

BEST PRACTICES

Best Practices #006: Wood Raffle

Heading: Meetings



Woodturners often have an excess of wood, especially when a big tree is harvested. Rather than let the wood check and become firewood, our chapter encourages members to bring their excess wood to chapter meetings and donate it to the club. The wood is collected in the parking lot. During the meeting, our woodmeister and an assistant circulate among attendees selling raffle tickets. Each ticket has two parts and a unique number. One half of the ticket goes to the buyer and the other half goes into a jar. Tickets are \$1 each: \$5 buys six tickets. The chapter buys the tickets at a local party supply store.

After the meeting, everyone adjourns to the parking lot. The woodmeister pulls tickets from the jar and reads the numbers aloud. Winners select a piece of wood as their numbers are called until all of the tickets or all of the wood is gone. Leftover wood is free for the taking. To add interest, the club buys (or receives donations of) tools and other items of interest to woodturners. These items are randomly added into the drawing process.

Our chapter raises about \$125 per meeting from 70+ attendees.

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Disclaimer: Before pursuing a raffle, please check with your state's gaming commission to ensure that raffles are permitted in your state, and to obtain raffle guidelines and reporting requirements.