

# Volume 3 July, 2019



**Chuck Vernon**

**Next regular meeting, Saturday  
August 10, 2019 at the Traverse  
Bay Area Intermediate School  
District at 880 Parsons Road,  
Traverse City, MI.**

**Rolls** Chuck Vernon  
**Coffee** Chuck Vernon  
**Bring Back** Gary Neuman

July 13, 2019 TC Turners Newsletter

President Dave convened the meeting  
at 9:00.

15 Woodturners attending  
No guests attended this month.

Announcements:  
Veterans Inspiring Veterans Art Show  
sign-up has been extended into  
August. If you are a veteran and  
interested in taking part in the events,  
please register on the Facebook page.

## **Empty Bowls**

Empty Bowls is coming fast. Last  
year our club donated 238 bowls to  
the event, and those bowls were  
snapped up immediately. Our goal is  
to donate more bowls this year.  
Please have your bowls ready for the  
October meeting. Chuck Vernon is  
our coordinator for this event. If you  
have questions, Chuck has answers.

The Ohio Symposium has sent out a  
request for donations . Turnings,  
wood, tools, etc. are being sought for

their auction to help fund the  
symposium. The Ohio Symposium  
contact is Kathy O'Connell.

## **Christmas Party**

October 20 is the Club Christmas  
Party, once again hosted by Gail and  
Owen Toomey, at the Little Red  
School House in Rapid City.  
Invitations will be coming shortly,  
and RSVPs are strongly requested. A  
turned item as a gift for our  
significant others is expected. The  
gift exchange will be by random  
drawing.

Our mentoring of TBAS students was  
very successful this year. Many  
thanks go out to our mentors this year:  
Chuck Vernon, Joe Breech, Dave  
Rife, Dave Almeter, Dave Watt, John  
Boucher, Jim McKimmy, Robin  
Fraser, and Gary Neuman.

## **Up Coming Demonstrations**

Upcoming club demonstrations:  
August – Fitch Hasbrouck  
September – Mike Peace by Live  
Video Demonstration. This is free to  
members.  
October – Joe Breech  
November – Kris Roberts  
December – Dave Rife

Your secretary got a call today from  
wig stand coordinator, Dennis

Ferguson. Dennis got a call from Munson's Cowell Cancer Center. They have now given out one half of our wig stands to needing patients. They are down to 15 stands remaining. It is time to make some more, turners. This is our chosen community service project. Please bring your finished stands to our September meeting. If you have questions, please contact Dennis at 231-492-6475 (cell).

If you have, or know of a wood source that would be of interest to our members, please call Dave Rife or Jim McKimmy. They will get the word out and/or organize a club collection/cutting party.

### **Show and Share:**

**Ray Jusick** – An Elm box with copper enameled inlay. A Walnut box with an enameled inlay.



**John Sheets** – The natural edged bowl that he began at the June club demonstration. He calls this one the broken heart, as one limb failed to materialize. He also showed a sweet cherry, natural edged heart-shaped bowl he turned from the flip side of the broken heart bowl blank.



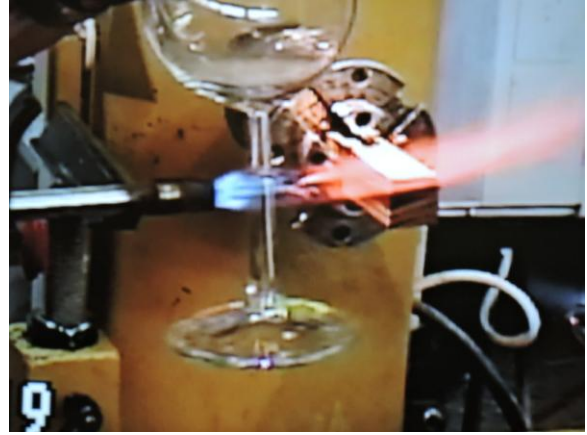


Amedee DeCruydt – A maple bowl. Amedee had questions on drying, and he wanted the club members' advice. There followed a good discussion of drying rough turned bowls.



## Club Demonstration:

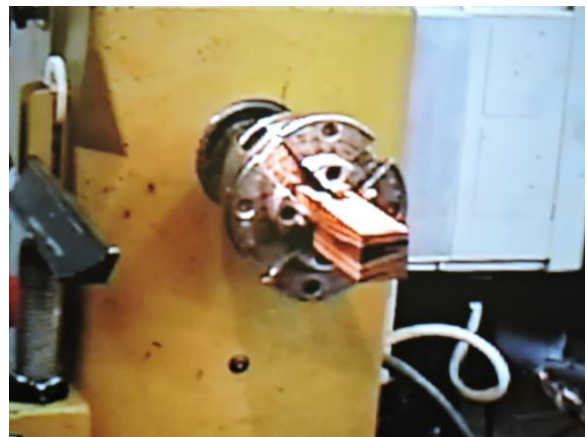
Chuck Vernon demonstrated how to turn stem and base for wine glasses. Chuck goes to resale shops to find good looking wine glasses. He then wraps the stem at the point he wants it to break off with copper wire twisted tight and with a fair amount of twist sticking out from the stem.



This will then crack the stem through where the wire was wrapped. Remember to leave enough stem to glue into the new stem and base.



This twist tail is heated with a propane torch (not the wire around the stem). When he gets this tail red hot, he then dunks the whole base, up past the wire, in cold water.



Chuck is one of those scrap savers, and he glues these together, and turns them into the new bases and stems. Doing this takes a bit of thought. He sets up with a 'pen-sized' piece for the stem, usually of one piece instead of glued up, though not always.



The stem piece is chucked up and hole is drilled in what will be the top of the stem, then sculpted with a detail gouge to fit the remaining stem of the wine glass. Care is taken here



to make sure the fit is good, as this will be the glue joint between the stem and the glass.



The blank is then reversed and a pilot hole is drilled to accept the centering pin in the face plate glue block. A tenon is then turned to fit the center hole he drilled in the base glue up blank. A bit of sanding is sometimes required to get that good glue joint fit there, and then the base is glued on. CA glue and accelerator, with a bit of pressure from the tail stock makes this a very quick process, and the turning continues.



The bottom of the base is now turned flat or just slightly concave. The base and stem assembly is reversed now, and using double sided turners tape, the base is mounted to the glue block with the aid of the centering pin. The tail stock is brought up to secure the base to the face plate block. Pressure is required to ensure a good grip by the turners tape. Turners tape is not the same as double sided carpet tape. It has a stronger adhesive, and requires some pressure to get the grip it needs to hold against the shear torque of the turning.



Now it is time to get creative. Keep the tail stock up to secure everything, and turn the base and stem to the shape and size you want to end up with. Remember, if you glued on edge pieces to the base for aesthetic appeal, as Chuck did, don't get too

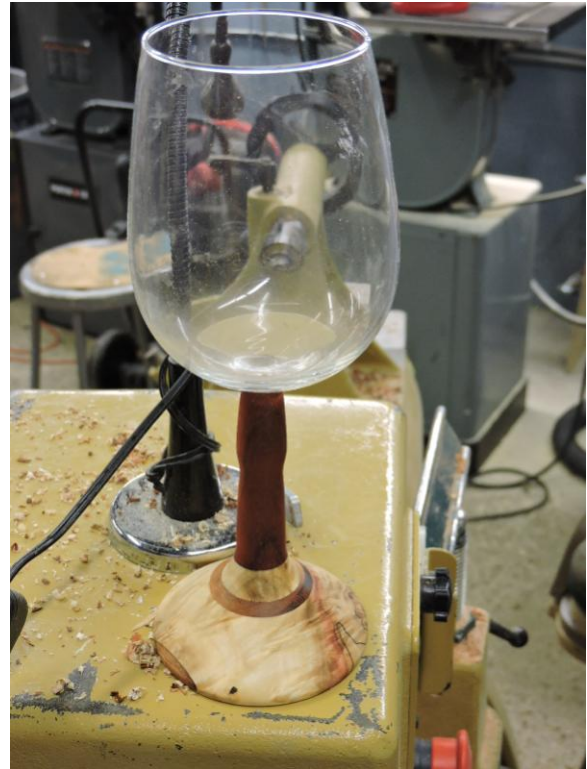
aggressive and turn them completely away.

When you have the shape you want, sand it through the grits, and apply the finish you want to use. Chuck uses Howards Feed-N-Wax, which is a mix of bees wax and orange oil to get that smooth, comfortable feel when handling the glass.



Now, the last step is to glue in the glass to the top of your stem. Use either epoxy glue, or a good glass cement.

And a parting piece of advice. Make sure you tell the recipient of the finished wine glass(es) NOT to wash them in the dish washer.



This is a quick project, and Chuck made two stem/bases for us in the demo, to prove it. Thank you Chuck. A very good demonstration, with two finished projects ready for gluing in the glass.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Roberts, secretary.

Thank You Kris Roberts for  
the excelant notes and  
photo taking

Please remember empty  
bowls.

I hope we have as much  
interest in 2020 as we had in  
2019.

Remember hunger hurts

Christmas in October will be at the  
Little Red School House in Rapid  
City on October 20, 2019

You must bring a turned wrapped  
gift for someone's beautiful wife or  
friend of another turner

## Library

Remember we have three  
cabinets to fill at the library this  
year. Lets do a good job and  
fill all the cabinets as we have  
in the past.

We will meet at the Library on  
October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM to fill  
the cabinets and remove the  
show items on October 31<sup>st</sup> at  
9:30 AM

If you can not make the times  
please let me know