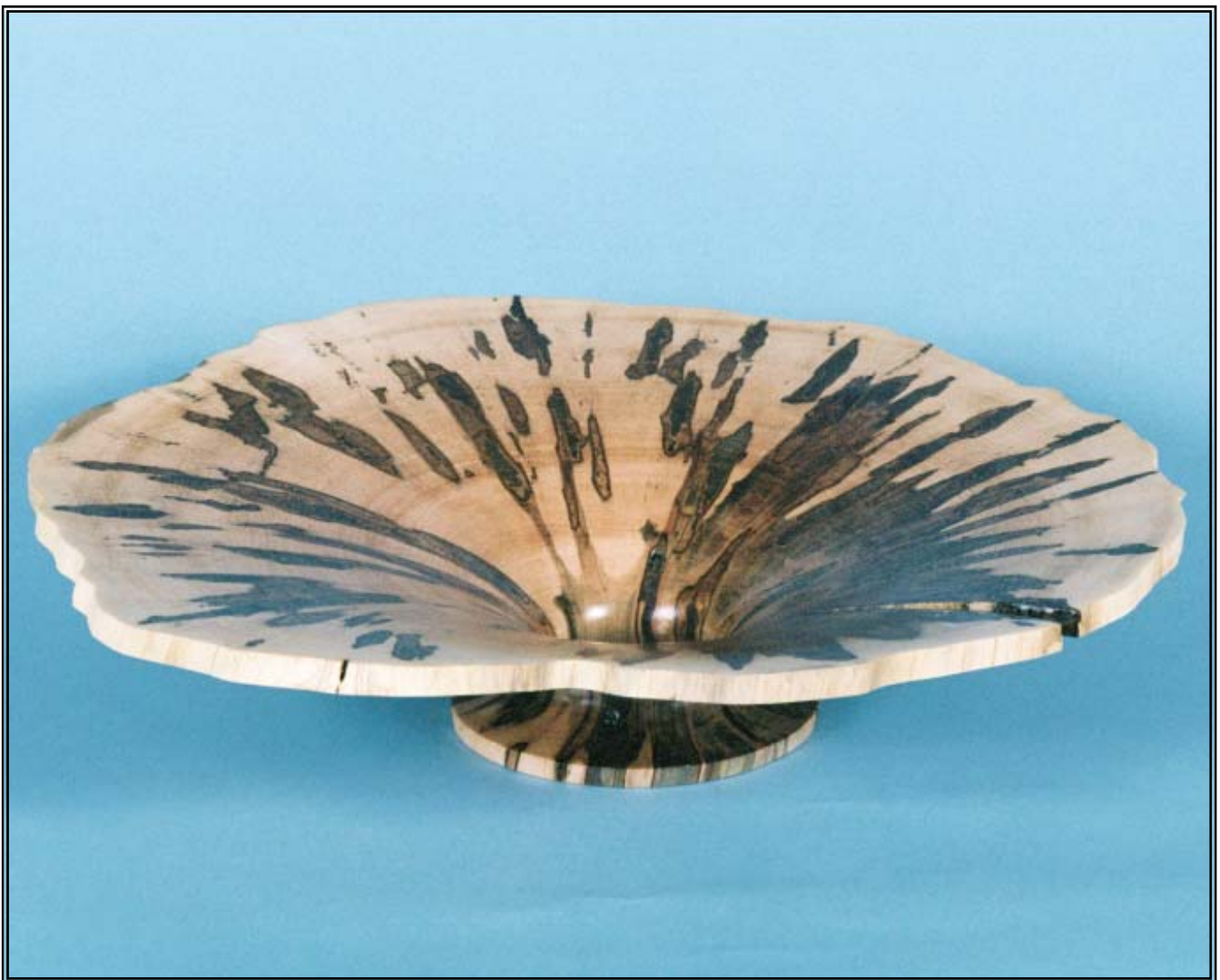


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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By David Kaylor

From all I hear, the picnic at Camp Grimes was a success. I'm reluctant to name names, since I had to miss, and I don't want to leave anyone out, but I know that Jim Miles deserves lots of credit for all his efforts to arrange this event. And I know that several people have told me that Jack Freeman did a fine job with food arrangements, and that Beverly Mechling's pressed flowers workshop was a big hit. I have also heard compliments of Scott Caskey's chain saw demo and the visit to the sawmill.

Don't forget the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium coming up November 5-6. Mary and Edgar tell me the registrations are coming in

more slowly than had been hoped for. I remind you again that this will be not only an extremely valuable experience for all who attend, but also a major source of our program funding for the coming two years. The Symposium has helped us keep our program high and our annual dues low, so I encourage everyone to register and attend (registration forms enclosed).

NOTE ABOUT ELECTIONS: The fact that our final three meetings of the year are special events makes it difficult to conduct elections of Board Members in the usual way, so here is our plan: Nominations for Board Members, which are made by the current Board, are hereby posted:

- * Bill Williams Class of 2006
- * Barb Ward Class of 2008
- * Jim Miles Class of 2008.

All three are currently serving on the Board, Bill and Barb filling out terms of Ric Erkes and Jerry Keys, and Jim Miles having been elected in 2005 to fill an unexpired term. Additional nominations can be made by any member, either by email to me (dakaylor@bellsouth.net), or at our Christmas party. Election will take place at the Christmas party.

Finally, a reminder that we will have a booth at the Klingspor Extravaganza, October 28-29. If you want to bring items for show and/or sale, or if you are willing to volunteer to tend our booth, call Bill Williams (704 871 9051). He still needs help.

Hoping to see you at the Extravaganza AND the Symposium,
David



**November 5th and 6th, 2005
Statesville Civic Center
Statesville, North Carolina**

300 South Center Street, Statesville, North Carolina, 28677; (704)878-3493

NCW Calendar of Events

November 5-6 - Carolina Symposium.
December - Holiday Festival.

2005 Challenge Projects

November - Symposium Gallery.
December - birdhouse ornaments.

Membership - by Mary Bachand

Thank you to all who are sending their blue renewal slips and checks to me. I will close renewal with our February meeting.

Library News - by Mary Bachand

Remember our wonderful special. You still have November and December to enjoy your rentals. If you feel the need, you may mail your rentals back to me. Just don't bring them to the symposium or our Christmas party.



- * Fantastic deals on woodworking equipment
- * See newest products available
- * Closeouts! Scratch and dent deals
- * Tours of KLINGSPOR Abrasives
- * 4th Annual Catawba Valley Woodcarvers Juried Contest- over 500 carvings in 21 categories
- * 2nd Annual Wood Turning Contest
- * Stubai Relief Carving Contest
- * Proxxon Power Carving Contest
- * Charity Turning Event "Tops for Tots"
- * Many local artisans on site to display and sell their crafts
- * Frank Penta - Turning Demonstrations
- * Eddie Hamrick - Pool Cues - also tours of Twisted Tree Gallery
- * Leon Harkins - Chip Carving
- * Sandra Price - Gourd Carving
- * Gary Falin "Featured Carver"
- * Tom Wolfe
- * Vic Kirkman - Texturing Birds
- * Jim Carpenter Painting Seminar
- * Paul Rolfé
- * Chainsaw Demos
- * Carolina Mountain Woodturners Mobile Lab will be on hand with 10 mini lathes and all the accessories
- * Winery tour in beautiful Valdese, NC
- * Beautiful time of year to see leaves changing in region
- * Concessions available
- * Door Prizes!!

Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602; 828-324-8600

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED

*REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHS, REVIEWS, FEEDBACK.
SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER NCW MEMBERS
E-mail me at john-uteck@carolina.rr.com*

Klingspor's Extravaganza 2005 Carolina Symposium

- * Woodturning Competition and Show
- * Woodturning Demonstrations
- * Hands-On Demonstrations
- * Tops-for-Tots
- * Other
- * Demonstrator Reviews
- * Room Assistant Experiences
- * Instant Gallery
- * Trade Show
- * Symposium Organization / Feedback

October Meeting at Camp Grimes



"I enjoyed the day at Camp Grimes on Saturday and I was delighted to see the saw-mill as it reminded me so much of my childhood and growing up in the country. We seemed to have stepped backed to the Waltons for a time!"



2006 Challenge Projects

Now is your chance to go back and review the 2005 demonstrations, sign out the videos, read the reviews. Our 2006 Challenge Projects are generally based on the 2005 demonstrations, plus a few more to keep you turning!

- * January - bottle stoppers, napkin rings, or flower holders.
- * February - crotch turning.
- * March - texturing, carving and finishes.
- * April - polychromatic, layered, laminated, segmented, pegging, inlays, or stave construction.
- * May - Alabaster turning (main challenge); natural edge bowl (secondary challenge).
- * June - bowl (but not just any bowl -- make it "special", and tell us why!).
- * July - hollowing.
- * August - lidded vessels.
- * September - toothpick holder or pen/pencil holder.
- * October -goblet.
- * November - Multi-center or offset turning.
- * December - finials.



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The Beginner's Corner



Each of us who have some experience at turning has developed a set of preferred sources for the various tools and supplies that we require in our every day work. This month I'm going to share my preferences with you. If you haven't already developed your own preferences you might want to try mine.

I've bought tools from four sources and have found all of them to be very satisfactory. The granddaddy of the turning catalogues is *The Woodturners Catalog* put out by Craft Supplies USA in Provo Utah. If you don't have their catalogue be sure to get one, 1-800-551-8876 or www.woodturnerscatalog.com. A more recent entry is *The Woodturners Source* by Packard Woodworks, Inc in Tryon NC, 1-800-683-8876 or www.packardwoodworks.com. My third source is Klingspor's Woodworking Shop where we meet each month. If you are considering purchasing a new tool it's best to review both catalogues as well as look over the stock at The Woodworking Shop. The advantage of shopping at Klingspor is that you can handle the tool and see how it feels to you. The 10% percent discount is nice, too. The catalogues by both Craft Supplies and Packard are very well done with lots of pictures and descriptions. The Packard organization is very customer friendly. Brad Packard is a turner and either he or his wife Debbie is a good source of information on the products they carry.



If you are getting into hollowing you might want to consider a tool with a stabilizing arm like the one shown here. Al Basham 1-919-469-1064 or albasham@nc.rr.com has a variety of styles; you make your own handle and it should be extra long. If you can sketch a special tool you want I believe Al will make it for you.

The cutting tip on this tool is a shaper blade purchased at Sears Roebuck that I've ground as a shear scraper. It can be ground into any shape that suits the job. Other high-speed steel cutters are offered in the catalogues at about \$7 each. Mine cost half that.

I buy Starbond cyanoacrylate glue from CPH International 1-800-900-4583 or www.Starbond.com. Other brands cost 40% to 100% more and I've been totally satisfied with the results. In addition each 2 oz bottle comes with an extra nozzle and cap and several very small nozzles that are useful for putting the glue exactly where you want it. I keep in my shop the very thin viscosity as well as 150 and 600 viscosity. These cover everything I need to do. They also offer both black and brown colored glue at twice the regular price. I doubt if it's worth it.

I use hook and loop power sanding mandrels I buy from Industrial Abrasives Co 1-800-428-2222 or www.industrialabrasives.com. My preference is for the somewhat firmer pads they sell rather than the very soft ones sold elsewhere. However, as I told you in September get the sanding discs from Klingspor where you can be sure of the flex of the backing. Buying sandpaper from a catalogue is a risky proposition.

Either Walmart or Lowes is a good source for lacquer, sanding sealer, acetone and alcohol.

Some of you other members must have developed sources you trust for products you need. Send me the information and I'll publish it here in a future column.

Each month Don will have tips, techniques and suggestions which will be of most interest to those members who are in the early stage of their turning career. If any member has a question or subject they would like to see covered send an e-mail to Don at donotjen@aol.com.



November 5th and 6th, 2005

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