

October 2013

West Hawaii Woodturners
Minutes of October meeting 10/5/13

Aloha Fellow Woodturners,

Before we get started, an apology. I don't know what was happening with my photos this meeting but they aren't great. My defense? A borrowed camera. Lame. And I do see the irony given the previous meeting's demo topic and presenter.

John Mydock - Hawaiian Pueo Platter



Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by Jack Mise.

Welcome and General Business

We had two guests today; Sabina Johnson and our own wandering turner, Jim Keenan.

Kelly reported our finances which are in great shape at \$3,007.10. Linda mentioned to Kelly that many people are looking for Drop Spindles. This may be a good fund raiser for the club. Kelly provided a number of articles for [turning Drop Spindles](#) (can also be found on the Resources page in the handout section).

HFIA show finished up recently with both Kelly and Cliff Johns taking awards! Except from [Hawaii News Now](#) :



First Place Sculpture, sponsored by Hawaii State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, went to Cliff Johns for “Holo Hula.” The sculpture was created from Bermuda Cedar from a tree removed from a private yard in Captain Cook.

The Cliff Johns Gallery is located in Kainaliu.

First Place Turning, sponsored by Hawaii Forest Institute, was awarded to J. Kelly Dunn, a wood lathe artist from Hawi, for his piece “Plumeria Nocturne,” which he crafted from Mexican Cypress. [see photo right]

Kelly and Linda Dunn's all-wood art gallery, Dunn Gallery, in Kapaau represents some of the finest wood artists and craftsmen in the state as well as selected wood artists from around the world.

Gunner Mench of Harbor Gallery in Kawaihae discussed the exhibition of turnings from the Waimea tree that was damaged. Still looking for pieces!

The Hawaii Artists Collaboration 2013 is coming up October 26th.

Information can be found at <http://hawaiiartistcollaboration.org/collab/>.

Final order of General Business was a discussion of changing the Club Challenge to add a third category called "Masters". Given that it takes only 2 wins to move from Novice/Intermediate" to "Advanced" plus we have a few turners that win frequently in "Advanced", it's time to create a special "rarified air" category for the Master Craftsmen of the club (also known as those that win too many damn times!).

SHOW & TELL

Jim Keenan gave a quick show & tell which he learned from a sister club in the Bay Area, BAWA. Glue sticks make a great tool to check the quality of a curve by laying the stick along the curve. Neat trick!

CHALLENGE

The Challenge this month was "Turner's Choice".

Tom Russell – Segmented bowl (**Intermediate WINNER**)

Gregg Smith – Segmented Christmas wreath with burned design

Kent Nakamura -

Al Kober – Vessel with laminate design

Gary Beck – "It's a Duck!" (if it looks like a duck, etc.)

John Spitzenberger - Rose Engine enhanced box with chased threads

Jim Keenan - Natural edged vessel

Kirby Fritchman - Burl bowl with moss (!)

Gunner Mench - Set of calabashes

John Mydock - Hawaiian Pueo Platter (**Advanced WINNER**)

Kelly Dunn - "Big Bang" inspired platter with burned and dyed embellishments.

Soon to be the "Morning Glory Platter" ;)

Congratulations to Tom Russell (Intermediate) and John Mydock (Advanced) as this meetings Challenge Winners.

NEXT CHALLENGE: "Christmas Toy"...These will be donated to a charity that delivers toys to children so let's have an excellent turnout!

DEMO

This month's demo was a discussion on reverse chucking. A number of methods were discussed. A brief description and some links to information on these methods are listed below for reference. Also Woodturning Design Magazine October 2013 issue has a nice synopsis of these chucking methods.

For most of these chucking methods, it's a good idea to keep the tailstock against the bottom of the bowl until the last little nib needs to be removed.

- **LIVE CENTER** - Companies like OneWay make live centers that enable you to mount your chuck right on the tailstock. Excellent way to maintain grip and balance while reverse chucking. Also ensures perfect centering to the reverse chucking method of your choice.
- **STRAKA (or Donut Hole) Chuck** - Widely used chucking system where a pic is worth a thousand words. Check out the articles below. Also note that the headstock-side of the chuck will have bolts protruding and can cause a nasty mishap. Watch it! Also using a tennis ball or PVC between the chuck and bowl can raise an irregular shaped rim (think natural edge bowls) off the chuck surface.
 - AAW Journal article "[The Straka Chuck,](#)" 23.1:50–53 by Alan Lancer. Select January's issue and navigate to page 50. You need to be logged into the AAW site before this link will work.
 - [Building a Straka Chuck](#) - A write-up of another building method based off Alan's AAW article.
- **JAM CHUCK** - Old favorite. A touch of masking tape makes a very strong connection.

- LONGWORTH CHUCK - Again, picture worth a thousand words. Many turners mentioned this was their least favorite reverse turning chuck. However, it's still very much in use and many turners swear by it.
 - [Woodturning Magazine article](#) by Larry Pope
 - [WoodCentral article](#) by Garrett Lambert. Very detailed with lots of pictures.
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- COLE JAWS - Similar in goal to a Longworth Chuck but so simple and effective. Need to select a set designed for your chuck and there are a number of diameters for each chuck type. Here are just a few...
 - [Hartville Tools](#) (WHW members get 15% off)
 - Talon Chuck - [Hartville Tools](#)
 - Stronghold Chuck - [Hartville Tools](#)
 - [Craft Supplies](#)
- VACUUM CHUCKING
 - [Joewoodworker.com](#) - for the DIY'er
 - [JTTurningtools.com](#) - For the DIY'er
 - Hold-Fast System - For a turn-key solution using your air compressor (love mine!).
 - [Hartville Tools](#) (WHW members get 15% off)
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 - [Craft Supply](#) - Link shows the 6" version. There's a 3" version also available.
 - AAW Journal article "[Permanent Seals for Vacuum Chucks](#)" [April 2013 Vol. 28 Issue 2 Pages 21-25](#). Need to be logged into the AAW site for this link to work.
 - [A Shopmade Vacuum Chuck System](#) by John F. Richley, Jr.
 - The VP-K vacuum plate from Vicmark is still available from Craft Supplies USA or Vicmarc Machinery direct. Go to the [Vicmarc Machinery](#) website or email vicmarc@vicmarc.com.
 - [Vacuum Adapter](#) from the Turned Out Right website

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