



Honolulu Woodturners
A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:



Warren Na'ai

President Warren Na'ai brought the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting was recorded and will be available for viewing on YouTube.

Three new members were in attendance: Kainoa Chong, Greg Dornback and Kaleb Nakanelua. Welcome to the world of turning! Guests in attendance were Donna Kanealii, Rich O'Brien and Mario Mora.

Rob Faris gave an overview of our club's woodturning exhibit at the Oahu Country Club beginning January 11. On that day, club members will be demonstrating woodturning on two lathes during opening ceremonies. Many thanks to Bruce Soll for giving us this opportunity.

Craig Mason detailed attractions of the upcoming American Association of Woodturners upcoming symposium in Portland, Oregon. If our club can get at least five members to attend, each member will receive \$40 off on their registration fee.

Warren discussed two new committees outlined in our revised club bylaws: The first is the demonstration committee in charge of seeking and organizing demos for the club. It's headed by our VP Adam Vila. The second is the membership committee tasked with fostering club membership. Stay tuned for reports on their efforts.

Treasurer's Report:

Rob Faris reported the account balance was \$11972.31. As of 1/9/24, 34 members paid their 2024 dues. Dues for 2024 are now payable via PayPal, Venmo, check or cash.

Evening's Demonstration:

Fellow members, Jon Ogata and Kevin Lui, gave a demonstration of the use of two different hollowing systems. Jon showed his Lyle Jamieson device. His unit uses a bar with an adjustable arm on the end holding a carbide tip for hollowing. The bar system is also designed to mitigate torquing of the tool while cutting. A laser bar was mounted to help gauge wall thickness. Kevin used his Trent Bosch hollowing system which features an articulated arm and a built-in tool rest that makes it very compact. Kevin showed the series of hollowing tools used to hollow his pieces and also explained how his laser bar estimates wall thickness.



Jon Ogata



Kevin Lui's Trent Bosch system

To view the demo, here's a YouTube link to the meeting: [Honolulu Woodturners 1/9/24 Meeting](#)

This Meeting's Challenge:

At the last meeting, Robert Duffer visually, verbally and musically showed us how to turn a kazoo. The challenge laid down to members that day was to turn something RELATED to music. 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



Warren Na'ai: Flute

Second Place



Regi Perry: Milo, koa tuere mini drum

Third Place



Fourth Place



Tim Freeman: Cell phone speaker

Rob Hale: Drum and drum stick

Fifth Place



Robert Duffer: Drumstick, drum roll

Sixth Place



Harvey Chun: Slide whistle

Honorable Mention:

Adam Vila
Chris Rollins
Josh Jacobs
Eric LeBuse

Macadamia phone amplifier
Koa kazoo
Maple speaker holder
Cook pine and koa bell

Selected Challenge Pieces:



Robert



Chris



Josh



Eric

Instant Gallery:

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

Kit Beuret

Albert Koorenhof

Andy Cole

Tommy Uno

Kamani and Norfolk Pine bowls

Side grain Norfolk Pine vessel with honu inlay

Kamani and tamarind natural edge bowls

Microphone handle

Chris Rollins
Warren Naai
Craig Mason
Robert Duffer
Willy Ridep
Roy Reeber
Tim Freeman
Josh Jacobs
Bruce Soll

China berry heart-shaped bowl
Bell
North American style flute, oak or ash wood
Really nice bowl of unknown wood--primavera?, poinciana?
Two pacific almond (aka false kamani) urns
Maple and blue resin bowl
Assortment of music-related creations
Small koa box, the lulua 'aina (freckle) wood pattern on box aligns with the lid
Photo showing hexagonal wedding altar made for granddaughter

Selected Instant Gallery Pieces:

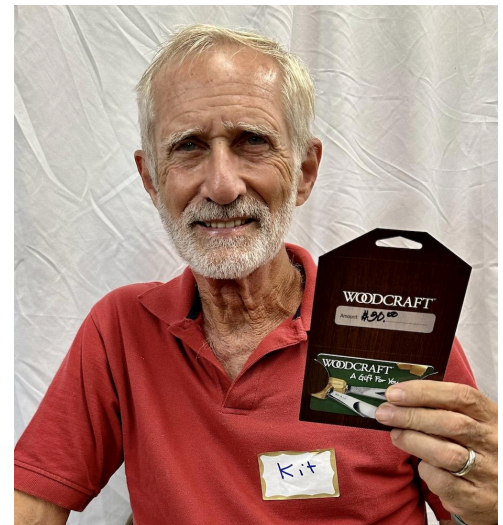






Participation Prize:

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 Kit Beuret. Congrats!

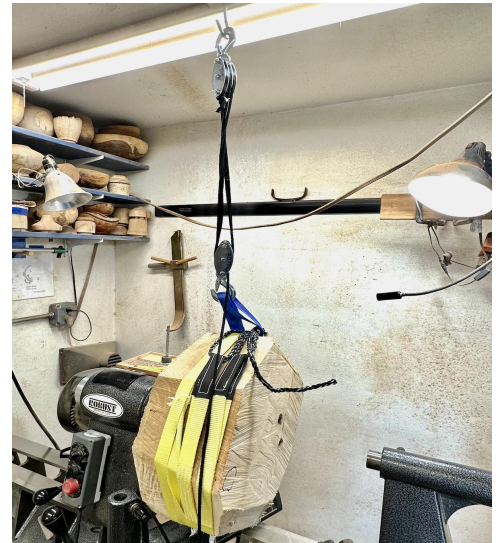


Tech Talk:

Rob Faris moderated this segment of the meeting. The first photo he showed was of Kyle Iwamoto's tool rest. It's made of 2x6 wood and has a magnet on the bottom to keep it from tipping off the lathe bed.



The second photo shows Kevin Lui's hoist he installed over his lathe to lift heavy wood blanks. The wood is secured with automobile tow straps.



Rob described a video he produced of a tour of his workshop. It will be posted soon on the club's website. Rob made it to encourage members to produce and share videos of things that are of interest to them. Rob will gladly come to your home to help you get started.

Your Challenge for the Next Meeting:

The following demo by Jon and Kevin utilized equipment specifically designed for that purpose. For the next meeting's challenge, you don't need to have any more tools than you already possess. We're challenging you to make a hollow form but the definition of a hollow form here is that the depth of the hole in your piece is longer than the diameter of the opening. Yes, even a hole drilled into your piece (eg, a bud vase) that's longer than the opening qualifies. Size limit applies: It must fit within a 10" cube. Give it a try!

Mahalos:



Mahalo to:

- Dean Mailheau who brought not only wood but tools for sale by former member Sal Colla.
- Vic Freeland for a truckload of mango and other wood.
- Warren Na'ai for the Norfolk Pine featured in the Honolulu Hale Christmas display. Mahalo to Bruce Soll who helped with the cutting and lifting.
- Brett Schenk for wood transported from retired industrial arts teacher Fred Kajihara's home.
- Kraig Smith (was it you?) who parked a forklift full of wood for members.
- Dougie Bowers who brought milo.
- Guest Donna Kanealii who shared her collection of VHS tapes with the club.
- 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: March 12, 2024, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary