

NORTHWOOD TURNERS

June Meeting

The turning is getting better. The diversity in our show area was one of the best since we started our club. We have several turners who are giving the rest of us an example of what can be created on the lathe when you are not afraid to try new things. We have a hard time trying to move outside of our comfort zone turning. Every artist has the same problem. They would like to try something new, but without some outside stimulation to make that move is scary. I think as we have more good demo's and shop crawls where we can experiment with new areas of turning we will continue to see more members trying new things. When I looked at the finished pieces at this meeting, I could not find anything to criticize.

Members please bring pieces that you are working on or have finished and get the help that you need to become a better turner. Don't let the fear of criticism stop you. The criticism that is offered is positive for your benefit.



Dale showed us a couple of ways to make a Bottle Stopper mounting systems that can work for starting and finishing. One was a wooden piece that can be turned to fit into your 4 jaw chuck. The part that holds the blank is a bolt with the same thread as the Bottle Stopper metal insert. The blank is first drilled a little smaller than the metal insert and then threaded the same size as the insert. The blank is then screwed onto the bolt in the wood mount in your

chuck. The bolt in the wood mount has a nut holding it in the mount that also acts as a stop for the blank. The nut (or 2 nuts) gives you room between the wood mount and the blank so you are able to turn the blank as small as needed to look good when the insert is in place. Dale said he didn't glue these blanks that are threaded.

There are several ways to make a mount like this.



TIM SHOWED AN EXAMPLE OF A BOTTLE STOPPER CHUCK. IT IS HELD IN A COULET CHUCK.



THE BOTTLE STOPPER BLANK SCREWS ONTO THE THREADED SHAFT AGAINST THE STOP.



THE BOTTLE STOPPER MAY BE TURNED AND FINISHED ON THIS CHUCK.

THANKS TIM.



Drilling the Blank.



Threading The Blank.



The wooden mount with the bolt.

Several types of Bottle Stopper inserts were shown. Dale even had some used bottle corks made of some kind of vinal or plastic. You know Dale can't throw anything out. But there was a wide range of stopper inserts and each one had it own advantages. But from what we witnessed it seemed useful to use glue with each of the inserts to keep them from seperating from the wooden blank.

I sounds like we may be turning some Bottle stoppers at the picnic. So be practicing on design. We will be helping the wives at the picnic turn a stopper. They will enjoy it.

