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The President's Letter



Yes it is that time. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's.

I have been under the weather and have not turned anything. It has been too cold for man or beast.

Things are looking up now, and I am ready to get started when the Dr. tells me I can.

When I Started Turning I never thought that so many people wanted something for Christmas. Some just did not get what they wanted.

Please everyone that has not paid their dues, check with Buddy.

I am sure that Louis Lux will have a great Demo.

—Lee

**NEXT MEETING: 9:30AM–12Noon, Saturday, January 5, 2019,
1710 42nd St., Lubbock, ½ block west of Avenue Q.**

Demonstrator: Louis Lux, "Fire, Wood, and Electricity: Creating Lichtenberg Figures and Ebonization of Wood (Flat and Round)"

Boost your vacuum power

Green-wood bowls often warp out of round, which causes problems with the vacuum-chuck seal. If the seal on the chuck doesn't have enough give, there is a loss of vacuum. Here's how I solve this problem. I cut a 1" hole in the center of a square sheet of white closed-cell material used to wrap electronics and computers. Then I place the material between the bowl and chuck. The material seals nicely and eliminates the low vacuum Reading. I don't trim off the corners on the material so that I can adjust the sheet if it slips while centering the bowl.

- Richard Preston, Richmond, VA



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Club Calendar

January Club Meeting 1/5/2019

Demonstrator: Louis Lux, "Fire, Wood, and Electricity: Creating Lichtenberg Figures and Ebonization of Wood (Flat and Round)"



Location: 1710 42nd St., Lubbock, ½ block west of Avenue Q.

February Club Meeting 2/2/2019

Demonstrator: Buddy Compton, "Torched Ash Piece with Silver Cream"



March Club Meeting 3/2/2019

Demonstrator: Ray Hughes, topic TBA.



Avoid a spinning spur drive

For extra safety, I drill a hole about ¼" deep and the diameter of my spur drive. That locks the spur drive in position. To keep the spur drive from spinning in green wood, I put a few drops of cyanoacrylate glue in the hole, which hardens the wood. Since following this practice, I haven't had a spur drive spin out of the stock. If I need to shift the bowl to realign the grain, I move the tailstock.

—Ric Erke, Davidson, NC

December Demonstration: Steve Sperry, “Turned Rings to Wear”

“I’m from Idalou and moved to Lubbock 3 years ago. I have 3 kids and one granddaughter. I’m a gulf war Navy veteran and have worked at the Post Office as a letter carrier for 22 years. I’ve been learning how to turn wood for 10 months. My middle son and I took the beginner woodturning class earlier this year. I bought my lathe from Dick Markham. I’ve been hooked on turning ever since.” –Steve Sperry



December Raffle



Lathe for Sale

Buddy Chesser is selling his **Oliver 159-A** 110V 12" Lathe with accessories. It has a 5' bed, a rebuilt motor with only 6 hours on it since the rebuild. The headstock moves to the foot of the bedways to facilitate outboard turning. The spindle is 1-1/8" x 8, and a 1"x 8 adapter is included, as are 3 faceplates and a Lexar shield. **Price lowered to \$750.** Email him at lubbockcc@gmx.us, call him at **806-548-0694**, or see him at the meeting.



Lathe for Sale



I have a **Nova 1624-44** lathe for sale **\$800**. The lathe is 1.5 HP, 120 VAC, 8-speed non-electronic variable speed with forward/reverse. MT #2, 1.25 X 8 thread, headstock rotates, no bed extension. Clearance is 8" to the bed from center, 24" between centers. Great for bowls, platters, and short spindle work! Call or text if interested: **806-548-2751**.
—Bryce Ellis



Freeing frozen drive spurs

Here are four simple solutions to free a drive center from the headstock: 1) A good way to protect the spindle threads is to put a nut in the spindle before inserting the drive center. If the center gets stuck, you have a nut already in place. 2) Make a split nut by sawing in half a nut with the appropriate thread. Use an open-end wrench on the split nut to hold it together and back out the drive center, as shown *above*. An adjustable wrench has too much play to hold the nut well but may work in a pinch. 3) If the drive center doesn't come loose from the pressure of the nut, try using the knockout bar again with the pressure still on. 4) Be careful when removing a stuck drive center, as the drive center can come out with considerable force. Under pressure, observe proper safety precautions. Simply place a towel over the drive center to keep it from flying across the room.

—Scott Hogsten, West Jefferson, OH

December Show and Tell



Steve Sperry



Jim Harris



Bradley Baker:
bowls of
Lebanese cedar.



Ron Pedersen: segmented bowl of walnut and maple (4-segment base, 12 segmented layers); birdhouse turned in SPW class, finished at home.



Mike Chambers

December Show and Tell, cont'd.

Mark Middleton:

nut bowl of honey locust with
mallet of Arizona cypress and
elm; off-axis emerging bowl
of mulberry.



Louis Lux

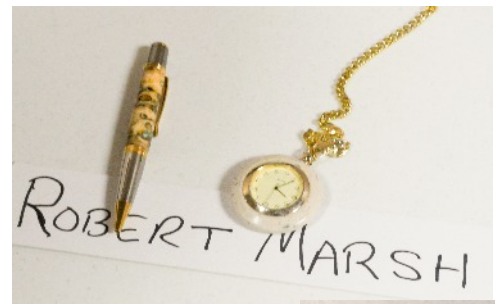
Jim Burt: USA platter of mesquite and maple; star cylinder of mesquite and maple; shot glass of black oak and maple; and USA platter of English oak and maple (thanks to Mike Oglesby for the English oak crotch from which this was made).



David Turner: mesquite spittoon



Randy Thorne: bowl of Arizona cypress (left); candle holder of spalted hackberry and bowl of purple-heart cedar (right); and platter of mesquite (below).



Robert Marsh: cap finial

Shameless copy of Marsh's cap finial.

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