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Hello Everyone - has it stopped raining yet?

I think we were very spoiled with the early warm weather that we had, oh let's see, about a month ago or more? Lately the chill in the air and for us, still having the furnace on just doesn't feel like Spring!

I hope everyone is looking forward to this Thursday night with Dennis Belcher and the topic: When Good Wood Cracks - A Challenge to your Creativity – that's our zoom meeting at 7pm.

I know I have posted his website in my previous correspondence, but here it is again:

<http://www.dennisbelcher.com/> some great inspiration and fun things in his galleries.

Has anyone reached out to Cam Burrows for the wig stands? I will be making mine this week – so please reach out to help this great cause.

Also, I know I have asked for websites, articles or videos of interest that you find topical and might like to share with the rest of our membership. If you do this, please remember to write a description of what's in the link, why you think others would like it – please, this saves me a bit of time in clicking on the link and trying to figure out myself, why you thought it was interesting and why we should share!

Mark Gordon recently sent this link in -

<https://archive.org/download/TheLatheBook2001/The%20Lathe%20Book%202001.pdf>

From my query to our executive of this link, Michael Pinto mentions - Ernie Conover is a great resource for all kinds of true lathe / turning work; and Richard Pikul says the Ernie Conover's book on Mark's link is fairly

recent and a very good read - lots of relevant information! So enjoy this link!

Here is another link that, if you became part of what I affectionately call the rabbit hole.... The Instructables Website, you may have received the email about the Salt and Pepper Mills – when I opened the link, I laughed because my first thought was – here's a great WGO challenge; subsequently Juanita Baril sent me that very same email link, and she too had the thought everyone here would like it – we bantered back and forth a bit on it, and I do believe I will make this a challenge turning for the summer months! Watch for further details. Here's the link:

https://www.instructables.com/Chess-Salt-and-pepper-Mills/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email

To end this email communication, I am sharing a poem Shawn Hermans sent to me this week -

The Bowlturner – by Nan Fry

Sawdust sparks arc from the chisel.

Swiveling, you release the light

sap leaves on the rim,

trim down to the darker heart

You search for feathers and burls swirls

tightly clustered under the bark

the pressure of the weather

the path of the worm

stain of the fungus

wondrous rot