

Bell Wood Turners

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Win a Free Lathe

Renew your membership or become a new member of The American Association of Woodworkers, (AAW) using their online registration process before January 1, 2007 and you will have a chance to be randomly drawn to win a [Powermatic](#) 3520B lathe. The AAW encourages all members to use their website for registering. Sign-up today at www.woodturner.org and you could win.

Florida Woodturning Symposium

The annual Florida Woodturning Symposium is be held January 12-14, 2007 at Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center in Eustis, Florida. This years demonstrators: Stuart Batty, Ron Browning, Toy Cortese, Don Geiger, Larry Friedrich, Al Hockenbery, Benh Pho, Paul Pouliot, Joe Rodriguez, Norm Rose, Al Strit and Andi Wolfe.

Also there will be education raffles, auctions and ten vendors on-site. RV sites are available on a first come basis. Rooms and meals are available for those needing overnight accommodations. For more information visit <http://www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com/>.

www.bellwoodturners.com

The chapter has a partially constructed website up and running. The major missing information is “member pages”. Please submit digital photos of your work with a description of each piece, including cost, and how potential buyers can contact you. The website is also looking for information on woodturning tools or materials for sale. See the webmaster for details and/or assistance.

Also on the website is the current edition of the newsletter. The goal is to minimize the number of hard copies printed.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance start of August.....	\$2,430.77
August Income.....	132.00
August Expense.....	50.00
Balance end of August.....	2,512.77

AUGUST DEMONSTRATION

SHARPENING TOOLS ON A SHOP-BUILT SHARPENING SYSTEM

Mr. Ron Browning demonstrated the techniques for sharpening tools on a Shop-Built Sharpening System developed by King Heiple. Ron distributed a handout of an article written by Kin Heiple. For those interested the article is available on the chapter’s website. Ron stressed that you don’t have to have a fancy or expensive tool sharpening system but you do have to have sharp tools to be a good wood turner. He also stressed that dull tools are unsafe and encouraged all woodturners to keep their tools sharp using a wheel grinder for the major sharpening and a small diamond file to keep your tools sharp while turning.



New AAW members and those who renewed their membership in 2006 received an excellent DVD on tool sharpening that was produced by the AAW.