



Honolulu Woodturners
A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:



Warren Na'ai

President Warren Na'ai brought the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Warren announced the meeting was being recorded and will be available for viewing on YouTube.

New member Christian Argonza and soon to be new member Ron Ho were welcomed.

Warren recapped our club's woodturning exhibit at the Oahu Country Club in January. Our thanks to fellow member, Bruce Soll, for giving us this opportunity. Bruce, an OCC member as well, said OCC members spoke very positively of the event. The chair of the Art Committee is interested in us returning next year!

Magic at Mike's is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 9-3. Rob Hale, chair of M@M's gave an overview of the day: Tool angle and sharpening system discussions in the morning and a team event to turn a goblet in the afternoon. And, don't miss out on a fabulous lunch courtesy of grillmaster, Chef Andy Cole! Event is free.

Craig Mason reminded members of the \$40 registration discount available for the upcoming American Association of Woodturners symposium in Portland, Oregon. Each club has a limit of 10 member discounts. Craig said 3 discounts have been used so far. You must register before April 5 to qualify for the discount. Please contact Secretary, Kevin Lui, if you are interested and he can put you in touch with Craig.

Warren shared Luther's Bjornsen's opportunity for a woodturning demonstration at the Obama Hawaiian Africana Museum festival in mid-June from 9-3. Details are in development.

Treasurer's Report:

Rob Faris reported the account balance was \$12904.99. As of tonight's meeting, 82 members have paid their 2024 dues. Dues for 2024 are payable via PayPal, Venmo, check or cash.

Evening's Demonstration:

Fellow member and accomplished penturner, Stan Hebda, shared his expertise with the club. He described tools needed for this undertaking and the variety of pen kits available. Stan showed the process of boring holes in wood for the pen body then gluing metal barrels within the wood. A mandrel was then used to align and secure the wood so it could be shaped. A special vise was finally used to press together all the parts for the final assembly. Click this link to watch Stan's demo: [Honolulu Woodturners 3/12/24 Meeting](#)



This Meeting's Challenge:

The challenge laid down at the last meeting was to create a hollow form. What a response! Congratulations to the numerous members who entered their piece. 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



Mike Chu: Masur Birch, Ebony

Second Place



Kraig Smith: Camphor, Ebony

Third Place



Luther Bjornsen: Cook Pine

Fourth Place



John Berthiaume: Cuban Mahogany, Ebony

Fifth Place



Andy Cole: Milo

Sixth Place



Kevin Lui: Banyan

Honorable Mention:

Adam Vila

Koa pen holder

Chris Rollins

Cherry wood vessel

Josh Jacobs

Maple, walnut salt and pepper shaker mushrooms

Eric LeBuse

Hau vessel

Rob Hale

Milo vessel

Albert Koorenhof

Hau vessel

Roy Reeber

Resin vase with birch plywood rim and pine cones

Kit Beuret
Harvey Chun
Richard Wada
Joan Graham
Larry Rodrigues
Stan Hebda
Tim Freeman
Kainoa Chong
Jon Ogata
Warren Na'ai
Craig Mason
Mike Schick
Tommy Uno

Milo vase
Avocado vessel
Old mango wood goblet
Lidded milo vessel
Loquat vessel, pheasant wood finial
Milo vase
Monkeypod burl vessel
Koa acorn
Pheasantwood vessel, milo base
Norfolk pine urn
Koa vessel, african blackwood finial
Cuban mahogany lidded vessel
Koa vessel

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.

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| Harvey Chun | Very old, very small lathe |
| Tommy Uno | Norfolk pine platter, java plum bowl |
| Eric LeBuse | Natural edge cedar bowl |
| Andy Cole | Natural edge kamani bowl |
| Luther Bjornsen | Xylophone with rosewood keys |
| Robert Duffer | Mango burl hollow form with interior light |
| Kit Beuret | Cedar cups (2), one natural edge |
| Tim Freeman | Urn with threaded lid |
| George Lacey | Burnisher for scrapers |

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 Adam Vila. Congrats!



Tech Talk:

Tommy Uno showed a cake turntable he attached to a round slab of wood. The purpose is to allow you to rotate your creation in order to videotape it. He also made an accompanying blank backdrop made from a pillowcase supported by a wire frame.



Adam Vila demonstrated a sawbuck he made with multiple options for adjustment. Screws were also inserted with their sharp ends exposed to securely grab any wood he's cutting.



Bruce Soll explained his modified tool rest. A few years ago members of our club purchased a curved tool rest that was manufactured in Australia. Bruce felt it was too long, heavy and bulky for his needs. He had a welder reduce the bulk and length so it is much more versatile now.



Warren Na'ai showed his Robert Sorby hollowing system. The head articulates so you can adjust the angle of the cup cutter on the end. Warren also made an accessory wooden handle to help manage torquing of the tool when you cut.



George Lacey showed a device he made to burnish scrapers. It consists of two pins mounted on an aluminum block. One pin is used as the fulcrum to pivot the scraper, the other is used to create the burr. The burnishing pin is machined to a 5 degree angle on one side and 10 degrees on the opposite side. He uses the 5 degree bevel to make fine cuts. The 10 degree angle permits more aggressive wood removal.



Your Challenge for the Next Meeting:

Your challenge for the May meeting is a single word-- "writing". Let your imagination fly and create anything related to this word. Pens and pencils write but don't stop there. Time to think outside of the box! Size limit applies: It must fit within a 10" cube.

Mahalos:



Mike



Adam



Curtis

Mahalo to:

-Curtis Tanaka for bringing lychee, monkeypod and mahogany wood.

-Adam Vila for bringing kamani wood.

-Mike Schick for bringing cashew wood.

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

-Thank you Luther Bjornsen 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: May 14, 2024, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary