

Henry County Shop Tours



There was a long line of cars in front of each of the four shops and the first stop was the home and space of Jim Dayton.



From there we went to Roy Skinner's shop. The photographer really like these three buddies of Roy. Complete with cold refreshments in hand.



Sarge's shop was next on the tour and what space wasn't filled up with tools was quickly occupied by admiring club members.



" and the pile of money I made from selling my last piece was this high!"

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2009-10 Calendar of Events

Oct 20	Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Tool Sale
Nov 18	Monthly Meeting
Dec 4	Gallery Hop
Dec 16	Christmas Party
Jan 19	Monthly Meeting

Roger and Carol Viager



This month we feature Roger and Carol Viager who live north of Aledo. They met in 1967 on a blind date while Carol was at UTHS. Later that year they were married. They have 5 sons and 11 grandchildren and all live within ten miles of their home.

Roger has worked in the meat industry since he was a 15 year old young man. First, for DeShepper Pack in Coal Valley and then for Woodhull locker where he continues today. I first met Roger when he came to our farm to butcher a steer and realized he was good with sharp tools but had no idea that he was a woodturner. At that time, I wasn't a woodturner and had never really considered it.

The Viagers have had a saw mill that they have operated first marketing firewood and then selling wood to turners. He got into woodturning about 25 years ago when he turned a goblet using a screw driver as a tool and he gave it to a guy that took it to a craft sale and got \$35 out of it. That was the beginning of a long and remarkable journey in turning wood most of us would not recognize as useful to make an object.

Both Roger and Carol have a wonderful understanding of wood. At the walk in the woods, Carol showed her knowledge and understanding of wood and taught many of us a lot about the raw product that we use. We marvel at the pieces that Roger turns and just shake our heads in disbelief at what he does.



At his Sunday demo he started with a piece of walnut that most of us would just walk away from and turned it into a beautiful shape. It was just a bit satisfying to see that not all of Roger's work turns out as he planned. The piece became unstable due to a flaw at the bottom and couldn't be completed.



Roger's first lathe was a small spindle lathe that he bought at a school auction. He has 3 metal lathes, a milling machine, and 2 wood lathes in his shop. His big lathe is a big lathe! It is home made and uses a 2-ton Ford transmission and a 5 horse motor. It has a 4" head stock shaft with a 24" swing and 32" between centers. He uses face plates for his turning. His big face plate is 1" thick, 20" in diameter and has 300 holes in it for screws. Even with all of the screw holes, it still weighs 80#. He uses a come-a-long to support it when he mounts it on the head shaft.

Carol insists that she doesn't cuss. She was turning something as Roger watched and the wood was vibrating. After some time, Roger tightened up the tail stock which stopped the vibration immediately. "You old (-----) why didn't you tell me that sooner!" she said. I'm sure Roger just smiled.

Carol likes to work with Cedar but Roger said that it is the piece of wood rather than the kind of wood that he wants. His favorite tool is the bowl gouge but he is not real comfortable with the skew yet. He used no jigs to sharpen his tools and has made most of his tools. He is a truly unique individual with a truly unique talent. -Warren Hadley



Carol and Roger are founding members of the QC Woodturners as they were asked to join by Robin Frazer. They have tried galleries to market their turnings but prefer the 3 or 4 craft shows that they attend each year.

Sept Critique Table



Steve Sinner and Larry DeVries led the critique for this month. A couple of really unique pieces were brought in by Carl Smith made from Kuari wood from New Zealand. One of Steve's design suggestions was to model a piece based on the form of the human body, such as the shoulders.



John Myers
Elm (above)
Cherry (right)
Poly



Steve Sinner
Maple, Silver leaf & patina, acrylic (right)
Maple (left)
Varnish



Carl Smith
Ancient Kuari
40,000 yrs old
New Zealand
Wipe on Deft



Critique Table Cont'd



Vernon Hollatz
Cherry/Walnut
Poly



Robin Fraser



Larry DeVries
Ash
Oil



Jim Brooks
Elm (Above/below)
Oil



Bill McQuitty
Bubinga, Maple, Walnut, Bloodwood
Wipeons



Aaron Gesicki
Sugar Maple
Wipe-on Poly



Lance Zook
Curly Maple
Sanding Sealer



Lloyd Beckman
Walnut Root, Cherry, Maple,
Deft



The Rose Engine - Demo by Dan Carter



If you have ever heard of a rose engine in the woodturning world, but didn't know what it was or what it could do, then you need to talk to Dan Carter. Dan gave a demo on just some of the many things you can do with a rose engine. Ornamental woodturning has a long history as Dan explained a little and the lathes, chucks and associated equipment can get very elaborate and very expensive in some cases. He demoed on a rose engine loaned to him by a friend and demonstrated how to do a rosette on a metal plate. Diamond tools are often used as the designs can be easily cut on both wood and metal.

Dan was using a four jaw chuck for his piece the first time, but also explained how to use a paper on a block of wood. The paper was held there by four strong magnets, allowing precise placement and precise movement during the turning.

To go into detail on how to use this would require much more space than we have, but if you missed Dan's demo, and are interested in how to do this ornamental turning, be sure to talk to him or visit some of these websites.

Ornamental Turners International: www.ornamentalturners.org

Society of Ornamental Turners: www.ornamentalturning.co.uk

Lindow/White toolworks: www.roseengineturning.biz

Jack Chick rose engine: www.wookartbyjack.homestead.com

MDF rose engine: www.woodturner.org



Henry County Shop Tour -cont'd



As soon as we finished the tour of Art's shop, we broke for lunch. Two very professional chefs did most of the cooking, but we all pitched in to make the food disappear. Thanks to all who helped and participated in this fun Saturday!

The tour concluded at Art Jackson's two story shop complete with solar panels and lots of very well organized room.



President's Message



October 2009

Heat in the shop feels good on a day like today! I'm getting more woodturning done now that it is getting colder out. We had a lot going on this last month. Roger Viager's demo was very interesting just as I thought it would be. He passed on a lot of knowledge about his homemade turning tools. His talk on wood, especially his comments on burls and what kinds there are and how they are formed, had everyone asking a lot of questions. Roger is trying to figure out how to get his own homemade lathe down to the club so he

doesn't have to use the club's "sissy" lathe. Roger keeps telling me he is old school.

Old school is good, nothing wrong with that!

The club was a big hit at the woodworking show at the Rock Island Expo. In fact they could have named it the woodturning show instead! The public was fascinated by our lathe turning and our passion for the craft. Thanks Randy for heading up the committee. I probably don't need to add thanks to all of the club members who were turning because it sure looked like they were having fun doing demos for the very appreciative crowd. TV personality Dean Johnson may have gotten the money, but the QC Woodturners stole the show. The continuous crowds in front of our lathes sure made that obvious.

The new video system is up and running. I can't wait to show you members Ron Curtis' video system creation. He worked hard and this and was given a lot of help, especially on the installation by Steve Sinner, Randy Nagle, and Art Jackson. Thanks to all who helped on this project.

We got a contract from Quad City Arts to be at the Quad City Airport gallery. To me, this is the most visual exposure in the Quad Cities! **We got the best dates for our show; November and December 2010. We will need about 30 to 40 pieces.** We've got to get our best work out there and show the public who we are and what we can create. I'm excited!!

Randy got a lot of help with the QC Expo show and Ron got a lot of help with the video system. I'm always looking for more volunteers for our new and ongoing projects, so let's keep it going!

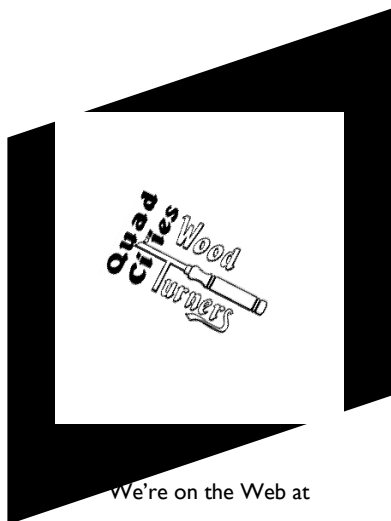
PS. I would like to encourage all members to join the American Association of Wood Turners. You can join or renew at this site: <http://www.woodturner.org/>

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Upcoming Events

QCWWT Tool Sale
Saturday, Nov, 14
At the Desoto Club
Bring your
old/unwanted tools to
sell. See Robin Fraser
Or e-mail
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Join the AAW today!

Oct 2009

Builders World Demo

Oct. 23,24
in Milan, IL

Dec 2009

Annual Christmas Party
and Prize Extravaganza!!

Dec. 16
Save the Date!!!
At the Desoto Club

NOV 2009

November meeting

Tuesday, Nov 17 , 6:30-9 pm
DeSoto Building,
Mentoring from 5-6 pm
Raffle, demo, regular meeting

Dec 2009

Gallery Hop-
Start getting ready
with your items to
sell or to donate to
the club for sale.

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