



Honolulu Woodturners
A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

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Magic at Mike's



Fellow woodturners! The pandemic delayed by years another Magic at Mike's. Members were eager to learn new techniques and just talk about wood. Saturday's Magic at Mike's did just that.

Event coordinator, Rob Hale, masterfully organized a day of demonstrations, and hands on turning. Plus, attendees were treated to a satisfying lunch! Over 40 members and guests attended. Here's a recap of the day's activities.

Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance, Presenter Barry Wheeler

Barry conducted a well-rounded session on the prudent use and maintenance of a chainsaw. He also gave valuable tips on how to cut wood with the intention of maximizing the blank, including preserving the best grain.



Bandsaw Safety and Maintenance, Presenter Tim Freeman

Tim walked us through the ins and out of maintaining and safely using a bandsaw. Lots of things I didn't know! Going forward this will make my bandsawing efforts more successful.



Basic Bowl Turning and Mounting Options, Presenter Craig Mason

In typical fashion, Craig Mason rendered a tour de force discussion on the multitude of equipment available to mount and turn wood. Craig also answered a number of questions on bowl turning that ventured far beyond basic!



Lunch!

More than sustenance, lunch was a superb treat. Master Griller Andy Cole treated everyone to burgers and hot dogs....mmm! Joan Graham and Sandy Rhines rounded out lunch with additional goodies. Joan and Sandy also made sure everyone had a full belly!



Team Bowl Turning

In the afternoon session, seven teams composed of varying skill levels were navigated by team leaders skilled in turning and mentoring.



Jon Ogata, team leader.



Leader Eric LeBuse guides John Garvie.



Leader Warren Naai is amazed!



Leader Kraig Smith beams with Mike Chu behind.



Leader Tim Freeman shielded and ready.



Leader Luther Bjornsen observes Kit Beuret.



Leader Craig Mason mentors George Lacey.

The Finale: Discussing Each Team's Turnings



Jon Ogata discusses bowl as Chris Rollins looks on.



Club camaraderie amongst Warren Naai, Adam Vila, Kit Beuret Rob Hale and Craig Mason.

Mahalos:

Endless thanks to all those who helped make Magic at Mike's 2023 a huge success: Mike Chu (event host!), Kraig Smith, Barry Wheeler, Tim Freeman, Craig Mason, Dougie Bowers (wood supplier extraordinaire),

Master Griller Andy Cole, Rob Hale (event mastermind), Joan Graham, Sandy Rhines, Luther Bjornsen, Eric LeBuse, Warren Naai and Jon Ogata.

Kudos to others who also contributed whom I failed to mention, in particular those who helped clean up the heaps of wood shavings.

Thank you to everyone for coming out. Wonderful to see all of you!

Don't forget our next general membership meeting: May 9, 2023, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary