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Thoughts from the President

VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING 07/16/20 at 7:00 PM

We will be hosting another ONLINE ZOOM demonstration meeting this month. At our regular meeting time, 7:00PM – Thursday July 16, 2020 you will be able to access a live demonstration meeting with Phil Irons making Caddy Spoons. In this demo Phil will show you the whole process from the roughed out blank to the finished item. You'll see the jigs, sleds and chuck jaws that Phil has made to safely speed up the process, the tools used and why he uses them. We will have news and announcements at the beginning of the meeting with the demonstration to follow. You should be able to log in prior to 7PM and get a good seat. Please remember, do not come to Wood World for our Regular Thursday Night Meeting, but plan to log in and attend this VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING on the internet. The necessary link info will be sent either Wednesday or Thursday.

WHAT IS ZOOM

Zoom is a free audio/video conferencing application allowing people to hold virtual meetings to see and hear each other. If you have not used ZOOM previously, you should look online at <https://zoom.us/> to find more information about this simple to use program that can be installed on your computer or mobile device.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE REMINDER: Please hold onto those platters. We hope life will return to normal and we will give you adequate notice when to bring these platters.

I want to encourage everyone to turn a bowl for donation to the Empty Bowls program benefitting the North Texas Food Bank and a Beads of Courage Box for the Beads of Courage program benefitting children and teens coping with serious illness. Beads of Courage kits are available. Please coordinate dropping off your completed projects with Bob Fleming.

AAW BOARD: In case you were are not aware, I would like to notify you of actions by the AAW. The AAW Board claims to have passed the proposed change to the bylaws Section 5.03 so the three board members elected by membership vote will now be changed to two board members by elected by AAW membership and the third candidate is appointed by the AAW board themselves. I also suggest you look into the Jimmy Clewes Youtube channel to see the video entitled "AAW President Gregory Schramek".

"The AAW July Board meeting has been rescheduled for July 23 at 4:00pm Eastern. You will find instructions allowing you to monitor the meeting remotely on the AAW website by clicking the following link - Schedules for all future meetings are also listed on the website. You will need to sign on the website to access the page".

You can also read the documents to be discussed during the meeting. The documents are titled "Settlement and Release between Jimmy Clewes and AAW" and "Response to Public Accusations About the AAW Board of Directors".

https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/About/Board-of-Directors-and-Leadership.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238&hkey=67b70653-9f55-4f15-aa6a-5c683304e584&Board_and_leadership=3#Board_and_leadership

Thank you,
Jeff Edwards

July Club Meeting

July Club Meeting – Remote Demonstration to your home from Phi Iron’s studio.

July 16 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

We will have another Zoom meeting and our Demonstrator will be Phil Irons from the UK. Phil will be demonstrating Caddy Spoons. Phil will be doing this from his home shop in the UK (about 1 am for him). Zoom details will be sent prior to the meeting.

In this demo Phil will show you the whole process from the roughed out blank to the finished item. You’ll see the jigs, sleds and chuck jaws that Phil has made to safely speed up the process, the tools used and why he uses them.

Phil has made around 15,000 caddy spoons over the past 25 years, selling them privately as well as supplying tea merchants, coffee houses and shops. Most notably Taylors of Harrogate for whom he’s made 10,000 over a 6 year period for them to sell through their chain of Betty's Tea Rooms.



Phil Irons Bio

Born in Australia, Phil was brought up with wood in the family, his father was a woodworker and together with his mother they were antique restorers.

Phil's introduction to woodturning came at the age of 13 when his father acquired a cast iron child's treadle lathe, made in the USA in the 1870s. He took it up as a serious hobby in his late 20s and after a six-year spell in the travel industry he took the decision in 1994 to make it his profession.

His knowledge and appreciation of English timbers was initially gained from working as a tree surgeon/forester for several years.

He has won numerous awards in national competitions and is regularly invited to teach and demonstrate his techniques nationally and at an international level, including, France, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, South Africa, New Zealand and the USA. Phil is the author of several magazine articles and a bestselling project book "Woodturning, Two in One" that has been translated into nine languages.

He is best known for his colored vessels and hollow forms with their clear, beautiful shapes and flowing lines, always striving for the perfect form. He uses wood salvaged from tree surgeons and firewood merchants. This wood often has no other commercial value other than as firewood.

His reason for coloring wood is to enhance the hidden figure in white woods usually crotch wood or ripple, Sycamore, Silver birch, Ash, Maple, and the like.

Taking something very bland and using bright contemporary colors to make the figure "pop" so that the beautiful "hidden" figure can be seen from a distance rather than just close up.

He is the current President of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain, a member of the American Association of Woodturners and a Registered Professional Turner.

Phil's Website: <https://www.philironswoodturning.co.uk/>

Open Shop News-John Holderman

We had a great Open Shop last month (two in fact). Made some great items and learned a ton. I would like to thank Bob Fleming for the bringing the grill and Hot Dogs and Kevin Bassett for the use of his tent for shade. (pictures attached).

I don't know if we'll have the Hot Dogs again this month but I'm looking forward to getting back together.



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