



<b>Next Meeting Details</b>
<b>December 2, 2010</b>
<b>Topic: The Annual Holiday Party with Potluck Dinner Featuring the Gift Exchange</b>
<b>Learn and Turn: None</b>
<b>Demo: None</b>

**Minutes** 11/04/2010 *Tim Elliott*

New/visitors:  
John Lorch  
Linda Zibideo

Chris Durkee thanked members who contributed to/participated in our Spirit of Wood show booth: Richard Hunt, Virgil Bagdonas, Ron Rocheleau, Todd Heino, Tim Elliott, (and Chris himself). Together, they helped members of the public make about 30 pens.

Chris passed around sheets for members to write down ideas for future Learn-and-Turn or program ideas. Tentatively, Chris is planning a panel discussion for the February or March meeting.

Jerry Sambrook mentioned that there are still open spaces for this weekend's program with Mark St. Leger at Ken Dubay's shop. CNEW participation has been weak, perhaps due to the choice of location. The church space we use on Thursday evenings is not available at all on weekends and finding space near Worcester for a weekend demo has been problematic. Jerry asked the members to show interest in having Jimmy Clewes next year for a full day class (12) versus a Thursday night-time-only demo (15). Jerry will investigate whether it might be possible to do a Friday all-day class at the Craft Center. For a Thursday night demo, we may try to expand the available time

**President's Message** **Rick Angus**

The sales show at the Worcester Center for Craft has been set up (and probably completed by the time you read this). About ten members have turned items for sale in this booth, just in time for the holiday season. If you have not yet sold anything through this venue, perhaps you can keep it in mind for next year--test the waters and see how the public likes your work.

The end of the year approached rapidly and the holidays are upon us. Our club traditionally celebrates with a potluck supper replacing the traditional business meeting and woodturning demonstration. This is a fun social even and a good chance to mingle and catch-up with people. Bring a guest if you like. Please bring a food item to share: appetizers, salads, main dishes and desserts--you chose one. If the law of averages still holds, we will get a good balance of food types from which to choose. The club will provide soft drinks. The church has a small kitchen that can be used to warm something briefly; arrive a bit early if you need to use it.

Our evenings event is a grab bag gift exchange. Everyone is invited to participate--woodturners and guests. Each person participating brings a piece that they have turned to exchange for another's turned piece. We place the turned object in a paper bag to add to the surprise and then tie strings to the bags and drop them into a box with the strings bunched together. Each person draws a string (to make the drawing random) and retrieves the bag attached, opens the bag and shows the audience the turned object. We then guess who made the piece; some people have distinct individual styles

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by meeting earlier - say, 5:30 PM.

Jon Berke gave a treasurer's report

Starting balance:	\$4595
Income:	\$601
Expenses:	\$439
Ending Balance:	\$4756

There were many blanks from Aime Lafosse's estate, which we raffled off. His family may still be selling Aime's lathe and/or bandsaw.

Charlie Croteau said that the Free Wheelchair mission continues to raise funds from our donations. They will again hold a fundraiser/party at Doyle's in Jamaica Plain December 2, which may be a conflict with CNEW's December meeting.

If you would like to see us get a specific video for the CNEW library, please bring ideas to a future meeting.

The CNEW store still has CA glue, sandpaper, and pen kits.

CNEW webmaster Dave Eaton continues to seek content for our website.

Ray Asselin raised the question of what our 2011 dues amount will be, a topic previously tabled at an earlier 2010 meeting. Setting the dues amount for 2011 would be simpler if we had a budget, which we currently do not have. The executive committee will discuss this item.

Steve Reznick asked if there was any interest in making a collaborative piece for the 2011 AAW symposium. The AAW has changed the rules this year in an effort to get more chapters to participate. Entries must fit into an 8" cube, weight less than 3 pounds, and will become AAW property. A photo is due sometime in January. Chapter members may collaborate on one piece, or may send an item made by a single member that was juried/chosen to represent the chapter. Since we do not currently have a design or idea for a collaborative work, we voted to allow members to bring candidate individual pieces to the January meeting. Please remember that if your work is chosen, it will belong to AAW permanently.

Reid Gilmore reminded us that the Craft Center's annual Festival of Crafts show will be Nov 26-28. We have already reserved a booth space. Items for sale must arrive Friday morning. We need help to move the booth from

Boylston on Wednesday the 24th.

Dave Eaton described the open shop program at the Worcester Center for Crafts. Students and the general public can get some open shop time on Mondays from 6-9 and on Saturdays from 10-4. They are still looking for CNEW members to monitor these open shop sessions and/or provide some light instruction. The Center's insurance covers liability. Speak with Dave if interested.

Chris Durkee read off the list of 2011 officer nominees from our last meeting:

President - Charlie Croteau  
Internal VP - Reid Gilmore  
External VP - Rick Angus  
Secretary - Eric Holmquist  
Treasurer - Mike Peters  
Photography - Mickey Goodman, Peter Wilcox  
Newsletter - Ron Rocheleau  
Store - Mike Smith  
Video librarian - Ray Asselin

This group of new officers was collectively voted in.

The book library has had very little use lately. Roger Biosvert will develop a plan to dissolve it via auction or other means.

The December meeting will be our usual potluck and gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the exchange, please bring a turning in a paper bag.

January 14-16 will be the Woodworking Show at the big E in Springfield. Please consider whether you would like to participate.

Program: John Lorch on lidded boxes  
Attendance: 48

## **Mark St. Leger Demo**

November 6, 2010

Hosted by Ken Dubay

On November 6 about twenty of us were hosted by Ken Dubay and his wife for the demonstration by Mark St. Leger. Mark started the day during a toothpick and progressed through a few tops, a sphere, and a hollow turning. (He did something else at the end of the day but I missed it as I had to leave.

Mark is an accomplished turner and proved to be an excellent teacher as he taught his way through every step of

the processes he was demonstrating. Mark proved that he is adept at handling jokes and comments from some of us in attendance (no names mentioned). Overall it was an fun and informative day, made even better by the fine hospitality of the Dubays.

The audience pays rapt attention!



Sphere from spalting oak.

Our host.



Now this is concentration!

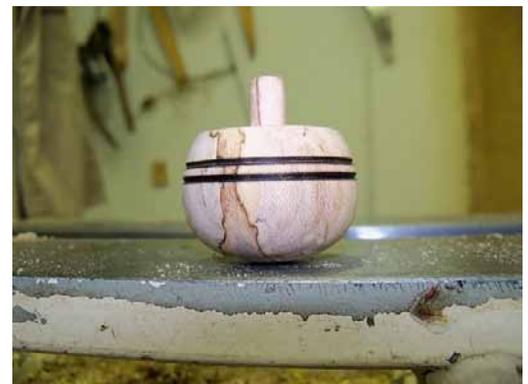


This thing is hollow, and it wobbles and clicks!

Making friends.



A top that stands on its head



**Show and Tell  
November's Meeting**

Hollow Vessel, Frank White



Wine Glasses, Dave Eaton



Candle Stick, Dave Eaton



Selection of Tops, Dave Eaton



Three Pend with Stands, Richard Hunt



Egg with Stand,  
Richard Hunt



Bottle Stopper, Richard Hunt



Wine Glasses, Richard Hunt



Segmented Vessel, Dominic Leroux



Ornament, Reid Gilmore



Burl Bowl, Reid Gilmore



Framed Mirror, Eric Holmquist



Cherry Bowl, Eric Holmquist



Maple Bowl, Eric Holmquist



Cherry Bowl, Al Gilburg



Diamondwood Pen, Al Gilburg



**President's Message Continued,**

making it easy, others have developed new techniques and surprise us all. The maker of the just-opened piece draws the next string and continues the process. Many times a woodturner brings two pieces and their spouse gets to participate in the grab as well! Beginner and expert turners alike are invited to participate. The piece need not be museum quality but should represent your best work. Of all the pieces that I received over the years, some of my favorites were made by beginners and I compare it with the work that they are doing now and know why clubs like ours are so valuable.

We have a couple upcoming events to begin planning for: In January, our club will have a booth at The Woodworking Show, Friday to Sunday, 14-16 January to promote the club and demonstrate woodturning to the crowd.

In February, we have our traditional open shop visits. A few members of the club open their shops for a day, afternoon or evening of fun for club members. It's a great time to see someone else's tool arrangements and learn a few tricks. Each shop does something different and it can be anything related to woodturning. I have been to many and enjoyed them all. Think about volunteering your shop for this event. Don't feel that you need to be an expert at woodturning to have fun at this event. Anyone with an interest in turning is qualified. In fact, as a beginner, you could have an event at your shop where you ask experienced woodturners how best to set-up in your space. It's all about helping others with woodturning!

Happy turning and keep the chips out of your shoes,

Rick Angus



**Membership Application**

To join or renew membership, please complete this form and a check made payable to CNEW and bring it to a CNEW meeting or mail it to:

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c/o Jon Berke  
P. O. Box. 224  
Hopkinton, MA 01748

Annual dues: \$30 including e-mail delivery of newsletter; \$35 for postal delivery of newsletter.



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

Please check appropriately below

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

New Member

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

Returning Member

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

e-Mail Newsletter (\$30.00)

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

Snail Mail Newsletter (\$35.00)

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? \_\_\_\_\_