

The Bayou Skew

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10 a.m.

Saturday October 9, 1999

At

Mr. Ed Goldman's

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From the President:

Well did we have a good time or what? As promised, September has been busy for the Bayou Woodturners. Our recent debut at the New Orleans Woodworking Show was a real hit. I believe we exceeded the expectations of many. The booth was really eye-catching and we received many compliments on our presentation. The combination of our display and the activity of the turners really provided an alluring attraction for all whom came by to see. People were awed at the variety of the pieces that we exhibited. Jerry's color photographs looked great amongst the turnings. It was really satisfying to watch our members perform for the crowd and to listen to them explain and present our club to the inquisitive. The action went on for three full days. It was a fun time and we did expose a whole bunch of people to the world of woodturning. It was really a kick watching three of those lathes going all at the same time manned by three of our own, Charlie Brown, Bob Broome and Dennis Wahl, giving the audience so much to see. I was really proud how the whole thing came together. Our group showed a lot of enthusiasm throughout the whole event. I wanted to thank everyone who helped in the construction of our display and everyone who contributed their work for exhibition. Thanks to all of those who stuck around on Sunday evening to pack up and haul it away. I especially want to thank Keith Welsh for all his help. He was there from concept to construction to completion. It wouldn't have happened without him. The Woodworking Show coordinator came by our booth early Sunday morning and told me that he, in his critique, had given us high marks for our display and was recommending that we return next year. We'll see! So what do we do next? The holidays are coming up and targeting a charity or some other worthy cause would be a noble gesture. Also, fall means festivals and fairs. If anyone is interested in participating in such an event, we can discuss it at the upcoming meeting and possibly make the mini-lathe and the booth backdrop available for members to use in such an outing.

We on the newsletter staff are looking for contributions from our members. If you would like to write an article, have questions on turning or have a turning tip to share please pass it on to Keith. Items for sale or to buy are always wanted for the trading post section. Take advantage of our resources.

Remember, our meetings at least for the next two months will be on the road; this month, at Ed Goldman's in Metairie and next month in Lafayette at O.B. Lacoste's. Both trips should prove to be entertaining and enlightening. We may possibly schedule a meeting in the Baton Rouge area in the near future also. Come see Mr. Goldman's shop. It will be a real treat.

See you then,

Steve Rome
President, Bayou Woodturners

September Meeting Minutes

President Steve gaveled the meeting to order at 10:36. He now has a presidential gavel with which to do so courtesy of Dick Gahn.

The first order of business was more information about our participation in the upcoming woodworking show. We are now allotted a double booth with extra panels and plenty of outlets. We now have room for two lathes and **Southern Saw and Cutter** will generously lend us a Jet lathe with a twelve-inch swing. Steve and Keith have managed to put together an accordion-fold screen, which holds shelves on which we can display our work. The screen spans twenty feet, so there will be plenty of room for displays. Steve has done yeoman duty putting together the display screen and the Plexiglas screen for the demonstrations

Some last details about the show:

The organizers are allowing us only eight passes for the show and they are non-transferable and good for one day only. Speak to Steve, if you have not already done so about demonstrating and/or manning the booth and you may be able to get one of the passes.

Steve will bring a dustpan and brush and a shop vacuum for cleanup after the demonstrations; ours, alas is a fairly messy avocation.

If anyone can bring a grinder for the demonstrations, we'd appreciate it; otherwise, Steve will use his grinder.

If anyone has a combination TV/VCR machine (or a TV and a VCR) that they can lend us for the show, we will be able to play some of the woodturning tapes in the library and thereby add interest to our display.

New Business.

Steve still has two hats left (plus maybe four others at Southern Saw and Cutter). These are for sale at the introductory low price of \$11.00. When this lot is gone, the price is going up.

Charlie Brown has gotten our non-profit status certificate from the state. With this, we will open an official club bank account. Non-profit recognition from the IRS is still forthcoming.

Keith is still refining the Web page (Woodturners.com). He will post the minutes and pictures of the members' work on it. He is also working on biographies of the members.

Gerry Markowitz brought his professional photography set up to photograph members' work this time.

Raffle donations and winners:

Mr. Goldman donated a species of mahogany which he couldn't spell (and neither can I) and a piece of ambrosia maple, Dennis brought a piece of mystery wood (walnut? - it's still a mystery to me), and Grant Pichon donated one of his turned biscuit cutters. The winner was; Austin Fitzjarrell, Gordon McFarland, and Keith Welsh. The raffle brought in \$48.00

The Debut of the Bayou Woodturners

By Grant Pichon

They came, they saw, and boy were they impressed!

They came from places like Biloxi, Mobile, Lafayette, New Iberia, Sulphur, Houma, Port Allen, Bogalusa, Buras and Slidell to name a few.

What did they come to New Orleans to see? They came to see the first exhibition by one of the newest chapters of the AAW, The Bayou Woodturners.

This debut by BW was part of the New Orleans Woodworking Show at The Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, Louisiana on September 17 through 19, 1999.

After seeing the public response to our great white wall of exhibits and live demonstrations by a dozen of our current members, it is a sure bet that membership is about to vault to new heights. The color brochure designed to introduce Bayou Woodturners to perspective new members was a real success.

When we were not “minding the store” we were surveying the wares of various vendors to find that one turning tool, we just couldn’t do without.

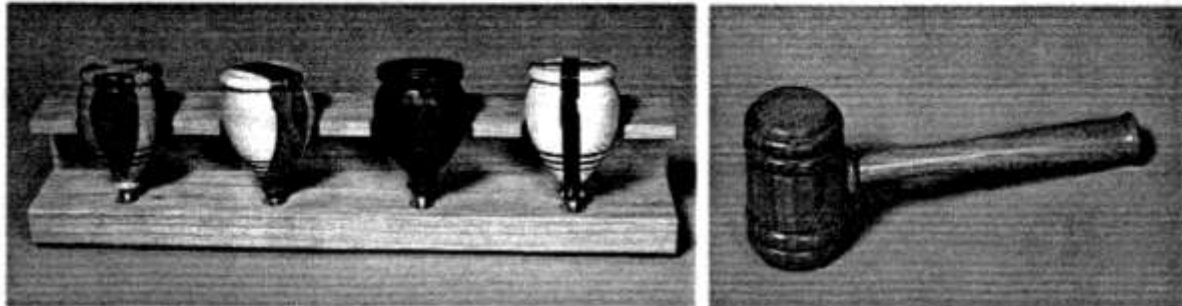
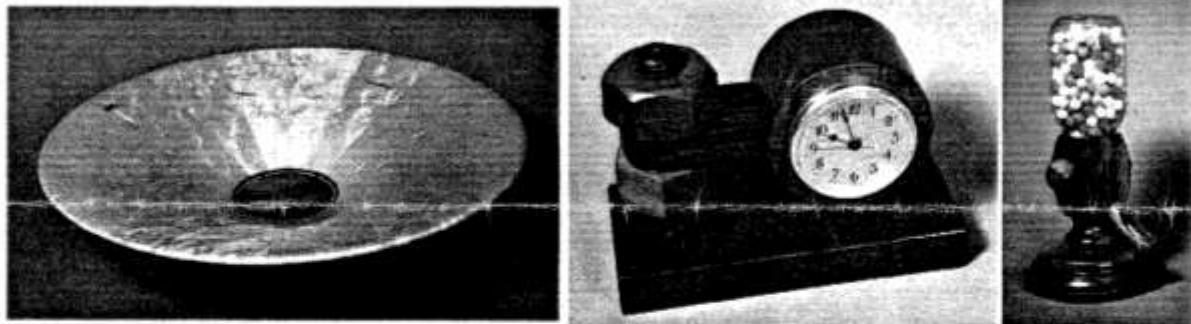
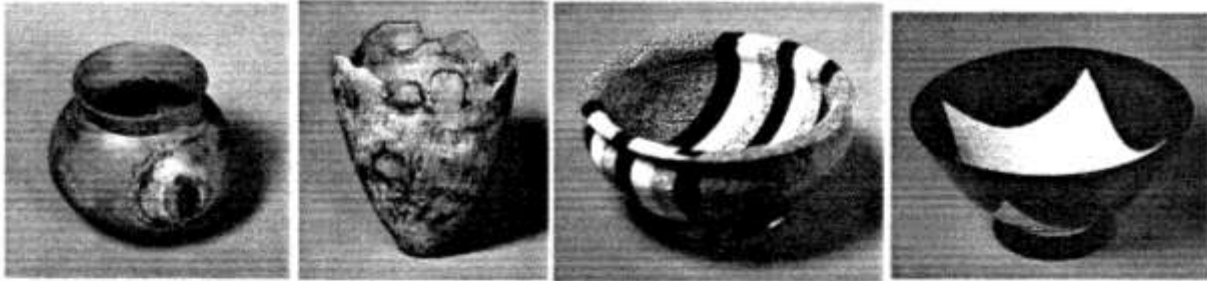
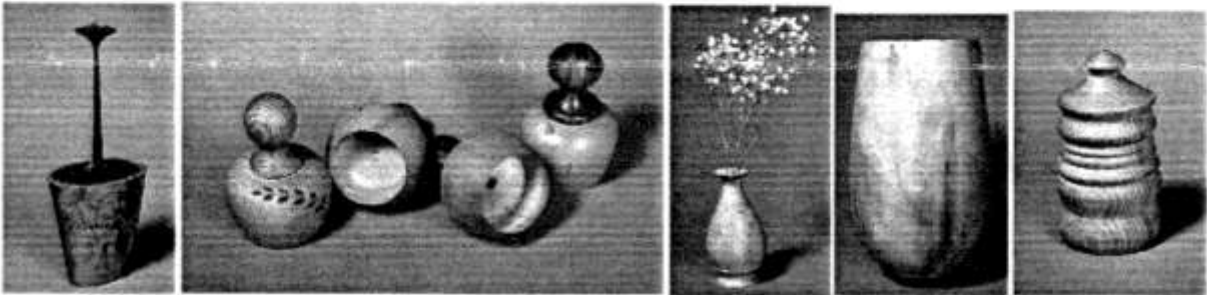


We didn’t weigh the wood shavings at the end of the day but by any measure this was an exciting time for our fledgling club. It was the first time that our members spent so much time together, so much to learn, and so much to share. I can’t wait for the next show!





Gallery





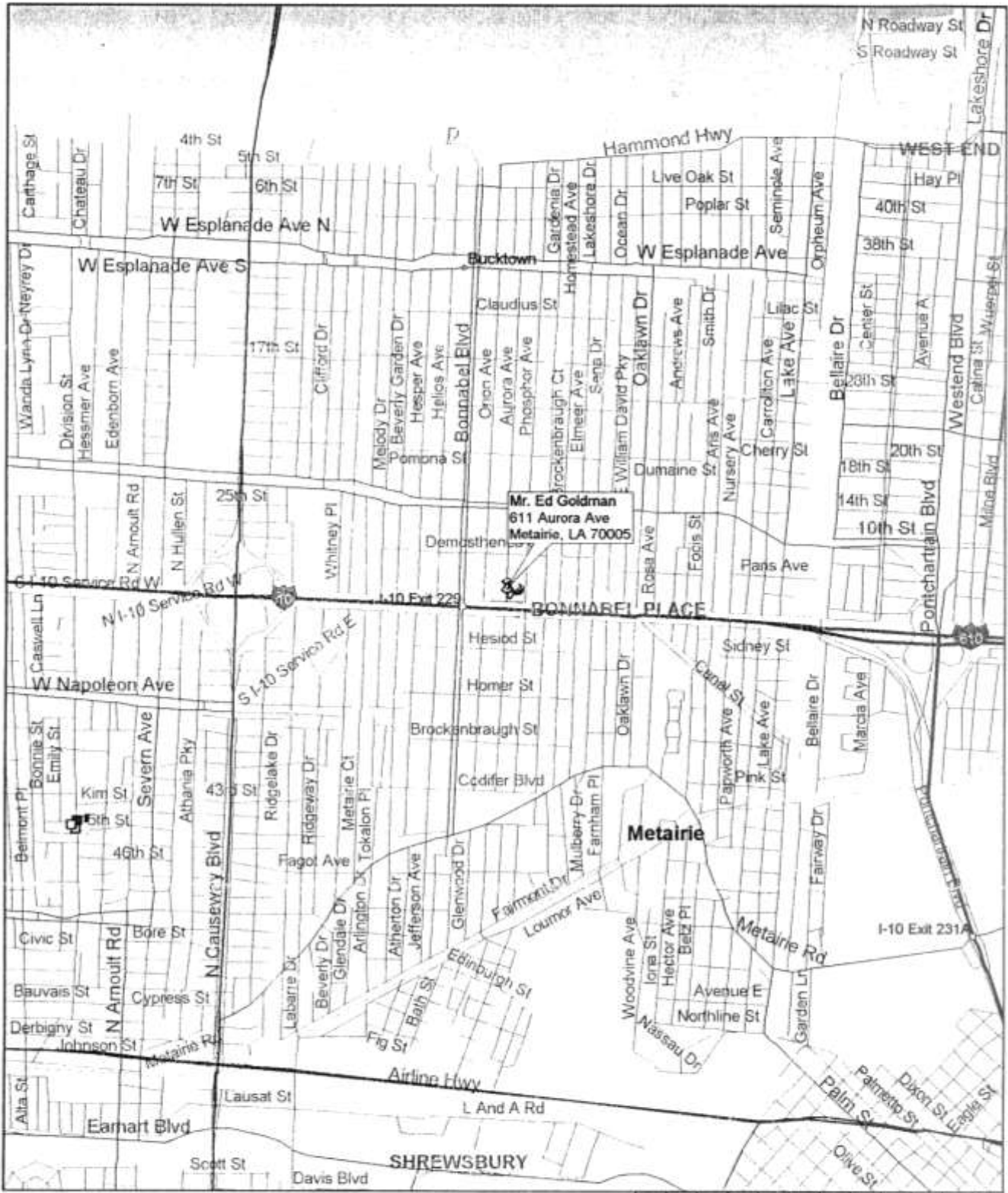
Asking \$500. Will sell for \$250
36" Bowl Lathe valued at \$500-D/C motor 220V
Contact Charles Schmidt from Folsom, LA. At 796-3259

For Sale: Shopsmith Mark V Model 510
Includes: Extension table system and casters, 11" Band Saw, Dust Collector
(Model DC 300) Asking \$2000.00 Call: Darrell Berry at 504-643-9244

For Sale: Turning Squares
Antique Pine - Tight Grain - Very Dry
Obtained from an uptown 1904 New Orleans building.
1 3/4" X 1 3/4" X 20" Call 737-8201 for more information.

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