



Honolulu Woodturners
A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:



Rob Faris

President Rob Faris brought the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and will be available for viewing on YouTube.

Vic Freeland and Joshua Jacobs were introduced. Vic rejoined the club after a hiatus and Joshua is a new member. Member Brett Schenk's guest, Greg Dornback, was recognized.

This being Rob's last meeting as president, he gave thanks to the numerous individuals who helped during the year, including all the woodturning demonstrators, the AV crew, the officers, the board of directors and Rob Hale for his coordination of Magic at Mike's.

Rob went on to discuss plans for our woodturning exhibit at the Oahu Country Club beginning January 11, 2024. An email to members will be sent out to describe how to participate.

The next order of business was to review proposed amendments to our club's bylaws. Rob said the impetus for this was to update outdated bylaw language. Language from the American Association of Woodturners was used as a model for the amended bylaws. Also included were provisions to form standing committees for turning demonstrations and membership development. Finally, Rob went on to discuss changes to the terms of the president and vice president to expand them for up to two years. A motion was brought to floor to adopt the amendments and seconded. A voice vote overwhelmingly agreed to the changes. No nay votes were noted.

Lastly, election of new officers for 2024 was conducted. A motion was brought to the floor (and seconded) to elect the following club members for the position indicated:

President, Warren Naai

Vice President, Adam Vila

Treasurer, Rob Faris

Secretary, Kevin Lui

A voice vote overwhelmingly elected the individuals. No nay votes were noted.

Thank you Rob for your productive term and for guiding us so capably!

Treasurer's Report:

Andy Cole reported the account balance was \$11225.35. We have 103 members. Andy announced that he has been our treasurer since 2008 and has decided to relinquish his position. Mahalo Andy for all your years of dedication. Although you're no longer our treasurer, you're much too valuable a resource. Expect us to still tap you on the shoulder for assistance from time to time. Thanks so much!

Evening's Demonstration:



Fellow member, Robert Duffer, instructed and entertained us in making a kazoo. He starts with a block of wood and drills a $\frac{3}{4}$ " hole nearly to the end. This hole will support the mouthpiece of the kazoo. The block is rounded except for the portion of the body that will hold a horn inserted into a 1" hole. The horn also supports a membrane to give the kazoo its unique sound. The membrane can be paper or cellophane (even a candy bar wrapper will do). The more crinkly the membrane the better. When wedging the membrane in place, be sure it's not so taught that it can't vibrate when you vocalize through the instrument. Lastly, exit hole(s) are drilled in the body to let the air escape when blowing. These hole(s) are smaller in diameter than the mouthpiece hole.

Image on the left shows the parts of a kazoo: Exit hole (with bell) in front, mouthpiece in back, horn to the left with membrane sandwiched below it into the body.



Robert up to his usual mischief (right).

The Challenge:

The challenge announced during the September meeting was to turn a sphere as inspired by Luther Bjornsen's sphere-making demonstration. 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



Chris Rollins: Pool balls-milo, cedar, mac nut

Second Place



Kevin Lui: Cinnamon wood "bomb"

Third Place



Luther Bjornsen: Cypress sphere box

Fourth Place



Rob Hale: Norfolk Island Pine

Fifth Place



Harvey Chun: Segmented ball

Sixth Place



Tim Freeman: Milo, koa, monkey pod kendama

Honorable Mention:

Roy Reeber
Andy Cole
Adam Vila
Eric LeBuse
Craig Mason
Robert Duffer

Cumaru ball and pedestal
Koa sphere
Resin infused mango wood sphere
Hau sphere, ohai alii stand
Milo 4-poster from a sphere
Sphere of 1/2 walnut, 1/2 "something"

Selected Challenge Pieces:



Roy



Eric



Andy



Robert



Craig



Adam

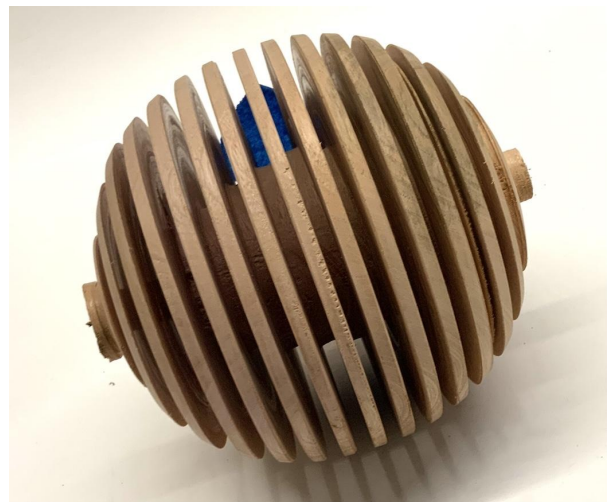
Instant Gallery:

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

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| Kit Beuret | Milo bowl |
| Albert Koorenhof | Cacao (mother of chocolate) natural edge bowl |
| Eric LeBuse | Milo bowl |
| Andy Cole | Kamani natural edge platter |
| Tommy Uno | Mango burl bowl, bent kiawe limb bowl |
| Chris Rollins | Natural edge bowl |
| Adam Vila | Cuban mahogany and golden trumpet spheres |
| George Lacey | Juniper bowl |
| Warren Naai | Milo bowl, funnel (bowl with hole on bottom, aka, mistake) |
| Rob Faris | "All Jacked Up", jack of various woods |
| Robert Duffer | Multi-part detailed sphere with coloring |
| Jon Ogata | Mahogany sphere |
| Brian Green | Earpod spheres |

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 new VP, Adam Vila. Congrats!



Tech Talk:

This segment returns upon our January meeting!

Your Challenge for the Next Meeting:

Robert Duffer is a tough act to follow but we now challenge your musical imagination. The challenge for January's meeting is to turn something RELATED to music. It can be a musical instrument like a kazoo or it can just be something in the realm of music. No size limit gang!

Mahalos:



Mahalo to David Higa (left) and Tommy Uno for loading up their vehicles and treating club members to wood. You made us all VERY happy!

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 Albert Koorenhof 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: January 9, 2024, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary