



# BayLake Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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## Upcoming Events

### Zoom Meetings 9 am

**Mar. 20** Ed Cole  
Vase - Resin Casting

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild  
Spring Show for March 2021 has been  
Cancelled due to COVID-19.

**April 17** TBD

### Artisan Center Classes

<https://www.nwtc.edu/about-nwtc/places/>

Due to the COVID-19 virus things will be a little different this year. There will be no in person meetings at the Artisan Center. All meetings and demonstrations will be done online via ZOOM. Our meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month at 9 am. A link to Zoom with the password to get into our meeting will be sent out on the Friday before the meeting. If you would like to be a demonstrator you can use your home shop and we will bring the cameras to you or you can use the Artisan Center for your demo. Please notify Tim Harteau on what you would like to demonstrate. Thank You!



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## President Letter

**By: Tim Harteau**

Hello Friends and Woodturners,  
More daylight than last month! My winter jacket is already on the hanger.

I'm going to miss my third meeting in a row due to a funeral, but it has funny story to go along with it. The background... My father passed away 2 weeks ago after a wonderful 91 years of life. He has been frail for some time now, it was expected, and I was able to spend time with him this past couple of years. Now the story....

... I consider myself a woodturner (like all of us) and really enjoy my time at the lathe. My dad loved to see my latest work and often asked about what I was currently making. About a month ago, my mom said, "Tim, I want to give you a heads up, your dad is going to ask you to make his burial urn." I said that I would be honored.

We all know that these projects take time so I headed to the shop. I had a curly maple blank just the size I needed for the urn! I dove right in, turned the outside and contacted Al Conard for some help with hollowing and making the threaded top. I was almost done, and the turned vessel was looking beautiful.

A couple of days later I was having lunch with Dad. He really enjoyed it when I brought tacos. As Dad chomped on his second taco he paused and said, "Son, I'm gonna ask you to do something for me but you don't have to say yes."

I replied to him, "...let's hear it Dad, I'd love to help any way I can..." (... "Here it comes", I said to myself, he going to ask me to make his burial urn. "Perfect, the urn is almost done.")

Dad said, "Son, I'd like you to make my burial urn"

I said, "Dad, I'd be honored." (With a smile, knowing that it was almost finished.)

Dad said with a tear in his eye, "Thank you son, that makes me so proud... " "I would like a nice little square box with some wood burning on it..."

Hahaha, Back to the wood shop.... Love you, Dad...

Have a good meeting everyone, see you next month... Tim

Regards, Tim

## February Bowl Demonstration

By: Terry Hermes

Our February demonstration was a Spalted Calabash Bowl by Kelly Bresnahan. Kelly started his demonstration by showing examples of Calabash Bowls from a demonstration and workshop done by Matt Monaco. The name Calabash may of come from West Africa from a tree that grows calabash gourds. The first bowls were made from these gourds. Calabash Bowls are round bottom bowls, with the top edge a little smaller in diameter than is largest part, and a little hip that comes around. It's a nice project to do with green wood turned thin and then allowed to warp a little bit. The end grain may go up and the sides may come in with the movement and that is what gives these bowl there unique shape. Hawaiian Calabash bowls were at first carved using coral from the sea and later turned on a lathe. If you have any cracks in your bowl you can repair them using the bowtie repair method. This type of repair on these bowls has been around for a long time. Kelly sands his bowls using an orbital sander off the lathe and then uses a Danish Oil finish. A wood worm screw is used in the chuck with a safe drive on the tail stock. He makes a four inch tenon, only about 3/16" long. You don't gain strength by making the tenon longer but you gain strength by making the tenon larger. Kelly uses his 1/4" gouge and then 1/2" spindle gouge to refine the tenon. Use as large a chuck as you can for bowls because this will help to make larger tenons and keep your bowls attached to the chuck. Make the bowl bulge out a little from the tenon because this will make it is easier to take the tenon off later. Use a pull cut by the safe drive and then a push cut around the curve. Always use the bevel support on your tool or you are likely to have a catch and tear out. Slow down and don't be in a hurry! Take lighter cuts and don't try to make it perfect because of the spalting tear out. Get it close and you can sand the rest of it. Kelly does most of his sanding off the lathe. He uses an orbital sander with 5 inch, 3 inch, 2 inch , and 1 inch sanding diameters. Random orbital sanding leaves less sanding marks than sanding on a spinning lathe. When sanding Kelly puts the bowl on his lap and moves the sander and the bowl around to get the finish he wants.

Kelly announced that he will be stepping down from commission work so he can work on pieces he would like to do.

You can review Kelly's Calabash Bowl and other Zoom demonstrations by signing into our website at [www.baylakewoodturners.com](http://www.baylakewoodturners.com) and clicking on Zoom Meetings (Recorded). You will be able to fast forward, rewind or pause the video.

## Craft Supply USA Order

By: Terry Hermes

I will be putting together a Craft Supply order. The club must have a total of \$1,000 before an order can be placed. All orders must come from The Woodturners Catalog 2021 from Craft Supply USA. No other prices will be accepted.

I would like to have all the orders in by Friday, April 10th to see if we make the \$1,000 minimum.

To view the catalog go to their website: <https://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

If you are ordering tools - specify what size. (1/4", 1/2" etc.)

If you are ordering chucks - I need the thread size.

If you are ordering sharpening wheels - specify what grit.

If you are ordering dyes, colors, crushed stone etc. specify the exact color you need.

At this time I am only taking orders to see if we can hit \$1,000 to place the order.

Please DO NOT send any money at this time.

Please email your order to: Terry Hermes—[wood5056@gmail.com](mailto:wood5056@gmail.com)

I will check all the orders to see if anything is missing and let you know of any corrections.

Once we hit the \$1,000 I will send out an email letting you know when the order will be placed and what your payment will be.

For accounting purposes all the payments must be by check made out the Baylake Woodturners. (No cash, credit cards, or PayPal) Your check will be your receipt that you paid.

When the order arrives I'll send out another email on where and when you can pick up your order. If you need other arrangements for pickup just let me know.

Thank You!

## **ZOOM Milestone**

By: Terry Hermes

Our club has a total of 66 members and last month 31 members signed into our Zoom meeting. This was the highest turnout so far this year and it equals about what we would have when we had in person meetings at the Artisan Center. Hats off to our Board for listening to our members and working hard to put together virtual demonstrations in these trying times. Thanks to Ed Cole for working with Tim in finding professional and non professional demonstrators. Thank you to Gerry Jensen for his expertise in searching for the cameras and all the technical equipment we needed to put these Zoom demonstration together. Every demonstration has it's challenges and there have been different kinks (audio, video, wi-fi, etc.) that needed to be worked out and you have done a great job Gerry fixing these problems! We also Thank Paul Borawski for donating the use of his Zoom account so there is no cost to the club. To all our members on being a part of this virtual world and showing your work in our virtual gallery. This comradery helps keep everyone inspired to try different things.

## **Club Store**

Carl has placed an order for CA glue, accelerator, Abernet for the store and everything has arrived.

You will be able to place an order thru our website at:

[www.baylakewoodturners.com](http://www.baylakewoodturners.com)

Thanks Carl for keeping our store supplies up to date.

## **Wood Exchange**

We are looking for items to place in our wood exchange. This is a great time to clean out your shop to see if you have any extra wood or tools you would like to donate to the wood exchange. Just let Tim know what you would like to donate. Thank You!



Kevin Carpenter started using a new product called Epoxy Resin Crystal Clear for his resin casting. It has a hard finish, works well and is less expensive than the Alumilite Resin. You can purchase the epoxy resin thru the Epoxy Resin Store. [www.theepoxyresinstore.com](http://www.theepoxyresinstore.com)

Steve Strouf sharpens his carbide cutters by using a small amount of mineral spirits on his flat diamond hone and then he takes his finger and moves the cutter back and forth to sharpen the edge.

If you have something that helps you in your shop (a jig, shortcut, product, tool etc.) let me know so it can be passed on to everyone. If you are selling something from your shop we can add it to the classified section. You can send your tips, and classified item(s), with or without a photo to: Terry Hermes - [wood5056@gmail.com](mailto:wood5056@gmail.com)

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plus much more