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Hello All! Well, summer is in full swing and I hope your shops are all busy humming out shavings and pieces to show at the next meeting (June 13). I really enjoy this time of year in the shop: the big doors wide open, gentle breeze blowing through...just peaceful fun out there making a mess! As a club, we are about to get busy: Art in the Park demos and raffle ticket sales over the (250th) Forth of July weekend, followed just a month later with the Capitol 'Afair the first weekend in August.

Several of us took a road trip down to Bowman last month to help Gary Nagle clear out his shop as he gets ready for his move. We loaded a large trailer and two pickup beds full of shop/turning tools, and a large variety of some great wood Gary had accumulated over the years, along with several larger tools. Also included were Gary's two lathes, a vacuum system and an air filtration system. So the plan is to have all of Gary's stuff (plus the little club Nova lathe from our trailer) available at the June 13 meeting for sale. We will be holding the sale instead of our usual demo after the meeting. So, the short version of this long-winded paragraph is: Bring your checkbook! 'Pretty much guaranteed that you'll find something you want. If you buy one of the larger tools and need the help getting it to your shop we'll figure something out.

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

May DWT meeting: Sat, June 13

Art in the Park: July 3, 4

Capitol 'Afair: August 1, 2

Tech Ed Teachers: August 3, 4

DWT Picnic: Sat, August 8

Before closing here, I really wanted to thank Ron and Mark for all the demos they've generously shared with us so far this year. They've been fun to watch, entertaining and presented in a way that guys like me can take a look and say "I think I'd like to try that". If you have thoughts on what you'd like to see for future demos, or would like to demo something please let Mark or me know.

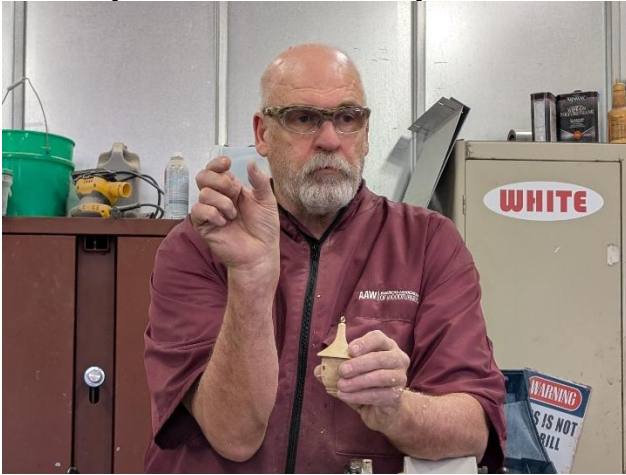
Finally, if you get a chance before next week's meeting, please whip up a bag of tops (or two)...we're making progress refilling the top jars after last summer's "wipe-out", but we're not yet where we need to be looking ahead to Art in the Park in just four weeks! Ok, now I'll wind this up. Looking forward to seeing you on the 13th!

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Meeting Minutes

May meeting minutes to be published in next month's newsletter.

Ron Day Bird Tree Demo May 9:



Show and Share May 9:



Top Jar Inventory Update:



We now have one of the jars a little over 3/4 full, so we're making progress. Only a month to go before Art In the Park so if you can please make a few more so we can be ready on July 3!





Lunch in Bowman w/ Gary Nagle



Videos to check out:

Feel free to submit a link to a turning video you run across that the rest of us might enjoy and/or be inspired by.

Items for Sale:

Read the Prez Sez notes on page one regarding sale of tools and wood at our June 13 meeting.

Local Supporters of DWT:

