



**Honolulu Woodturners**  
**A Chapter of the**  
**American Association of Woodturners**

**September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**President's Report:**



Warren

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.

New members Gernot (father) and Owen (son) Sherwood were introduced as new members. Welcome!

Warren discussed the Arbor Day celebration at Maili Community Center on Friday, November 8, 10am-2pm. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated.

Andy Cole gave an overview of the 2024 Hawaii's Woodshow running from November 17-24. It is a prestigious showcase for artists working with Hawaii-grown wood.

Bruce Soll described our progress in preparing for another exhibit and demo at the Oahu Country Club. The event kicks off on January 16, 2025. Club members are encouraged to display and sell their works. Display pedestals will need to be constructed for the show. There will be a group event for members to make them.

Tommy Uno came up to discuss September's Nohea Gallery woodturning show beginning on the 28th. Members are welcome to sell their creations and, if desired, donate the proceeds to the Hawaii Food Bank. The period for members to drop their works at Nohea Gallery is from 9/16-25.

To make way for the rail, a beloved monkey pod tree next to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Circuit Court must be removed. The tree will be cut down 10/2 and the wood will be available for members to pick up from 10/3 through the weekend. To honor the tree, Robert Duffer will also be coordinating a collaborative project where members will design and create a monkey pod wood art piece for display in the court building.

Our new club librarian is Luther Bjornsen. He takes over for Dean Mailheau. Thank you Luther and Dean!

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rob Faris reported the account balance on 9/10/24 was \$12372.70.

## Evening's Demonstration:

Renowned woodturner Aaron Hammer treated us to an informative woodturning demonstration. While his talk was focused on fundamental techniques, it was of value to woodturners with all levels of experience.

Aaron started his demonstration with spindle turning. In his woodturning classes, this is where he starts with beginners. The skills learned here, such as turning beads and coves, are also utilized in bowl turning. Honing your technique here will pay dividends when working on other projects.

Aaron went on to show a practical way of developing your spindle turning skills: turning a bottle stopper. This is something he's done countless times and can do it in short order! The magnificent gloss you see in the photo is from a coat of mineral oil followed by French polish. Aaron makes his own French polish using 80% shellac, 15% linseed oil and 5% denatured alcohol.

Finally, Aaron demonstrated his process for turning a bowl. To pull the demo together, he showed how cuts we make when bowlturning are actually variations of forming beads and coves!



A video says it all. Here's a link to the meeting where you can watch Aaron's presentation: [Honolulu Woodturners September 2024 Meeting](#)

## This Meeting's Challenge:

The challenge laid down at the last meeting was to turn a bowl, platter or hollow form and include some sort of carving detail. It must fit within a 10" cube. Six prizes were awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place got a \$25 gift certificate, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place got \$20 gift certificates, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.)

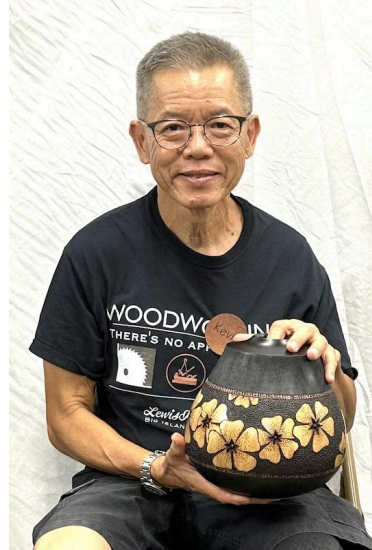
## Challenge Winners

First Place



Craig Mason: Milo fluted vase

Second Place



Kevin Lui: Cashew wood

Third Place



Dean Mailheau: "Footed" bowl

Fourth Place



Robert Duffer: Flower vases

Fifth Place



Sixth Place



Owen Sherwood: Mango whale tail mug

Rob Faris: Kamani salad plate, punky slug

***Honorable Mention:***

Tim Freeman

Milo bowl with laser embellishing

Roy Reeber

Resin bamboo platter

Eric LeBuse

Lignum vitae with chisel edge detail

Willy Ridep

Jabong lidded vessel with carved rose

Luther Bjornsen

Lychee mini trash can with indexed routing

John Berthiaume

Epoxy and koa hollow form with ironwood seedpods

**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.

Tommy Uno

Andy Cole

Rob Hale

Albert Koorenhof

Kevin Lui

Larry Rodrigues

Luther Bjornsen

Chris Rollins

Kit Beuret

Ron Ho

Guava root

Milo natural edge bowl

Koa vessel

Natural edge mango wood bowl

Elm hollow form

Milo Q Tip holder

Neem platter

Pens

Milo vase

Milo bowl, spalted mango umeke, kamani bowl

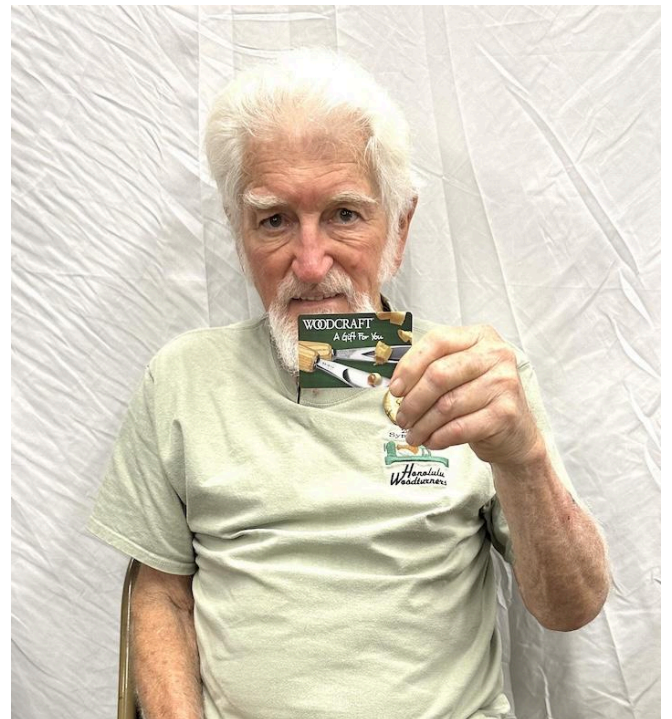
**Selected Instant Gallery Pieces:**





### 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 is Eric LeBuse. Congrats!



## Tech Talk:

Albert Koorenhof shared a unique boring device featuring blades that can be sharpened and adjusted. It has a Morse 2 taper so it will fit on the lathe.



Tommy Uno described how he made a metal brand to sign his bowls. He made a 3D file of his family crest and sent it to the mainland where a metal brand was made for \$60.



## Your Challenge for the Next Meeting:

Aaron Hammer captured the attention of tonight's gathering with his demo. Rob Hale mused that when he thinks of this gifted turner, he thinks of his massive calabash bowls. The next meeting's challenge is very appropriately, a calabash! Give it a try gang! Just be sure it's not massive. It must fit within a 10" cube.



## Mahalos to:

Generous members came to the meeting with three truckloads of wood. What a treat! Thank you!



Dean Mailheau



Eric LeBuse



Barry Wheeler

-Willy Ridep and Albert Koorenhof: Thanks for volunteering to help with the Challenge and Instant Gallery photos. Great pics!

-MRC Roofing (Mike Chu and Kraig Smith): Mahalo for your hospitality!

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

Next meeting: November 12, 2024, 6:00PM. Please join us!

Submitted by Kevin Lui, Secretary