



Established 1987

*First Woodturning Club in New England*

**Next Meeting**

**February 6, 2014**

**5:00 PM**

**Learn & Turn**

**Acorns**

**Frank White**

**Demo**

**TBD**

**Jerry Sambrook**

## *President's Message*



Happy New Year!

The night before my first chapter meeting over which I was to preside as President Todd, Mickey and I had a conference phone call to discuss chapter finances, sort of a passing of the torch. The news was not all good. Last year witnessed a decline in our account balance. Some of the decline in capitol was due to our investment in better video equipment and some purchases for the club store. The video equipment purchase was necessary and we can agree that the quality of images on the screen are a far cry better than in the past. The expenditures for the store will be recovered as members purchase items from the store. By far the biggest reason for the decline in monies is due to a decline in income due to smaller membership, mostly due to the establishment of the Springfield group. While it makes sense that there be a chapter in the western part of the state the result for us has been fewer members.

At the January 8 chapter meeting, the membership took a number of steps to begin to address the issues. First, the group voted to increase the annual membership fee to \$40 effective the March meeting. Second, the group voted to reduce the fee paid to inside demonstrators to \$25 or a year free membership, effective January 8. There was good discussion and many good ideas about methods to increase our visibility and our membership, such as possible demonstrations in the community at vocational schools and venues that attract woodworkers. Hopefully, these and other good ideas will bear fruit. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor our expenditures closely. There will be more news and ideas to follow in the weeks and months to come.

Mike Smith started off the year with a demonstration of using epoxy and bamboo skewers to make very attractive hollowforms. Next month Jerry Sambrook will be our featured demonstrator. February begins open shop season. Take advantage of the open shops to learn a few new skills, get a few ideas and spend time just hanging out. Be well, *Joe*

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## Minutes January 8, 2015 Meeting

**Art Bodwell, Secretary**

- ◆ Approximately 35 members, 3 visitors
- ◆ Treasurer:
  - Membership has fallen from about 70 members to about 40 members, mostly due to formation of Western Mass Woodturners.
  - The result is a financial shortfall of approximately \$2200 (expenses over income) mostly from purchase of store inventory, demonstration expenses, rent for meeting space and new video equipment. Motion made, seconded and passed to raise yearly dues from \$30/year to \$40/year effective with the March 2015 meeting.
  - There was extensive discussion concerning changing the club liability insurance from that offered by the AAW for \$90/yr to a private policy for \$500 per year. Reason being that the AAW policy only covers members of AAW. There is no coverage for non AAW members, including mentors, open shops, picnics, demonstrations open to the public and the like. Motion made, seconded and passed to change club liability insurance to a private policy at a cost of \$500/yr.
  - Motion made, seconded and passed to change amount paid internal demonstrators to \$25 per demonstration or one free year of dues per demonstration effective with the January 2015 meeting.
  - It was noted that the club needs to develop creative means of fund raising.
- ◆ Outgoing External VP:
  - Setup at Springfield wood show is 9:30 am Saturday
  - Peabody/Essex Museum from late February to June 2015.
  - Frank White will demonstrate at Peabody/Essex Museum March 17, 2015
- ◆ Incoming External VP:
  - February is open shops month. February 7, 9-2 ish, Mike Smith, February 21, 10-2 ish, Joe McGill, February 28, 10-2 ish, Todd Heino, March date TBD, Mike Peter. Full schedule to follow.
  - Mentioned several outside shows such as Totally Turning, AWW, Pinkerton Academy. More information to follow in the Newsletter.
  - Organizing trip to Bad Dog Burls in late April. Taking suggestions from members on other trips. Considering trip to Willard Clock Museum in Grafton. More to follow.
- ◆ Internal VP;
  - Steve Reznek looking for internal demonstrators.
  - Richard Hunt looking for learn and turn demonstrators.

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Month	Learn N Turn	Demo
January	Richard Hunt Free for all	Mike Smith Small bamboo things
February	Frank White Acorns of sorts	Jerry Sambrook TBA
March	Richard Hunt Awls	Frank White TBA
April	Mike Peters Small Tool Handles	Todd Heino TBA
May	No Learn N Turn	Doug Thompson (outside demo) TB confirmed
June	Mickey Goodman Tops	Rick Angus Sanding Outside
July	Steve Jewell Mallet	TBA
August	Howard Shpegel Pens	TBA
September	Richard Hunt Coffee Scoops	TBA
October	Joe McGill TBA	TBA
November	Mike Smith TBA	TBA
December	Christmas Party Steve Reznek	Christmas Party Steve Reznek

# SHOW & TELL



Frank White



Mike Peters



Joe McGill



Richard Hunt



Howard Shpegel



Mike Smith



Mike Peters



Steve Reznek



Kevin Nee



Reid Gilmore



Mike Peters



Mike Peters



Todd Heino



Steve Reznek



Mike Peters



Mike Smith



## OPEN SHOP DAYS

Date: **Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 9ish- 2ish

Place: Mike Smith's, Hopkinton

Contact: [mike@westboromachine.com](mailto:mike@westboromachine.com) or (508)435-4715



Date: **Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2015 10ish- 2ish

Place: Joe McGill's, Sudbury

Contact: [joemcgill96@gmail.com](mailto:joemcgill96@gmail.com) or (978)443-5322

Date: **Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 9ish-2ish

Place: Todd Heino's, Natick

Contact: [tvheino@comcast.net](mailto:tvheino@comcast.net) or (508)736-1117



**Possible open day for early March** at Michael Peters, Sutton

Details to follow.

**You are encouraged to attend any or all open shops**

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- ◆ Ben previewed a welding smock that would be available for about \$25. After discussion, members decided it would not be appropriate and asked Ben to look into more traditional turning smocks, even though they will be a higher cost.
- ◆ Kevin mentioned the store now has club patches for sale for \$2.00
- ◆ President:
  - Joe working on strategic plan for the club
  - opened discussion on ways to increase visibility of the club
  - suggestions included getting mention in Worcester Telegram, demos at stores such as Woodcraft, Home Depot, Lowes, Toolshed, etc. Worcester Vocational High School.
  - Providing brochures of club at stores
- ◆ Newsletter - Need articles, techniques, tool reviews, book reviews, DVD reviews etc. from members.

**BAMBOO SKEWER HOLLOWFORM****Mike Smith**

The following is my process for making the Bamboo Skewer Hollowform. This is my way of doing them. You may have a different approach. I urge you to give it a try.

**Step #1 Cutting the Bamboo:**

Clamp a wood block to your bench. Decide the length you want the pieces to be then clamp the block that distance from the edge of your bench. I take 3 or 4 bamboo skewers, hold them against the block, put cutter against the edge of the bench and cut. Cut all your pieces.

**Step #2 Loading Bamboo into mold:**

Put mold pipe and cap with plastic in between together. Clamp mold with wood clamp at approximately a 45° angle. Load bamboo pieces into the mold. After loading pieces into the mold, remove from clamp and set on bench upright. Put a piece of cardboard under mold to protect the bench.

**Step #3 Mix Epoxy:**

In a plastic dish put die, then add epoxy per instructions on the can. Stir together for 1 minute. Pour mixture over bamboo pieces and allow it to flow down and fill in around bamboo. Depending on the size of your piece you may have to mix and pour more than once. I have found by waiting 20-25 minutes between pours works good to allow the heat to settle down. After final pour, watch for air bubbles and pop them by using the sharp end of a skewer. Let mold sit for 24 hours to allow epoxy to fully cure.

**Step #4 Remove turning from mold:**

The epoxy should not stick to the PVC so getting it out of the mold is just a matter of separating the pipe from the connector. Then place it on some blocks to elevate it. Hit it firmly with a hammer to knock it loose. You now have a round piece to start turning.

**Step #5 Turning the piece:**

I have found the best results are making the bottom of the piece as it comes from the mold the top of the turning. There are fewer air bubbles when you position it this way. Hold the piece in a chuck by the top end. Clean up bottom and turn a small tenon to fit your chuck. Turn the piece around and hold by the tenon. I like to drill a ½" diameter hold about ½" from where the bottom will be. Turn the outside to a pleasing shape. After completing the outside, hollow the inside.

**Step #6 Finishing:**

Sand piece to a smooth finish. (I usually sand to 320). Part piece off and finish bottom. Don't forget to sign you piece, then apply your finish of choice. I use wipe-on poly for these. After 3 or 4 coats I buff them up for a nice finish.

**Supplies Needed:**

PVC Pipe, PVC Adapter, Heavy Plastic Bamboo skewers  
Epoxy (60 minute cure), Die, Sand paper, Finish of choice (wipe on poly)

**HAVE FUN!!**



Mike Himself



Raw Material



Magic Sauce



Add to Bamboo



A little help



Curing



Ready to turn



New Project



Shape to suit



Opps

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**Membership**

To join or renew membership, please complete the form below and a check made payable to CNEW and bring it to a CNEW meeting, or pay online at the CNEW website under "join/renew" or mail to: Treasurer, Central New England Woodturners  
c/o Todd Heino, 148 Howe St, Natick, MA 01760

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Annual dues: \$30 including e-mail delivery of newsletter (\$40 as of March 2015)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriately below

New Member

Returning Member

e-Mail Newsletter (\$30.00)

Please let us know of your interests:

How long have you been turning? \_\_\_\_\_

What programs would you like to see at meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to demonstrate at a meeting? Yes/No If so, what topics do you offer? \_\_\_\_\_

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