



Established 1987

*First Woodturning Club in New England*

**Next Meeting**

**September 10, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

**Learn & Turn**

**None**

**Demo**

**Joe Ruminski**

## *President's Message*



I do not know about you but I really enjoyed the August meeting. The turnout was great and members submitted 84 items for possible inclusion in the October Arnold Arboretum show. I was impressed by the quality of the turning and artistic talent on display. Ben's idea of using pennies as voting tools worked well. Members took the voting seriously as everyone studied the pieces on display and then dropped their pennies into the paper cups to record their votes. The items selected will really showcase the talent of the members. The only downside was that we were limited to 25 primary pieces and 10 reserve because virtually all of the pieces submitted could have easily been selected. (I will be sending out shortly another copy of the procedures identifying the selected items and how to get them to me a little later.)

Overseeing the vote tally took most of my time and I did not get to spend any time at the Turning Extravaganza but the room was a beehive of activity and folks seemed to be enjoying themselves and learning new skills. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and expertise to demonstrate.

The annual picnic at my house was a lot of fun. Attendance was about 30 folks as many brought spouses and significant others (and one dog). The food was great (Kaffee and I are still eating the leftovers) and the chance to just sit and talk with everyone was better. It is a good club and a fine group of people!

Best *Joe*

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**Minutes August 8, 2015 Meeting**

**Art Bodwell, Secretary**

- Approximate attendance 35
- Treasurer’s report: end of month balance \$5,460
- Jerry Sambrook reported that Mike Mahoney will not be able to do the September demo due to shoulder surgery. At Jerry’s suggestion the group approved a demo by Joe Ruminski that had been postponed earlier.
- Jerry also delivered a set of DVD’s donated by Tim Yoder because he could not get to a demo last winter due to bad weather
- Extravaganza demos were presented by Reid Gilmore, Mike Smith, Richard Hunt, Howard Shpegel, Todd Heino, Rick Angus and Mickey Goodman
- 25 primary and 10 alternate items were selected by member vote for the October Arboretum show. Members displayed approximately 90 high quality items for vote, making the vote very difficult.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Learn N Turn</b>	<b>Demonstration</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>None—Outside Demo</b>	<b>Joe Ruminski</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Joe McGill - TBA</b>	<b>Reid Gilmore—TBA</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Mike Smith - TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Turning Extravaganza</b>

Fran Graves wants remind everyone that he will produce Longworth chucks in the following sizes, 10”, 12” 14”, 16” or 20”. You can purchase the two sections for \$10 or a fully assembled one for \$20. You will need to specify the size of the faceplate you will attach to it. Contact Fran directly at [skyhawk460@gmail.com](mailto:skyhawk460@gmail.com)



**Mike Mahoney is unable to perform the September Demo. He will be rescheduled for a latter date. In his place we have been able to engage**

## **The Gift Turning Studio** Art work by **Joe Ruminski**

Artist **Joe Ruminski** started turning at the age of 13. Over the past eight years, he has attended more than 70 seminars, studying with master craftsmen such as Ray Key, Mike Mahoney, Gary Sanders, Nick Cook and Bobby Clemons.



Joe has commercially produced over 800 natural edge bowls, utilitarian bowls, vases, Christmas tree ornaments and art pieces. His work appears in several prestigious places, including the Biltmore Estate and numerous galleries in Western North Carolina.



Joe Teaches at the Arrowmont School of Arts, John C Campbell Folk Art School. He has displayed his wares at National Woodturners Symposiums and worked with the youth program for the American Association of Woodturners for the past three years. His "Craft Corner" Performances have been featured on local television shows. He has also opened a classroom area in his own studio. Joe is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, past president and Board Member of Carolina Mountain Woodturners and member of American Association of Woodturners.

Some things are made just to be pleasing to the eyes. Others are made to cause one to dream, wonder and maybe even question. For me working in wood is a wonderful combination of all these. There is a natural beauty in wood that can be exposed in different ways to show that beauty to others. In making the sculptural pieces my goal is to use line and form in a way that allows the viewer to use his or her imagination to create a description of the art. Utilitarian pieces show the natural beauty in the wood in a way that makes it both practical and a piece of art. The goal in these pieces is to keep the lines simple to accent the natural beauty in the wood.

**\*Note Date change to Sept. 10th, 2nd Thursday\*** 6:30-9:00 PM Cost \$20



## *Free Wheelchair Mission*



Congratulations to all the CNEW members that donated to the 12th annual Free Wheelchair Mission. CNEW turnings continue to be a big hit. This year we raised a record amount of \$1.7 MILLION!!! Fantastic!!



I have donation receipts for anyone who would like to claim it on their tax forms. Enclosed are some photos of the pieces at the event. A friend of mine bid on every piece, but she went away empty handed as she was outbid over and over.

Thanks again for your tremendous generosity. Each one of you has changed many lives in ways you can only imagine.

*Charley*



## *CNEW Demonstrates at Aubuchon Hardware*

The first attempt to do a demonstration to recruit people was on Sept. 29th. We had a successful day at Aubuchon Hardware in Fitchburg. The two Larry Zwickers, Richard Hunt, Mike Smith and I were there. Five people was maybe a bit of an overkill. Mike made a very nice small bowl from a piece of spalted maple. He liked it so much he wanted to keep it. However the wife of the guy who was watching was in their car and impatient. So Mike gave it to him as a peace offering to her. The younger Larry made a handle for a scoop. And Richard made a pen. I gave a Christmas tree bell to a little girl. And then I made a tulip. I asked if anyone else wanted to try. Both Mike and Larry gave it a shot. Perhaps too much of the day ended up on tulips.



Mike Smith

One lady came by to watch and expressed an interest in Christmas tree ornaments. I gave her a bell and she was still interested so we told her the others were \$20. She bought two of Richard's bird houses but ignored my flowers.

We had five people sign up and hopefully they will attend the next meeting. The manager Tom St. Pierre was glad to have us. He said that we had picked the wrong time to come. People are trying to turn down from vacations and get their kids ready for school. He invited us back for either Sept. 26th or October 10th. If we get three or four new members the day will have been success. And we definitely should go back to one of the dates. Also the club should thank the manager - Tom St. Pierre - for the opportunity.



Richard Hunt

Oh by the way; there was an incident of road rage. Actually parking lot rage. Two guys tried to get out of their parking spaces at the same time. That led to insults, yelling, threats and the mention of guns. By the time the cop came one guy had left. So a good time had had by all. *Steve Reznek*

# Picnic in Sudbury



## Serious voters for Arboretum Exhibit







## Turning Extravaganza



*Mike demos live center adaptors*



*Mickey explains carving*



*Rick does hollowing*



*Reid turns ring stands*



*Todd points out a segmented turning*



*Richard approves of the pen progress*

### Turning Wood: The Art of the Woodturner

**Location: Hunnewell Building : The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University**

An Exhibition by the Association of Revolutionary Turners (ART), Central New England Woodturners, and Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners

October 24-October 25, 2015

Opening Reception: Friday, October 23, 5:00-7:00pm

Select work will also be on display in the Hunnewell Visitor Center, Oct 9-Nov 8

*Woodturning: the art or process of fashioning wood into various forms and shapes by means of a lathe.*

Woodturning has a long history, going back to 1300 BC Egypt. Unique in relation to most woodworking due to its use of a lathe, woodturners turn out practical, functional pieces or “turn” to the purely aesthetic. Each craftsman brings their own personal artistic vision to the objects they create, and the pieces in maple, cherry, and other wood from far and near (look for work turned from Arnold Arboretum deaccessioned trees) offer a unique look at the “personality” within the wood itself. The three woodturning associations that have come together for this very special Arnold Arboretum exhibition will bring their own creativity and technical expertise, displaying unique pieces for utilitarian use and aesthetic enjoyment. Join us as members demonstrate their skill working the lathe throughout the weekend.

Central New England Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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**Membership**

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c/o Todd Heino, 148 Howe St, Natick, MA 01760

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Annual dues: \$40 including e-mail delivery of newsletter

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

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

Please check appropriately below

New Member

Returning Member

e-Mail Newsletter (\$40.00)

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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