



Honolulu Woodturners
A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:



President Rob Faris brought the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and will be available for viewing on YouTube.

There were no guests but new member Mike Thomford was present. Welcome Mike!

Rob and Andy Cole discussed our upcoming woodturning exhibit at the Oahu Country Club. Members can offer their creations for sale. It's also an opportunity for us to share the joy of woodturning and perhaps inspire a few golfers to turn as well! The exhibit is slated to begin in early January 2024 and run for five weeks. A Zoom planning meeting is scheduled for next week Wednesday (9/20) at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in participating in this event. Andy and Rob want to discuss a host of details, including such things as display pedestals.

Rob Faris Rob went on to discuss the possibility of extending the terms of the President and Vice President from one to two years. He would also like the club to consider a new committee structure to involve more members in the happenings of our group (club demos, membership development, etc). These items will be conferred about during the next club board meeting. Proposals will be offered to members at our November general membership meeting.

Lastly, our November meeting will also include election of new officers. If you are interested in serving please contact us! New ideas and approaches are welcome!

Treasurer's Report:

Andy Cole reported the account balance was \$11190.35.

Evening's Demonstration:

Fellow member, Luther Bjornsen, treated the group to a sphere turning demonstration via two methods. The first method requires no special tools, just a few calculations to guide your turning. First, Luther decides on the diameter of the sphere he'd like to turn. He multiplies the diameter by .414 to determine the chord length of an octagon of the same width as the sphere's diameter. He then marks his piece with this chord measurement to guide his shaping process. Once the piece is turned to the octagon dimension, Luther then calculates the chord length of a hexadecagon (a 16-sided polygon) and marks the piece accordingly. The shaping continues

and Luther ultimately employs the use of cup centers to hold his sphere and smooth out the final shape. Luther advises watching the following video to ease your learning curve:

Sphere turning without a jig: https://youtu.be/fn51_oObNi0?feature=shared

The second method Luther showed the group was use of the “Perfect Sphere” tool. The cost is roughly \$500.



The Challenge:

The challenge laid down during the July meeting was to create a spindle turning. Members took advantage of the NO size limit and created some huge masterpieces! Six prizes were awarded: 1st and 2nd place got a \$25 gift certificate, 3rd and 4th place got \$20 gift certificates, and 5th and 6th got \$15 gift certificates. (Please note, you can only win in the challenge if your piece is physically at the meeting. You or anybody else can bring the piece in. The person bringing the piece must sign in for the entrant. To win, the entrant must also attend the meeting either in-person or by Zoom.)

Challenge Winners

First Place

Second Place



Mike Chu: Lignum Vitae Vessel, Gabon Ebony Finial

Kevin Lui: Kamani, Mahogany Lamp

Third Place

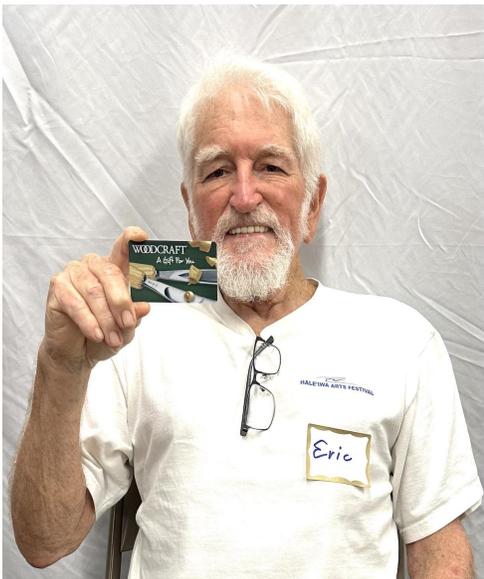


Fourth Place



Chris Rollins: Ice Cream Cones, Variety of Woods Craig Mason: Mahogany Ukulele Stand

Fifth Place



Sixth Place



Eric LeBuse: "OK Bud Vase", Cook Pine

Harvey Chun: Macadamia Poi Pounder, Ohia Base

Honorable Mention:

Rob Hale
Willy Ridep
Warren Naai
Luther Bjornsen
John Garvie
Adam Vila

Offset Candle
Laminated plywood baseball bat
Flute and stand, mahogany
Spear gun
Milo mallet
Red oak glueup

Brian Green
Rob Faris
Stan Hebda

White oak pickaxe
Koa ice cream scooper
Koa wand

Selected Challenge Pieces:







Instant Gallery:

The Instant Gallery invites turners to share any of their creations with the club. It's open to any member.

Dean Mailheau	Egg Kaleidoscope, narra scope, koa base
Kit Beuret	Monkeypod bowl
Willy Ridep	Broken laminated plywood project
Luther Bjornsen	Coconut sphere and stand
Andy Cole	Milo nested set
Tommy Uno	Ironwood plate
Bruce Soll	Mango burl bowl
Adam Vila	Assorted bowls
Stan Hebda	Koa ornaments
Brian Green	2 pickaxes, purpleheart cane
Chester Koga	Pink tecoma bowl
Paul Maki	Milo Vase

Selected Instant Gallery Pieces:



Participation Prize:

Just showing up is rewarded! The Participation Prize is a \$30 Woodcraft gift card. Members attending the meeting in person or by Zoom are eligible for the drawing. This meeting's winner was our Prez Rob Faris. Congrats!



Tech Talk:

Rob Faris described the Beall Tool Company spindle tap he's using to create tapped blocks for such things as jam chucks and faceplates. Rob said it can be purchased from Craft Supply.

Rob also talked about short videos he'd like to produce to be posted on our club's website. So far he did a video tour of his workshop. Eventually he'd like it to be another means for members to share things of interest with the rest of the club.

Dean Mailheau asked for advice for someone who got a bucket epoxied into another container. Comments from the group were dire. The best recommendation was to try acetone.

Tommy Uno asked for advice about sharpening a short $\frac{5}{8}$ " gouge.

Chris Rollins offered an alternate thought on how to turn a sphere.



Your Challenge for the Next Meeting:

Now that Luther introduced you to sphere turning, it's your turn to do it. The challenge for November's meeting is to turn a spherical object. Be sure it fits within a 10" cube. It can be solid or hollow. Turn away!

Mahalos:

Thank you to Rob Faris and Brian Green for their AV contributions!!

Mahalo to Mike Chu and Kraig Smith for hosting our meetings at MRC Roofing.

Thank you Willy Ridep and John Garvie for volunteering to help with the Challenge and Instant Gallery photos.

Lastly, thank you to everyone for coming out. Great to see such a lively crowd enjoying all things wood!

Next meeting: November 14, 2023, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary