

Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association

The Treasure Valley Woodturner's club
Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM
At the Woodcraft store in Boise ID.
7005 W. Overland Rd
Boise ID.



<http://www.swiwt.org>

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In Memoriam: Steve Johnson



Steve was a founding member of the Southwest Idaho Woodturners. Steve and Gary Smith put a notice that anyone from Southern Idaho interested in starting a woodturning club would meet the next day. He was present at that fateful Coke-a-Cola machine on the campus of Brigham Young University during a wood turning symposium that day along with Gary Smith and others when the decision was made to start a wood turning club here in Boise. Five people met and agreed to get together in the fall. Usually, the meetings were in the early summer.

The group returned and of the 5 original members and only 3 of the 5 that met around the Coke machine showed up at Gary Smith's garage to start the club, Steve Johnson, Dwayne Garrett and Gary Smith. The first meeting had about 10 people including Dr. John Lee and Wayne Rexford. In fact, John Lee states that Steve taught him how to turn. John's goal was to turn a chess set.

In the woodturning world there are people that are very very good, and Steve was definitely an outstanding technician. Steve would spend hours developing tools and fixtures to turn. He specialized in miniatures which was his real forte. He also did large pieces as well. His influence must have spread because I, Tom Turco, can remember Wayne Heiskari showing me miniature woodturnings that he had done when we both were working in the health field.

He demonstrated for the club several times and also at the Utah Woodturning Symposium. He was featured in Woodturning Magazine, the UK Woodturning magazine, in the First Volume -First Issue of the publication in an article written by Dave Donnelly.

He was a routine attendee to the AAW and Utah Woodturning Symposium. He was pretty well known in the "old" woodturning circles like the Dale Nish and others who were some of the foundational trailblazers' turners for the craft.

He was an exceptional technician who could turn a piece of rice, a golf ball or a branch of a tree into a work of art. We, as a club, owe him a debt for being willing to step up along with others like Gary Smith to get us started so many years ago.

Thank you, Steve,

PICNIC





A decorative banner with a light beige background and a central white rectangular box containing the text "Brown Bag Challenge". The banner is flanked by two stylized, light brown ribbon-like shapes.

Brown Bag Challenge

The purpose of the Brown Bag Challenge is that a person brings 3 board feet of wood in a brown bag, and someone takes that bag and produces a special piece that is returned to the person that donated the bag. Below are the items that were made and shared at the Picnic that was with the Wood Workers

John Lee made one of his classic boxes from the wood that he received.



John Lee received a game



Scott Taylor made a bowl from a Board



He also made a Redwood bowl



Connis Wilson also made a bowl from a board and two cutting boards



Bill Johnson made a box



Bill Nowlin made a carver's mallet and a woodworker's mallet



Wig Stand Project



Susan has made contact with a group that is very excited about our group providing wig stands. They can use all that we can make for them at this point. The picture below is Susan giving these two stands to the group. Details for how to make are in Attachment B to this newsletter

