



Finger Lakes Woodturners

a Special Interest Group of the
Rochester Woodworking Society



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Meetings 3rd Thursday of each Month at
WOODCRAFT in Henrietta, NY at 7:00PM

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PUBLICATIONS

American Woodturner—Summer 03

1. Bonnie Klein—Demonstrator and Educator
2. Turning Spheres by Bob Rosand
3. Three Generations of Moulthrop's
4. Olive Oil Dispensers & 2X4 Bowls

Woodturning—August

1. Turning Alabaster
2. Turning bowls, cutting them apart and gluing them back together
3. Off center blossom vase
4. Del Mano Gallery small treasures gallery—bigger isn't always better
5. Shallow bowl with wide undercut rim

Last Months Speaker

Chain saws, band saws and lathes were featured in the presentation of Harvesting Green Wood and preparation for turning by Don Yokel. He demonstrated cutting green timber on a home built work table using a chain saw with a 28 inch bar. Don stressed safety through out his demonstration and advised that using a chain saw is not for everyone and that you should seek instruction from a qualified professional before attempting to harvest your own wood. Trees that were felled or blown down can have very tricky stresses that can cause the bar to pinch or kick back. A black locust log left from the ice storm was rough cut and a segment was rough turned for drying. Bowl stock can be

left in small log form or roughed out in bowl blanks but both need to be treated to slow the drying process to prevent cracking and splitting. Don also demonstrated a board cutter that he uses for cutting bowl blanks some what round to reduce vibration when they are mounted on the lathe. Don emphasized the need to keep the band saw bearings clean with compressed air and lubrication after each cut. Working with green wood releases large quantities of sap from the wood depending on the length of time the tree has been down. This sap in many instances can be quite corrosive to the cutting equipment and if not corrosive it is just moisture on metal surfaces. Don also uses blade wax by Lennox to

speed cutting. On the subject of cutting down trees, Don feels that there is no need to just cut down a tree for the wood. There are many trees that fall naturally or felled for a specific reason and left along the road. Many times this wood is a nuisance to the owner and is free for the removal. The book SOUL OF THE TREE helps us appreciate the beauty that's within a tree, that reproduces, have measurable electrical energy, are self healing, have circulation, feed from nutrients in the soil and air and release oxygen for us to breathe. Do trees have a soul? You be the judge.

Up coming events

10/04 Charlie Sheaff from the Univ. of New Hampshire will be conducting a two part work shop from 9:30 am to 4:00pm on turning man-made materials and multi axis turning. This workshop will be held at Woodcraft Store in Henrietta, and will cost \$20.00 for SIG members and \$25.00 for non members. Space is limited so get your

checks to Allan Killenbeck, 3780 Ridge Road, Williamston, New York 14589.

08/22-24 Tennessee Assoc of Woodturners at Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

10/17-19 Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Symposium, The Higher Ground Conf. & Retreat Center, West Harrison

Indiana.

10/25/26 Adirondack Woodturners Seminar, Sage College Campus, Albany, NY

Check the Woodcraft website at www.woodcraft.com for events at their store in Henrietta.

Review of last Meeting by Jim Hotaling

Here it is August and a long overdue newsletter is just being penned. The Woodturners season finale was May 15th with 39 members in attendance. I have only one regret—that we couldn't meet in June. But vacation schedules dictate the reality of having to end a fun season of sharing turning skills with new members and watching the considerable progress being made in the craft.

Three club members Ed Tyler, Chris Sadler and myself attended the 4th New England Woodturning Symposium at Derry, New Hampshire. During one rotation I sat next to David Ellsworth at a design lecture given by a former Navy Submarine Admiral

(Wonder where he kept the lathe on a sub...oh well). We also heard a lecture on ebonization of wood using steel wool and white vinegar. Have to make sure that all of the oil is removed from the steel wool and then the solution 3 to 4 weeks.

Lou Stahlman awarded blue ribbons to Mike Brawley, Jim Ecther, Don Stoltman and myself for our efforts to solve the Lou Stahlman Challenge from the month before. Lou's design lecture was most interesting as he spoke on the relationship of the diameter of the rim and base to the height of a bowl.

The "I Wish I had Thrown the Piece in the Fireplace Instant Gallery" was led by Ed Lehman. Ed had a black walnut bowl

the design of which was dictated by a crack. Doug Crittenden showed a bowl that developed heat cracks during the turning process from a tool generating more heat than was welcome. Ed DeMay had a bowl that he was turning quite thin and collapsed it while turning the bottom using a vacuum chuck. One member showed a bowl gouge that was mangled as the result of a catch turning the inside of a vase. Don Yokel had a bowl leave the lathe that was a beauty and was marked by a dent.

All of these mishaps reinforce the need to always be alert, wear face shields, hearing protection, gloves, and keep safety guards in place. One never knows when something might come loose, fly apart or reach out and bite you.

Meeting Dates and Demonstrators

- Sept. 18 – Turning a Goblet with Ralph Mosher
- Oct. 16 – Sharpening round table.
- Nov. 20 – Ornament Turning
- Dec. 18 – Segmented Turning with Ed Lehman
- Jan. 15 – Metal Spinning by Sorbey
- Feb 19 – Finishing Round Table
- Mar. 18 – Wood Orientation TBA
- Apr. 15 – Open
- May 20 – Chucking Methods Roundtable
- Jun. 20 – Open

Round tables mentioned will consist of 3 or 4 stations where demos will be conducted, thus allowing members to obtain a broad exposure to a given subject. This is a different approach that we have used in the past and we believe it will benefit all members. Let us know what you think.

Notes from the Editor

This is my first attempt at trying to do a news letter and hopefully you will bear with me until I get my feet on the ground. I would like some ideas of things that you would like to see in the news letter. Eventually I hope to have some pictures to go along with the articles and meeting notes. If any of you see or hear anything interesting at any time please email it to me either as an attachment or give me the source of the material and I will try to include it in the newsletter. Some of the things that I am looking for are interesting articles, great websites that you have visited, book reviews of books that you have read, magazine articles about turning, tools techniques etc. I will include events as I learn of them that might be of interest. My email address is edemay@rochester.rr.com. and my phone number is 585-394-5672. For those who don't have a computer or email my address is 2095 Risser Road, Canandaigua, New York 14424. I will try to get this out as early as I can. I am going to work with the RWS webmaster to get this posted to the website and have our other information updated as soon as possible. For those who don't have email it will be sent to you via regular mail. Thanks for your patience and support

Ed DeMay

REMEMBER Bring items for the Instant Gallery - Completed, mistakes, partially finished, and tell their story. Every piece has a story

The Finger Lakes Woodturners appreciates the support that the Woodcraft Store, Henrietta Plaza, 1100 Jefferson Road, Henrietta, New York 14623 has given us by allowing us to use their facilities. Thanks Sean.