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February Meeting Notes and Upcoming News

The February meeting was held at the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club, with Tim Kennedy presiding and 45 attendees, including 9 guests.

We had a piercing demo in February given by Jim Dupler. (See story on page 2.)

The calendar article is thawing out. (See page 3.)

As a reminder, if anyone took a piece of the Purdue horse chestnut, the finished turning will be turned in at the April meeting (or arrange for someone else to turn it in) so that it can be donated back to Purdue for display in the Alumni Center and to benefit the Botanical Center (via an auction).

Finally, it was announced that March's meeting will be held at Don Skiles' Shop on the 2nd **Saturday, March 13th at 9AM.** (See story on page 4.)

This will be an all-day demo, with woodturners from Ohio. (See story on page 1.)

There will also be a pitch-in lunch. (See story on page 3.)

Hope to see you there!



Show and Tell

The February meeting had a show-n-tell with enough for your morning cereal.



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March Meeting Preview

For the March meeting, we will be meeting on **Saturday March 13**, for an all-day demo, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

There will be a pitch-in lunch. (See story on page 3 for pitch-in details.)

It will be held at Don Skiles' Shop in Speedway. (See story on page 4 for directions.)

Two demonstrators will be coming from Ohio, where they participate in multiple AAW clubs, including the Ohio Valley woodturning club.

They are Jim Burrowes and Barb Crockett, who have given demos for many clubs over the years.

Jim will most likely be doing a "bowl in a bowl" and some eccentric turning.

Barb will most likely be doing her signature 3 corner bowl.

Both Barb and Jim recently completed a week long session with Jean Francois Escoulen who is regarded as today's leading expert on multi-axis eccentric work.

There will be a \$20 fee for the demo to offset costs.

Don't forget to bring your show and tell pieces.

Also, consider bringing a chair.



Jim had four different rotary tools, display pieces, a wood burner, reference material, sanding discs, carving burrs, custom mini sanding disc mandrels, head phones, and, we think, a kitchen sink.

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Things went smoothly once Tim pulled out his “throwing spoons” and gave the crowd “the eye”...word is he can hit a fly’s wings at 20 paces...

February Meeting Demonstration

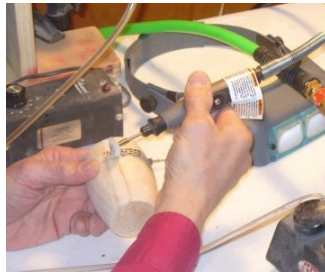
Our February demo was given by Jim Dupler, demonstrating different piercing tools.

These can be used to apply decorative techniques to your turnings.

Jim had taken a couple classes on piercing and had eyed the Powercrafter at the Indy Woodworking Show several times. He finally tried it and said “hey, I can do this.”

This sort of tool is similar to a dentist’s drill, turning at high speed and using diamond burrs.

For comparison, Jim said a dremel tool runs at like 18,000 RPM, an older dedicated rotary tool he had ran at 50,000 RPM, and the Powercrafter ran at 500,000 RPM!



This high RPM translates into faster piercing/carving. With thin turnings, it feels like a hot knife through butter.

But the turning must be thin, in the 1/16” to 3/32” range since the tool doesn’t have enough torque for thicker material, so multiple passes would have to be used (or use the older rotary tool he has, with its higher torque).



Jim recommended using a hard “clean” wood rather than a soft “fuzzy” wood. After the piercing, he uses abrasive discs in a dremel attachment to clean up the carving. (See photo, left center.)

Jim wears headphones and listens to music while working because the rotary tool sounds



like a dentist drill too.

He uses the carver to create little kidney bean shapes or whatever comes to mind for the piece. He did say that you have to be careful about size consistency or by the time you get around a piece the shapes won’t match.

But, varying the sizes of holes and separations can lead to happy surprises (aka accidents).

You can also carve out depth, rather than completely piercing through the piece. He used this technique to great effect for



the “tree” piece (top right) and lacy bowl (right center). For the tree piece, he started with a 1/4” thick turning, sketched the tree, then drilled some little holes to gauge depth as he carved away the area around the trees, before finally piercing and coloring.

Sometimes he will also use a wood burning to darken the



carving for further effect, or just to burn away the fuzzies.

Afterward, Jim let people come up and try it out. Thanks Jim!



Calendar of Turning Events

The calendar of events is also available on our website so you can check it anywhere, anytime!

March 13th 9 AM-5 PM Saturday	CICA AW Meeting Demo: Crockett & Burrowes Don Skiles' Shop, Pitch-in	June 5th 9 AM	Sawmill Day, Ladoga, IN Two or more Sawmills, trees, lunch, benefits 4-H kids.
April 11th 2 PM	CICA AW Meeting Demo: Dick Gerard:texturing Zionsville Boys & Girls Club	June 13th 2 PM	CICA AW Meeting Demo: Tim Kennedy: spirals Zionsville Boys & Girls Club
April-ish	Purdue Woodturnings Due Displayed in Alumni Center Botanical Center to Auction	July 11th 9 AM-5 PM Swap Meet	CICA AW Meeting Annual Picnic! Don Skiles' Shop, Picnic
May 16th 2 PM 3rd Sun.	CICA AW Meeting Demo: Frank Kobisek: fluted Zionsville Boys & Girls Club	Aug. 7th 9 AM-5 PM Saturday	CICA AW Meeting Matthew Hill Don Skiles' Shop, Pitch-in

Have a turning event to post here? Email it to webmaster@cicaaw.org please!

March Demo Pitch-In Lunch

The March all-day demo will include a pitch-in lunch! Please take a look at the list to the right to find out what you should bring. The sandwich stuff (meat, cheese, buns, etc.), soft drinks, plates, utensils, etc. will be provided. There will likely be coffee and snacks for the morning sugar rush. The food goes fast and attendees end up full of energy for the day's activities.

Notably, these events succeed due to the great way in which individuals help out while setting up, putting the food out, last-minute errands, and cleaning up. If anyone can help in the kitchen area with setting out food and making things happen, please pitch-in...this usually falls on the same people and we should spread the fun. Thanks in advance!

Please bring the following items according to your last name: Last names A-M: Covered dishes or salads, such as baked beans, casseroles, potato salad, etc. Last names N-Z: Desserts, chips, snacks, condiments, pickles, olives, etc. Again, the meat, buns, and soft drinks will be provided.

Open Shop

Dick Gerard is having an open shop on Saturday, March 20th from 10 AM to 2 PM. He requests that anyone attending bring wood to turn. Also, if you're a coffee drinker, bring that too.

For more information and directions, contact Dick at: 317-841-9312 or via email at: woodturn4@comcast.net



You can always get newsletters (new or old) and other news from the club website at:

www.cicaaw.org

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Pictures from the February demo and meeting can be found on the website.

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Turning wood and making friends!

Member Notes:

- If you have a new email address, please send it to webmaster@cicaaw.org.
- Are you a new member and don't have a nametag yet? Just email webmaster@cicaaw.org.
- Have something you'd like to mention here? Let us know!
- Is there a demo idea you would like to see? Let us know!

Indiana Blacksmith Association Demo Day

The Indiana Blacksmith Association (IBA) is putting on a woodturning-related day of events. All CICAaw members are welcome to attend. The event's host, Gerald Williams, is a member in both organizations. Unfortunately, it's on the same day as the March CICAaw meeting, Sat, 03/13/2010, at 9:00 AM.

Metal Spinning & Tool Forging: Dale Miner will be demonstrating metal spinning on a wood lathe. Dale is a woodturner in the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild (OVWG).

Turning Tool Forging: The IBA blacksmiths will demonstrate tool forging, annealing, hardening, etc.

Pitch-in Lunch: Bring a dish to share.

Directions: 8896 W. Baseline Rd., Holton, IN

- Take US50 to Ripley County Road 950 West
- Turn north (LOOK for IBA ANVIL sign)
- Continue 1/4 mile to YIELD sign (BASE RD.)
- Turn right
- Then turn at the first house on the left
- Taking the 1st drive to the BARN.

March Meeting at Don Skiles' Shop

The March meeting will be held at Don Skiles' Shop. It is an all-day demo on a **Saturday**.

The demo will be given by Barb Crockett & Jim Burrowes from the Ohio Valley woodturning club. (See story on page 1 for more details.)

There will also be a pitch-in lunch. (See story on page 3.)

And don't forget to bring your show and tell pieces.

There will be a \$20 fee for the demo to offset costs.

See you there!

What: CICAaw Meeting

When: March 13th, 9AM-5PM.

Who: You and a friend!

Why: Cross pollination!

Where:

Don Skiles' Shop
(See below for address).

Directions:

Skiles Electric
286 North. Gasoline Alley, Unit D
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Starting out at I-465 on the west side of Indy.

Get off I-465 at the Rockville East Exit.

Go east on Rockville Road.

At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto Gasoline Alley.

Go approximately .5 miles.

Look for bright yellow "Earls" sign.

Turn into that driveway on left.

Shop is on the right.

We will have signs out on Gasoline Alley and in the driveway as there are several shops back in that area.