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Small Talk

The next meeting is Tomorrow evening January 16th, 2007. Hope to see all of you there. As you know we don't have a volunteer of Secretary yet, so I'm doing the newsletters until we do. You can expect them to be late, but hopefully not this late.

If you have anything to buy or sell we have the classified section. I've included Dwight Hartsell's newsletter about his work in Peru, I found it very interesting and hope you will as well. I will make a motion at our meeting that the club support this worthy mission in some meaningful way.

Sincerely,
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January Program

Carl Stout, President of Martin, USA will talk about general shop safety and present information their line of AIGNER aftermarket products. Carl has also generously agreed to give member some white oak veneer!

Meeting Time

Meetings of the Charlotte Woodworker's Association are held the third Monday of each month, except for December. Meeting is to be held at the Well of Hope Lutheran (Formerly Incarnation Lutheran Church), 6400 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC (just off Archdale Drive).

Following a social and refreshment time that starts at 5:30pm, our meetings start at 6:30pm. Get to the meeting early and get to know your fellow woodworking enthusiasts.

Write an article for Sawdust (thanks for all the help from those that have)

Please consider writing an article for The Sawdust, this is your newsletter what do you want from it? What do you want to share with your fellow woodworkers? Everyone likes to share, share your successes, failures, and mistakes, have fun with it and share with others at the same time. Contact Phil Ashley @ secretary@charlottewoodworkers.org or call 704-51-5662.

CWA Mentor Program

The following members have offered their help to anyone interested in learning skills or new techniques in their area of interest. Contact each person to arrange times to get together if interested.

Name	Area of Interest	Phone	Email
Wayne Cooper	***	704.409.1417	cooper@arcomfg.com
Bill Golden	Shopsmith & Accessories	704.525.9691	popstoyshop@earthlink.net
Dwight Hartsell	Woodturning	704.598.6029	woodwight@aol.com
Wayne Manahan	Sharpening	704.786.0768	wmanahan@vnet.net

Classified Section

\$\$ For Sale \$\$

Contact me if you have any tools, wood or services for sale. This section is offered for free.

Tom Booker in Concord has some Oak he's like to sell email him at tfbooker@aol.com

H & S Lumber

Mr. Robert Boland, Manager
4115 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28205
704.333.3130 (sponsor)

Woodcraft

Mr. David Boyuka
1725 Windsor Square Drive
Matthews, NC 28105
704.847.8300 (contributing)

Harbor Freight USA

Mr. Martin Treadwell, Manager
3852 E. Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28205

704.569.0182 (contributor)

The Woodworking Shop of Charlotte

4728 South Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28217
704.521.8886 (contributing/sponsor
– except power tools and wood)

Show your CWA membership card at any of the listed places and receive benefits (except for Woodcraft and Harbor Freight USA, which are not able to provide sponsorship in the form of discounts).

Dwight Hartsell's Newsletter.

As many of you know, I've been making trips to Peru every six months since July 2005 and I'll be going back on January 5, 2007.

The purpose of my trips to Alto Cayma, Peru is to teach young people a woodworking trade, specifically woodturning. Alto Cayma is an extremely poor desert area with a population of about 28,000 people. It sits just eight miles north of Arequipa, Peru, which coincidentally is Charlotte, NC's first Sister City. The elevation in Alto Cayma is about 8,800 feet above sea level making this a desert mountain area of Peru. One of the few ways of earning a living is to raise llama, alpaca and sheep to spin the wool and make wearing apparel. Most people have little, if any, education and are eager to learn anything that can bring in some money for their families. The average wage, if you can find work is about \$3.00 US a day which is about 10 Peruvian Soles.

The first time I went to Peru, in July 2005, I took and shipped a Jet lathe, bench scroll saw, woodturning tools and some small hand tools. When I arrived at the mission, Habitat for Humanity had shut down some time in the past an operation and the mission wound up with eight boxes of woodworking machinery, some of which had never been opened. It was like Christmas in July.

Some students, construction workers from the site and I set up a workshop, approx 35' x 60' and then I started woodturning classes with only one lathe and the added challenge of not speaking Spanish. Fortunately woodturning is a lot of show and tell. I had three classes each day and they lasted 2 ½ hours each so that at the end of my three week stay about 20 students were exposed to woodworking and were doing quite well.

About the time I left Peru in August 2005, the mission employed a teacher from one of the universities in Arequipa to carry on my work and incorporated carving on the pieces they turned. This has been very successful and is still going on.

My second three week stay in January 2006 was just as exciting. In that time, I taught 28 students woodturning. One group of men were the construction workers around the mission complex and they stayed after work each day to take the class. This trip also saw the addition of women in the class and they were some of the best students. The mission saw success in what I was trying to accomplish and wanted me to return, which I did in July 2006.

In December 2005, I applied for an Educational Opportunity Grant from AAW and was granted \$1,000.00 to spend on this Peruvian woodturning venture. In July 2006, we purchased three more lathes in Arequipa and a dust extraction system was installed. Now we had a completed workshop to teach woodworking, wood carving and woodturning and with the help of quite a few fellow woodturners, Klingspor and Woodcraft in Matthews, NC we took over 100 lbs. of woodturning tools and equipment this last trip.

Again I had three classes each day for three weeks was very exciting since we now had a total for four woodturning lathes. My students really got into making wooden boxes, bowls and some spindle work. All students worked very safely and were taught many different aspects of woodturning.



Some of the woodturnings made by the students



My students working on four lathes



The women were exceptionally good at woodturning and carving. .

These past three trips have been extremely rewarding for me and I plan to make trips, hopefully twice a year as long as we continue to see the benefits.

Starting this past August a woodturning program was implemented and they have an instructor from Arequipa SENCICO. There were 15 students in the class and the main focus will be spindle turning in order to make table legs. This is a nine week course and the students will get credit equivalent to a university course. At the end of the course, the students will be able to make tables to sell locally and in Arequipa.

The mission has been fortunate to have help from Rotary International, AAW, Advent Lutheran Church of Charlotte and it's members along with many businesses and organizations through out the US helping to carry on the work.

The workshop is only part of a complex that is run by Father Alex Busuttil of the Mission Society of Saint Paul. The mission feeds 650 people every day a lunch, runs a daycare center for approximately 130 children, infants to school age, a cardmaking shop, knitting and weaving work, legal services and a medical, dental and eye clinics as well as having two churches capable of seating 200-300 people each. There is also a sponsorship program for \$20.00 a month for a child or a senior citizen which helps to feed a family, give the sponsoree access to medical care and if it is a child being sponsored, help with school costs.

There is no social security or governmental help in Peru, so if they go to school, there is the cost of books, uniforms, transportation and supplies. Some of the children in their teens have never set foot in a classroom. In order to change this there is also a program to help very needy children in supplying their needs for education and runs about \$200.00 US for nine months.

I would invite you to visit the website at www.serving-alto-cayma.info to see for yourself how they live and also how loving the people are. With God's help, I plan to continue helping in anyway I can to get the people off the bottom of the economic ladder, teach them a trade to support themselves and their family.

If you have any questions or would like to talk with me or my wife Susan, who made the trip in January 2006 with me, please call us. Our home number is 704-598-6029, my cell phone is 704-617-0188 and our work number is 704-921-9855.

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Next Meeting:

Jan. 16, 2007

At Well of Hope Lutheran Church