

The CNEW SKEW

With Apologies....

Special points of interest:

- First Newsletter of the Year
- Special Thanks to our 2003 Officers
- Slate of New Officers
- Reports and Pleas for Help
- Pictures by
Emilio Iannuccillo

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Taking over an operation that has been successfully run by others for several years is an undertaking fraught with dangers. Ernie Grimes has admirably published the newsletter since well before I even became a member. Given his dedicated work and the terrific and able assistance of Vicki Iannuccillo, it's a hard act to follow. Nevertheless, I intend to give it my best shot and I hope that you won't be disappointed. Ernie has nobly volunteered to help and I am not too proud to call on him for assistance. So, I would like to see a bi-monthly column by Ernie and I guess that none of you will be disappointed with that hopeful news.

Secondly, none of you need feel that you are being left out. I encourage and welcome any contributions to the newsletter, whether written, or photographic. If you have an idea and don't really want to write about it, point it out to us and we will see what we can do to "flesh it out" for publication. I would also like to see a "Turner of the Month" column which Bobbi Tornheim has been writing for our sister club, ART. She has consistently done a fine job on this column for as long as I have known her. Perhaps she can be persuaded to contribute such a column here at CNEW as well. It need not necessarily be a

monthly item but I suspect that most members would like to know more about their comrades.

I am open to any suggestions and I promise I won't wilt in the face of criticism so please join in and put in your "two cents" worth on a regular basis.

Of course, you will have noticed the new look and the format which differs from what you were used to. This is due in part to having different software than was previously used, and frankly, less experience at using it. Because I needed to hit the ground running, I am taking some liberties and I hope to shake out the bugs as the year progresses. Please bear with me and again, don't hesitate to offer suggestions and/or comments. If anyone happens to have a file with the club logo, and/or the logo for AAW, please email it/them to me at nrmancuso@comcast.net. Now, for Page 2.....



New Club Officers for 2004

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Hats Off....

To our departing officers, for a year of service which has seen much growth and activity. It is good to get new blood involved in the leadership of CNEW, but it is also hard to let go of men and women whom we have come to respect and, let's say it, love.

To Joe Harbey, we will miss your ever-present smile and the leadership which you have so ably demonstrated over the past year. Under your leadership, we have grown in numbers as well as broadened our outlook on many aspects of turning. (See Joe's parting message on page 3.)

To Emilio Iannuccillo, we also owe a debt of gratitude. I personally had the pleasure of working closely with Emilio on two WCC craft shows. He has always had these venues under close control and with all of the bases covered. We hope that Emilio will continue to provide photo coverage of the meetings!

To Bobbi Tornheim and Richard DiPerna we acknowledge your timeliness and accuracy in getting out the minutes of each meeting. Anyone who has ever served as secretary of an organization knows that it is a difficult and largely thankless job.

To Wendy Wilson, our keeper of the coin, many thanks for keeping us aware of the state of the

treasury, not to mention sending out the checks from the crafts fairs!

To Frank White and Phil Bowman, we acknowledge a fine job in setting up our monthly meetings and keeping up our interest in many areas.

To Ernie Grimes and Vicki Iannuccillo. Without your persistence and dedication, we would never have seen a newsletter on a regular basis. I, for one, looked forward to receiving it each month, and I am sure that most of our readers will also concur.

To the caretakers of the Library, Glenn Randall, and the Video tapes, Bob Shanney, we acknowledge your dedicated efforts to keep us supplied with reading and viewing materials. When you can't turn, it is nice to know that you can still read about it or watch it!

To our dedicated Web Manager, Dennis Daudelin, a heartfelt thanks for presenting our club to the world. Dennis and Richard DiPerna are also the able creators of *woodturningonline.com*.

Finally, to our overworked and underpaid Nominating Committee, Charles Turnage, Richard Vose and President Bob Iuliano, we acknowledge your dedication and above all, your humor in the face of persistent difficulties in sorting through the exhausting list of candidates. (See the final report of the Nominating committee on page 3.)

A Parting Message from Joe Harbey

The past year for me has been quite varied with many activities, mostly enjoyable, and some - the "have to's" perhaps are still pending. Of all, I mostly enjoy woodturning, the new shop, being a member of CNEW and being president this past year has been a favor full experience.

So at this time, when we change officers at CNEW, I would like to thank members for all the assistance received and my thanks to a great staff, namely Frank, Phil, Emilio, Bobbi, Dick, Wendy, Glen, Bob, Dennis, Ernie and Vicki. To the new President and staff, my congratulations.

Sincerely,

Joe Harbey

Past Pres. CNEW

Final Report from the 2003 Nominating Committee

Hi, It was a great pleasure to serve on the nominating committee. It consisted of Richard Vose, Charles Turnage, and myself, Bob Iuliano. Richard Vose has been my friend for many years and Charles has become one of my closest friends since he joined CNEW a few years ago. Each of us contributed using our own talents and it was a good mix. I wish to formally thank them both for serving. I also want to thank all those who volunteered or were coerced into being an officer for a year. I especially want to thank the membership at large because without all of you we would have nothing to do. I expect 2004 to be a banner year for CNEW.



Next meeting Thurs. Jan. 8, 2004!

Program for the next meeting:

Don't miss January's demo! Bob Iuliano is demonstrating insideout turning. Hopefully by then, he will have some idea how to do it in order to show it to us. If you want to have a sneak preview, he is testing it out on the Ocean Turners on December 18, 2003. If you want a hand out on it, go to Dennis' and Rick's website, woodturningonline.com and download and/or read it. Bob undoubtedly will have a slightly different perspective. Naturally we will also have a Show & Tell and Wood Swap, so bring some wood to swap!

Report of Chapter Collaborative Challenge Committee.

This is a committee of one. Hey, do not forget we talked about a chapter challenge. Bring your collaborative contributions to any meeting and Bob Iuliano will collect them. I'd like to have this project finished by the April meeting so we can get it sent off for the symposium. Well, actually, we probably won't have it done until June. It is cold here now but it will be warm at the symposium in Florida. Especially since it will be in July and considering how things have heated up with the AAW recently.



Minutes of the Dec. 4 Business Meeting:

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved. Joe Harbey reported that Wendy's accounts show \$196 in the club's account after outstanding newsletter payments are made. Joe said that about \$500 should be deposited from the show and that dues are payable this month.

Emilio reported on the craft fair, where we had a lathe set-up this year. Sales were about \$3000. Prices ranged from \$5 to several hundred dollars, with the \$25-\$50 range the most popular. He suggested that the people who participated get together and talk about how to improve our participation.

The Wood show is in January (Ed. Note: See the item on page 6.), and the club will try to arrange to share space with Connecticut Woodturners.

Hank reported that there were apparent irregularities in the AAW board election procedures that inserted two candidates who had not gone through the qualification process. The insertion of these candidates changed the voting slate and the candidate from the New England area was not elected. Bob Iuliano is drafting a letter that he will send to the AAW on behalf of our club, protesting the irregularities, and asking for a public explanation and reversal. He will also suggest that it might be better for the AAW if candidates were elected regionally instead of simply "At Large". (Ed. Note: The latest issue of the *American Woodturner* stated on p. 3 that this subject would be discussed at the next board meeting.)

Bob Iuliano presented the results of the nominating committee and then worked to fill two slots from the floor. The new officer slate elected is as shown on page 2.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Pictures on page 5)

The holiday party started with the grab bag, and everyone who brought a turned item came away

with a new gift to bring home. The meeting was then adjourned for lots of fabulous food, soft drinks and animated conversation.

SHOW AND TELL

Dave Durant showed a medium sized bowl that he made from a maple burl that he had for about 10 years. The wood was darker than usual for maple and had interesting grain patterns. There was some speculation in the room that it may have spalted a bit during the 10 years.

Reid Gilmore showed a hollow vessel that he turned from a box elder burl that was a bit punky.

Al Faul showed a bowl that he made from a piece of hard cedar.

Frank White showed a small piece that was turned from a tagua nut. Frank glued the nut to a waste block and then separated it after turning.

SHOW AND TELL – INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE PROJECT

Hank moderated a session where the results of the collaborative challenge project done with Mass South Shore Woodturners (MSSW).

Dave Durant received a small bowl to work with, and he used lacquer to create a deep black interior and a chrome exterior. The finished piece was transformed into a vibrant artistic bowl.

Frank White received a medium bowl and inked some leaf designs onto the surface. He then carved the surface so the leaves were highlighted.

Tim Elliott received a curved sculptural piece of red oak. He cut it in half and creatively transformed it into a toy dog.

Hank also brought a piece modified by Jeanne Leguin of MSSW, starting with a bowl supplied by Dave Durant. She cut the bowl in half, re-glued it and put side wings on it, creating a helmet-like affair.

Photos from the Holiday Gift Swap

(All of the photos in this edition were provided by Emilio Iannuccillo.)



Show & Tell Pictures by Emilio Iannuccillo



Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004 will see the Woodworks Show at the Big-E in Springfield, MA. This promises to be a full-fledged wood show complete with tools, wood, equipment and supplies, not to mention lectures and demonstrations. More information including maps and directions can be obtained at the website: www.woodworks2003.com.

CNEW is scheduled to have a booth where we will be able to sell turned items and demonstrate woodturning. Naturally, we need warm bodies to man the booth. To sign up, please call Charles Turnage at 508-579-3143 or sign up at the January meeting (1/8/2004 at WCC 6:30 PM)

Thurs., Feb. 5, 2004 Monthly CNEW Meeting.
6:30 PM at the Worcester Center for Crafts.

Feb. 22, 23, 24, 2004
Market Square New England at the Royal Plaza Trade Mart in Marlborough, MA

If you know of an event significant to woodturners, or of general interest to the members, please bring it to the attention of the editor. I can be reached at the regular monthly meetings, by phone at 508-647-4999 or via email at nrmancuso@comcast.net.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 2004 Monthly CNEW Meeting.
6:30 PM at the Worcester Center for Crafts.

We Have a Website:

www.cnew.org

If you haven't visited the CNEW Website, you are missing a great deal, including links to other websites useful to woodturners. Be certain to also visit the website creation of our fellow members, Dennis Daudelin and Richard DiPerna. If there is one penultimate woodturning website it has to be www/woodturningonline.com.

The President's Message

As this year draws to a close and I find myself in the unlikely position of being next year's president of CNEW, I think back to the Thursday evening two years ago when I decided to attend a CNEW meeting at the Worcester Crafts Center. For me, one of the highlights of that first meeting was the Show and Tell session where many different members showed a recent piece of their work. One member explained to me how he had used wood-hardener to obtain a uniform surface on a beautiful spalted maple bowl. That advice was very timely, as I had a partially completed bowl with alternating sections of solid and punky wood sitting on a shelf of unfinished projects in my basement. Other highlights of the past two years have been the excellent demonstrations at CNEW meetings by Frank White, Charles Turnage, Angelo Iafrate and Bobbi Tornheim to name just a few and the monthly wood swaps. I've also learned a lot from visits to Dennis Daudelin's and Ken Dubay's shop. As the new year starts I hope that this years CNEW meetings will (Continued at the top of page 7.)

continue to provide a good opportunity for new as well as experienced wood-turners to hone their turning skills and appreciate the work of other crafts-men and -women. We will have a demonstration of inside-out turning by Bob Iuliano and I encourage everyone to bring an item for the show and tell.

Deadline for ALL inclusions to the monthly newsletter:

All Regular inclusions such as minutes of the meetings, reports of the various committees, and articles submitted for publication **MUST** be in the hands of the editor not later than the 15th of the month. Articles and information received after this date will generally not be able to be included in the regular monthly newsletter.

It is especially important for Club Officers, e.g. the President, the Secretary, Photographers and anyone else whose job it is to report on a monthly basis to maintain this schedule.

2004 Dues

Our new Treasurer, Richard DiPerna, has requested that members submit their dues for the coming year. These are now due and members are encouraged to submit them at the January meeting. Dues remain at \$20.00 per year for 2004. Please attach a slip of paper with your name and address stapled to a twenty-dollar bill or a check for that amount and pass it on to Richard or to the new President, Reid Gilmore.

Richard has also inherited the task of being keeper of the membership list. If you are not on the current list or if your information is incorrect, please contact Richard and update your information. You can reach Richard at the telephone number and email address shown after his name on page 2. Don't have email? Send it to:

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Next meeting Thurs. Jan. 8, 2004!

See page 3 for details of the meeting program.

Looking for Articles, Book & Video Reviews, etc.

A Newsletter provides the best benefits for all members of the club when as many people as possible contribute to the material between the covers. You don't need to be a scholar, expert woodturner or any other expert in order to contribute. All you need is a desire to help the club by providing information useful to some members. If you've read a book on woodturning or even woodworking in general or if you've viewed a video or DVD, you can help your fellows by telling us about your experiences. Don't worry about spelling or punctuation. That's my job as Editor. Just do the best you can...that's all anyone can do and no one, but no one, can find fault with you if you do. Remember that it doesn't have to be a high-tech submission. Send it to me via email or snail-mail at the address below and it will find it's way into these pages in a following issue. Send to:

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or:

Newsletter Title

I have taken the liberty to christen our newsletter with an appropriate (???) name. Maybe we need an official act to grant a name to this modest publication. Anyone who wishes to pursue this activity can move to vote on this or any other name at the next meeting. I've also called this Vol. 8. based on Ernie's starting date of 1996. Correct me if this is incorrect.



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More Pictures from the December Meeting



I'm sorry to say that I am not sure which category these pictures fit into. I think that a couple are from the Show & Tell and the others may be from the gift swap. Ed.