



# Wood Write News

Wasatch penturners club newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2013

OUR FEBRUARY WASATCH PENTURNERS CLUB MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED AND INTERESTING. I WANT TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO STUART DAVEY FOR HIS DEMONSTRATION. STUART'S TURNINGS ARE VERY MUCH ON THE SMALL SIDE. THE TECHNIQUES THAT STUART DEMONSTRATED TRANSLATE VERY WELL TO PENTURNING. HE PASSED AROUND MANY OF HIS TURNINGS AND TOOLS. I LEARNED QUITE A BIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO TRYING SOME OF THE TECHNIQUES AND TIPS STUART SHARED.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY APRIL 4TH, 7:00 PM AT WOODCRAFT IN SANDY, UT. OUR MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO TOOL SHARPENING METHODS AND TECHNIQUES. THERE ARE MANY METHODS. ALL OF THEM HAVE THEIR OWN MERITS. COME PREPARED TO SHARE AND LEARN.

I'LL ALSO HAVE SOME LENGTHS OF 1/4" TOOL STEEL THAT CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE CLUB FOR A MODEST PRICE. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A TURNING TOOL TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU FOR A VERY MODEST COST. WE CAN TALK ABOUT HANDLE TURNING TOO.

RAY WRIGHT WILL BE PUTTING A GROUP BUY TOGETHER FOR US VERY SOON. WE'LL POST THE DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE WHEN WE HAVE THEM.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SHOW & TELL ITEMS.  
KEEP SMILING AND KEEP TURNING,

MARK ELMER  
PRESIDENT, WASATCH PENTURNERS CLUB

Minutes of the Wasatch Penturners Club Christmas Party  
6 December 2012, Woodcraft Store, Sandy, Utah

Mark Elmer, our president, got the event started at 7:00 p.m., with a welcome to all and a thanks to Woodcraft for letting us use their facilities.

Ian announced that the newsletter was on the Club website.

Calendar items:

5 March – Utah Association of Woodturners, SLCC, 7:00 pm

13 March – Timp Woodturners, 7:00 pm, Craft Supplies, Provo

4 April – Wasatch Penturners, Woodcraft in Sandy, 7:00 pm

15 May - Craft Supplies Super Wednesday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Provo

15 May - 11th Annual Penturners Rendezvous, UVU UCCU Events Center, 7:00 pm, Orem

16-18 May - Utah Woodturning Symposium, UVU UCCU Events Center, Orem

Stuart Davey demonstrated turning miniatures. He usually turns at 1800-2000 rpm. You need really good lights to see what you are doing, and a magnifying glass can be a help. He makes many of his own tools. When he is done turning, he sands with 220 grit to finish the shaping, then down to 400 grit. He finishes with IEEE or Shellawax. Q-tips are good applicators. He buffs with a coffee filter. During the evening he turned a mushroom, a finial, and a goblet with a captured ring, but it broke. That happens quite frequently when one is turning miniatures.

Harold Lee, Secretary





Some of the items Stuart brought for 'show & tell'. Included are an "Acorn" box, goblets with rings, and a mini birdhouse. Stuart usually gives these as gifts, and has a tough time saving any for demonstrations.

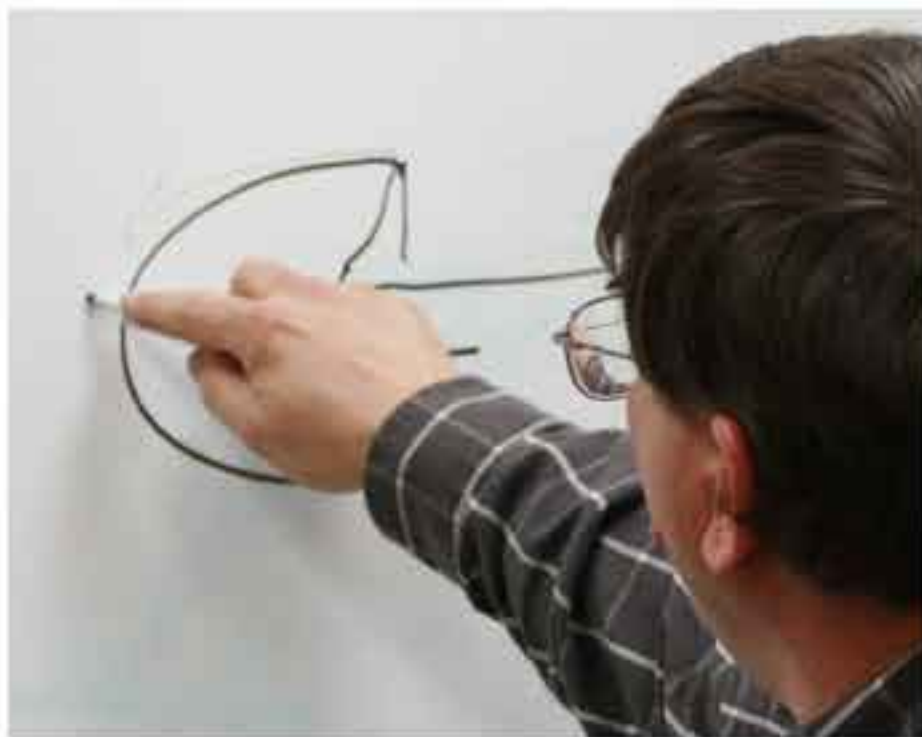


Start your turning by creating a shape just proud of the finished piece.



Turn to the shape you want, leaving a small amount of wood for sanding.

Sanding and finishing should be done with great care.




Stuart recommends planning your piece before beginning to turn. This can save you a lot of grief.




He will often use a coffee filter for finishing. It's cheap, disposable, and rough enough to give the piece a sheen.


Finish the piece before parting off. The piece will be too small to sand or finish off of the lathe.



This 'mushroom' can be turned with a gentle hand.



It is recommended that you hold your hand under the turning when parting off. Otherwise, you may lose it in the shavings.



Q-Tips may be used to apply finishes. Finish the piece before parting off.



Hand made ring tool.



The tools on this page were all made by hand to do specific jobs. Since no one will see these tools, they can be less commercial looking.



Concrete nails, screwdrivers, Allen wrenches, tool steel, and many other items can be used to make mini-turning tools.



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Starting a goblet.



Losing a goblet. The good news is that there is a very small amount of wood lost.

Care must be taken when turning small objects. Sharp tools and correct angles are important to avoid 'catches'. Maple, walnut or similar medium density woods are easier to turn in a small format. In mini turning, the cost of the wood is the least important factor. Ease of turning and color/grain are more important. Avoid woods that are "stringy".



A captive ring being started.



Sanding a captive ring. Since these will be loose after the parting, they must be sanded and finished before they are parted. Loose rings can be taped down while creating more rings.



Parting a ring is very tricky. A small error can send it flying.

You will need a small, specialized tool. See the photo of such a tool below.



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The articles contained herein are for the assistance of club members in their quest to make better pens and related items.

Club newsletters are posted on the Club website: [www.wasatchpenturners.org](http://www.wasatchpenturners.org)

Club meetings are held on the first thursday of August, October, December, February, April, and June. Meetings start at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodcraft store, located at: 9891 South 500 West, Sandy, Utah. Visitors are welcome, except for the December meeting. This is our Christmas party, and non-members will be charged \$4.00 to cover the costs of the food. Of course, we encourage all interestd parties to join the club. The dues are \$24.00 per year, beginning July 1st, and ending June 30th.

Each meeting strives to have a "show and tell" session to display current work, and share information and sources. Please come and see what we are all about.

## Interesting resources:

Wasatch Penturners Club:	<a href="http://www.wasatchpenturners.org">http://www.wasatchpenturners.org</a>
Utah Association of Woodturners:	<a href="http://www.utahwoodturners.org">http://www.utahwoodturners.org</a>
Timp Woodturners Association:	<a href="http://timpwoodturners.org">http://timpwoodturners.org</a>
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