

Central New England Woodturners



NOVEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER



No Fat Woodturning

The message is everywhere. Look at your TV, read any newspaper, visit any grocery or supermar-

ket and our eyeballs are bombarded with the message that a lot of us are too fat.

Just like many of us who should be a little narrower around our girth, some of us have too much fat in our woodturning. Take someone who has been woodturning for a few years. Since we can enjoy the greatest hobby in the world with wood that we can acquire at no cost, most of us have an abundance of the free wood that our neighbors and friends have given us or have told us where to find a branch or tree that has fallen to the ground. And how about the Wood Swap at our meetings where the members rush to swell our treasury with their dollars? This has become a very popular part of every meeting.

Most of us have enough of wood to last us a lifetime, but still we will not refuse any wood that is offered.

What else do we have a surplus of? We start with one lathe. Soon we believe we should have a bigger and maybe better one, a lathe that can turn a larger bowl or maybe one with a larger motor or best of all one with variable speed or one with a famous name and the favorite of the better-known woodturners.

Let us not forget the turning tools. When we first start turning, we are lucky to have a gouge, parting tool and a skew. But soon we add gouges where we can use one for bowls and one for spindles, then we need better steel or maybe handles of rosewood. They may not work any different but don't they look nicer?

The same reasoning soon transfers to accessories. Any turner worth his salt has a scroll chuck even though in the old days everyone got by using a glue block on a faceplate to accomplish the same thing. Many turners have a few chucks to save them the trouble of changing the jaws. The list goes on and on.

Most of us now have more time and

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, **December 4, 2003 - 6:30 PM**
at the Worcester Center for Crafts

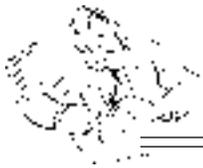
Program: Election of Officers for 2004
Holiday Gift Swap - bring a turned gift wrapped in a brown bag tied with a 4' string and **take home** a gift. Bring treats for refreshments.

Show & Tell and Wood Swap

funds to indulge in making our shops nicer and more comfortable, and since we need a place to retreat to and get away from the cares of our everyday lives, why should we not do so.

Want to have a good reason to buy that new lathe, some Glaser woodturning tools or some other necessity that you can't live without? How about the reasoning it helps the economy? That is as good as any.

Ernie



The Meeting of November 6, 2003

The meeting was called to order by president Joe Harbey at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ken Brannock said that the CNEW participation at the Carvers' Show went very well. Not many turners entered the competition, which he felt differentiated turners from carvers, who seem to be more competitive. The general feeling was that the presence of the turners added a different perspective that was appreciated by the attendees.

Joe Harbey reported that the show in Albany was very rewarding. He also reported that the president of the Albany club is encouraging the creation of an all New England Symposium.

The Craft Show is on November 28, 29 and 30. Everyone is encouraged to bring pieces, sign up to be at the booth. Post cards advertising it were distributed.

Bobbi Tornheim mentioned that she knows of a source of some chestnut and Glenn Randall also knows of a lumber source.

There will be a demonstration at Hanks this Saturday. Luke Mann will show how to finish a green bowl.

The three person nominating committee will be making recommendations for officers for the coming year. Also open will be the publication of the newsletter.

Frank White introduced the program for the evening which was the voting of members on each

other's best works. The ballot was explained by which we would rate each piece. He mentioned that he felt that some members avoided meetings where this was done. Pieces for this instant gallery were put out on one of the tables. Members were given ballots and filled them out to be collated during the rest of the meeting.

SHOW AND TELL:

Reid Gilmore showed a small bowl made from the Walnut from the tree that Dennis organized club members to assist in taking down.

Graeme Young showed several small bowls and a tiered goblet shaped bowl from the same tree.

Frank White showed a platter from the same tree that had cracked.

Arnie Paye showed his first bowl, made from poplar, and received enthusiastic congratulations from everyone.

Joe Harbey showed a butternut bowl finished with three coats of Formby.

Charles Turnage showed a letter opener made from a Texas Longhorn's horn. He also showed a piece of fossilized woolly mammoth tooth that he had learned how to cut and preserve the crystalline appearance. Now he is trying to see if he can turn it.

Bobbi Tornheim showed two bowls made from a famous dogwood tree that had been cut down in her yard. She said that dogwood is very difficult to work with, and that most of the other turners and woodworkers who had received a piece of the tree had lost them to checking and splits. Anyone turning green dogwood should talk to her.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Fine Furniture Show at the Providence Civic Center on the 7th, 8th, and 9th.

The Ocean Woodturners of RI will have Jim Kephardt demonstrating basic small projects in a program featuring sharpening, control and safety. It will be at the Wickford Public Library

For the December meeting, bring a gift swap in a paper bag with a string on it. Also, bring food to share.

Old members Ray Hayden and Paul Wheelock are back.

New members Charlie and Scott Frazenowski attended

To obtain old boards, try the website www.oldboards.com

The only suggestion for a chapter challenge

for the next AAW Symposium was to enter a bucket of walking sticks.

INSTANT GALLERY:

There was very good participation in the instant gallery, with each piece submitted judged by everyone present at the meeting. Frank White managed the entire process and presented the feedback on each piece. It was interesting to note the range of scores that some individual items were given.



Richard DiPerna & Bobbi Tornheim



Things You May Not Know

How many times have you cleaned the hollow spindle of your lathe? Not many? Yet it is important to do so to prevent rust from forming. Pulling a cloth through with some WD40 or something similar on it is all it needs. Do not poke anything like a steel rod into it as you could damage the taper.

*For woodturners the leading sources to find what you wish to buy is **Craft Supplies USA** 1-800-551-8876 or www.woodturnerscatalog.com, where you can see their whole catalog on-line 24 hours and 7 days. **Packard Woodworks** 800-683-8876 or www.packardwoodworks.com or **Woodcraft** at 800-344-3348.*

*Another good source is **Lee Valley Tools and Veritas**. 1-800-871-8158, www.leevalley.com. They not only have a complete line of tools for all kinds of woodworking, many they manufacture themselves but they also sponsor woodturning events like the Emma Lake get together every year in Canada.*

(All the above sources have been used by the writer with good results.)

*Have you ever dreamed of having a dream workshop some day? I guess all of us have done so. Fine Woodworking's "Tools and Shops" has an article about how a woodworker made his dream a reality. There's an article on making a **duplicating jig** for a lathe, which while cannot make fine cuts, could*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dick Vose, Charles Turnage, Bob Iuliano

You can contact **Bob Iuliano** at 401-725-7284 or bobio@cox.net. We need bodies to run this ship.

*TBA is a Latin term. It means if somebody doesn't step up to the plate, we won't have that office in 2004 or we have to get someone at the party to do it. For those of you who are linguistic affectionados it means **Toomuch Benign Apathy**.*

President - **TBA** somebody contact us or we will nominate from the floor during Dec. meeting. Duties, delegate jobs. Have Agenda for meetings. Stay on top of things.

Internal Vice President - **TBA** - Schedule programs for monthly meetings. Dec. is done, it is a party. August is done, it is a party - just find a host. That means ten programs.

External Vice President - Charles Turnage

Secretary - Bob Iuliano

Treasurer - Richard DiPerna

Video Librarian - **TBA**- keep track of videos and try to get them rented out.

Librarian - Glenn Randall

Web Manager - Dennis Daudelin

Newsletter - Norm Mancuso

be modified by substituting a V shaped cutter instead of the router. The article about using the right height for your work will save your body from pain while improving your work and is worth the price of the whole magazine.

*No doubt about it, a **variable speed lathe** that changes speed by twisting a knob is the ultimate way to go. What has held most of us back is that the cost was more than we could justify. Now Jet has added that feature to their midi lathe, the one with a ten-inch swing. Even if you don't want to spend about \$380 (list price) for it, the result has been that the same lathe without the variable speed now has its price reduced to less than \$200.*

*Wood magazine for December 2003 has some ideas that should be interesting reading for woodturners. One has a tip to keep your turning tools from falling off of your lathe, an article that takes you on a trip through a sawmill and how to use the turning tool called a **pyramid tool**. On the article about people who are featured as woodworking mentors, one of those pictured is CNEW member, **Jack Grube**.*



Bobbi Tornheim



Bobbi Tornheim



Joe Harbey



Reid Gilmore



Charles Turnage



Graeme Young



Graeme Young



Arnie Paye

NOVEMBER'S SHOW AND TELL

*Photos by
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Graeme Young



INSTANT GALLERY PROGRAM



Ray Harrold



John Styspeck



Ray Hayden



Steve Reznik



Al Faul



Norm Mancuso



Richard DiPerna



Reid Gilmore



Bob Iuliano



Bobbi Tornheim



Frank White



Dennis Daudelin



Tim Elliott

*Photos by
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Jerry Carlson from Warren, PA



Arnie Paye



Richard DiPerna



Emilio Iannuccillo

INSTANT GALLERY PROGRAM



Al Lagor



Joe Harbey



Where has the time gone? The old cliché "it seems like yesterday" is very apparent to me as I attempt to compose, perhaps, my last piece for the newsletter as president.

It has been an exciting and rewarding year for me as I look back at the accomplishments we have all made. Attendance at meetings was ample, we acquired new members and saw the return of many that have been absent. The monthly programs were good as well as the "Wood Swap," and certainly our Show and Tell produced countless arrays of beautiful turnings in design, size and finishes. Many of us ventured out to attend symposiums, other shops and have demonstrated woodturning at other functions.

All of this could not have been done without the dedicated members we have. For this may I think you and also my sincere thanks to the officers of CNEW. I am fortunate to have such an excellent staff who worked many hours at their specific duties to keep CNEW as a first class woodturning organization.

As a final note - please keep in mind our December meeting will be a party, gift exchange and election of officers for 2004.

Sincerely,

Joe Harbey

Coming Events

Fri., November 28 through Sun., Nov. 30, 2003 - Worcester Craft Center Christmas Craft Fair. Members needed to set up, sell and clean up at the end. Phone Emilio 401-253-5450 or email: eiannuccil@aol.com or Joe Harbey at 413-562-6705

Fri., November 28 through December 31, 2003 - Central CT Woodturners' Display and Sale at Windham Art Center, 866 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

Tuesday, December 2, 2003 - 7 to 9:30 PM Woodfinishing Seminar with Bruce Hamilton at the Homestead School of Woodworking. Call 888-659-2345.

More Coming Events

Wednesday, December 3, 2003 - 6 to 9:30 PM

Turning Holiday Ornaments with Casey Coyne at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking. Call 860-647-0303.

Thursday, December 4, 2003 - 6:30 PM

CNEW Meeting at Worcester Center for Crafts

Election of Officers

Holiday Gift Swap - Bring one - Get one.

Wrap your turned gift in a bag and attach a 3 to 4 ft. string to it. Also please bring a treat or refreshments to share.

Show & Tell

Wood Swap

Thursday, December 4 to 23, 2003 - Opening of WCC Faculty Show and Sale at Worcester Center for Crafts

Sat. & Sun., December 6 & 7, 2003 - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Turning Green Wood with Rick Angus at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking. Call 860-647-0303.

Fri., December 12 through Sun., December 14, 2003 -

Christmas Craft Expo at Connecticut Expo Center, Hartford, CT. 860-653-6671 www.handmadeinamerica.com

Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Woodturning for Christmas with Alan Mitchell at the Homestead School of Woodworking. Call 888-659-2345.

Monday, December 15, 2003 - deadline for applications
Guilford Handcraft Center Expo July 15 - 17, 2004 on the Town Green. 203-453-5947

Wednesday, December 17, 2003 - 6 to 9:30 PM

Turning Christmas Ornaments with Casey Coyne at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking. Call 860-647-0303.

January 16, 17 & 18, 2004 -

Woodworks Event at the "Big E", Springfield, MA

February 22, 23 & 24, 2004 -

Market Square New England at the Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA