



# Between Turns

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## Ruby Cler – Oven Dragon

We discussed starting a hands on mentoring day at the new club house. With the meeting on the first Sunday and the mentoring day on the third Saturday.

Ruby presented a demonstration on spindle turning at the November meeting. She showed the steps that she follows to create oven rack pulls that she calls Oven Dragons. These typically sell for around \$10.00 and are a great way to use scrap wood and improve skill.



Starting out with a piece of wood that is between 1 and 1.25 square by 15 inches long. Orient the blank so that the handle end at the tail stock.

The first cut is a pommel cut with a skew. The long point leading a cut in a series of V cuts. Working back to the third line.

Using a spindle roughing gouge

turn the handle round. A skew is used to apply a cleaner cut with the short point first.

Mark where the beads are going. Work your way to the top of the bead using several small cuts.

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**Ruby discussing tool orientation and rotation.**

## Upcoming Dates

**Remaining 2009 Meetings :**

December 6 Holiday Party

Contact Roby with what you are bringing 734-953-4053.

We will be having a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped turned item. Do not sign the package but do sign your turned item.

- Meetings are typically held monthly on the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Paul Beemann's 2075 East Rattalee Lake Rd Holly MI 48442.

- December Meeting we will hold elections.

# Show and Tell Table



Please make sure to sign the Show and Tell sheet when you bring a piece in so credit can be given.

- Hollowing Tools - Carl Hanson
- Corion Pendent - John Irvine
- Spalted Patter - John Irvine
- Staved Vase - Gary Smith
- Ash Vase w/Ebonized Finial - Bob Roehrig
- Large Natural Edge Bowl - Robert
- Basket with turned top/bottom - Ray Frase
- Winged Natural Edge Bowl - Dan Sykes
- Acorn Box - Dan Sykes
- Cherry Bowl - Dan Sykes
- Cedar Pen - Dave Sykes
- Hollow Vase w/flowers - Ray Frase



The Cherry natural edged bowl was very interesting. The fragile piece demonstrates that a piece can be mounted in the lathe in ways to give interesting results.



# Demonstrators Wanted



Anyone willing to demonstrate at the monthly meeting can contact Tom or Pete to schedule.

We have a number of talented members, so please feel free to share your talents with the club. There are some really interesting projects that members bring in each month for the show and tell table. Many of the club members would be interested in seeing how these projects are created.



*Are you trying something new to make this years Christmas presents?*

## MAW Mentors

If you would like help getting started in woodturning or help with working out a problem, feel free to call any of the names listed. As always, there is no charge to members of the Michigan Association of Woodturners.

- Tom Mogford ..... 810-629-6176
- Pete Buccellato ..... 248-634-7622
- Bill Magee (Pen Turning) ..... 734-981-6117
- John Becker (Mugs, Goblets, & Pipes) ... 248-851-0437
- Gary Smith ..... 810-636-7167
- Herman Spaeth ..... 248-486-4720
- Ruby Cler ..... 519-945-0647

## Photo's

Photographs for this months "Between-Turns" were provided by Jeff Scott.

If you have digital photo's that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter, please send

them to the editor at: [Jeffatwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeffatwayne@yahoo.com)



## Club Store and Library...



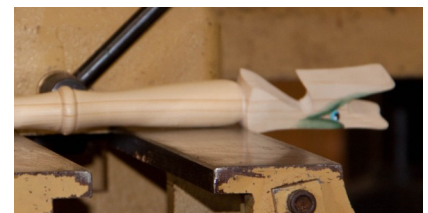
Members will find the club store and library located along the north wall. Items including turning tools, glues, and bits will be set out to provide easy access to our members.



## Ruby's Oven Dragon Demo continued...



The head of the Dragon is divided into 3 sections. A 3/8" hole is drilled at the center of both dividing lines at 3/4" and 2". A push and pull opening is cut into each end.



The top and bottom are also cut away.

After sanding and finishing you can customize the Oven Dragon by painting a dragon's face.

# Ruby's Demonstration Continued...

Thank you Ruby for the demonstration.



Oven Dragons are a nice way to improve skills and use up scrap wood.



Lines drawn at:  
3/4", 2", and  
3 1/2"

3/8" Hole drilled  
at the center  
point of the first  
and second lines.

## *Octobers Mail Bag...*

From Jim Madson:

The demo, display and sales. Johnson Workbench will help also so they could provide a lathe set up for you guys. We have the ability to give you store front on main street or a small demo in a heated tent on the carving grounds. Saturday will be a huge day with the carving going on all day and at night the parade of Lights will be going on from 6-8 PM. This city is going all out for everyone and they are already talking about making this an annual event. I suggested that we move it to a bit warmer time of the year. So can I count you guys and ladies in for December 4 & 5. Let me know what kind of space you are looking for to accommodate who you have coming in. This isn't far from where you guys meet in Fowlerville either. Going crazy trying to make this right but the help from the city is overwhelming. This is being tied in with their First Friday shopping event on December 4 with radio and paper advertising which started last week. December 5 is their annual Parade of Lights which last year had 3500 people there which is 1 hour after the carvers stop carving in McCormick Park. So that should benefit both parts of the event. Thanks for responding and it would be nice to have us all together again under much better circumstances. I'll be carving in this competition so at the end of the day we can catch up on what is going on with all you turners. This event can have stand alone turners at a \$25 fee. We do have to get \$25 for the group and you can have signage for the group there as well as individual cards to hand out. (Turners group Banner)

Contact Tom if you would like to participate.

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From the AAW:                      Correction to November AAW Board Letter.

"The AAW chapters include sixteen with 100% AAW membership. The other chapters allow "limited" memberships (chapter only). For a club to be qualified to be an AAW sanctioned chapter with the AAW furnishing the liability insurance for the chapter, all officers and directors of that chapter must be AAW members. Only AAW members will be insured under this policy for claims that may be brought against them for bodily injuries that they may have caused to another person while performing a chapter sanctioned activity. Chapter members that are not AAW members who participate in chapter sanctioned activities are not insured for claims that may be brought against them."

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From Rickey Kingsbury:

Hi my name is Ricky Kingsbury and I am just starting out selling Manzanita Burls . I have over 80 Manzanita Burls in stock . In all shapes and sizes . check out my web page at <http://www.rrburls.com>  
Thank you for your time.