

Maineiac Woodturner

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President's Message

There is a chill in the air and the leaves are falling and this seems to be the time of year when turners retreat to warm confines of our workshops to enjoy some time at the lathe.

Thank you Mark for a great demo. You seem to be a natural, and I am sure everyone picked up some good tips for hollow forms. Time ran short for Mark to finish showing us how to finish the tops of his form so he will do that next month if time permits. Dave Lancaster spoke to me about the great job Kieran is doing photographing our work from the instant gallery and said he should have a better backdrop for the photo shoots. I will pick one up for the next meeting.

The manager at Woodworkers Where House in Augusta has donated several items for our group and is looking for someone to demonstrate at the store. This is a great chance for someone to get out and meet people and have some fun. Please contact him if you are interested and let Kieran know so he can put it in the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter please email Kieran with anything you would like to see in the newsletter, we need some input, Please share your thoughts or tips or jokes or stories.

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President's Message (continued)

Next month will feature Chris Becksvoort author of the shaker Legacy and he will talk about using native woods for turning, and he will bring some of his tools that he has handled and show us how he turns them. Chris has been collaborating with a turner for a show called cabinets and curiosities and will also talk about that. He also has a challenge for the Maine Woodturners to make shaker thread spools. This should prove to be a very interesting meeting, try to make it.

The instant gallery will continue at every mtg. and is a great way for us to share our work. By the way my finish is no secret, it is a mixture of tried and true and bio shield linseed oil.

Thanks,

Editor's Column

Thanks to all of the club members who have been helping me in putting together this year's newsletters. A special thanks to Tom for his articles, Burt for help with the labels and Mac for his help with the photography. Without everyone's ongoing help and assistance, the newsletter would not be possible.

I would also like to thank Bob Hackett for rising to the call and for helping with the light box. Bob brought in a device he made that consisted of three incandescent bulbs, positioned on a frame behind frosted Plexiglas. This should help to improve the quality of our show and tell photos. We still need other members to step up to the plate and help!!!

As you will see, this newsletter features an ad promoting the Woodworker's Warehouse in Augusta. In exchange for this ad, I was able to get the manager to agree to donate an item each month to our meeting raffle. Please mention the ad if you visit the Augusta WWW. The manager is also willing to give the club cabinet space to display our pieces. He would also like to sponsor a turning demo at the Augusta store. Please contact me if interested. Manager's name in Augusta is Clayton Matthews.

Do you like animals? I was thinking a good way for getting our club advertised would be to donate a turned urn to be sold or raffled at the local Humane Society. Profits to the Humane Society. Let me know.

Kieran

Club Business, September 2002

The meeting of the Maine Woodturners was held at Erskine Academy in South China, Maine. President Peter Asselyn called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Twenty five members and guests were present.. He first thanked Jacques Vesery for being instrumental in enlisting our weekend demonstrator Bob Rosand. Introduction of Board members and officers were next.

New Business: Bob Morrill collected dues of \$30 per member and a fee of \$30 for the two day demonstration by Bob Rosand. Burt Truman passed out some new member lists and handled the ordering of lunches from Subway before leaving early. Ken Keoghan handled the lunch pickup. The bring back raffle was instituted again and it was won by the writer. The price of coffee and a doughnut at meetings is \$1.

Old Business: Kieran Kammerer has revived the hard copy newsletter and said the printing and mailing charges are about \$1 per copy and he had 60 copies printed from a CD he supplied to the printer. The easiest inputs to the newsletter are by E mail. He encourages input by the members. He said Woodworkers Warehouse in Augusta is willing to work with the club to advertise and display some of our work in their store.

Bob Hackett brought in a light box to photograph the "Show and Tell" pieces for the newsletter. This work was done by Mack Ray, Jacques Vesery and Bob.

Ken Keoghan brought in a super hollow form made of spalted maple which will be displayed along with some of Steve Gleasner's work in an upcoming show. He used a laser guided bar to control the wall of this vessel. The finish was not complete but was of water-base polyurethane. Ken recommended that we look into having Bruce Hooper for a future demonstrator because he was so impressed by his work at the recent AAW Symposium in Providence.

The business meeting ended at 10:45 AM

Tom Raymond, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Morrell continues to encourage all members to please send him their dues as soon as possible. Bob will be providing club members a run down on the expenses incurred from the recent demonstration by Bob Rosand. Club members will once again have to provide feedback regarding guest demonstrators and the value of these demonstrators in relation to their expenses. In other words, do we want to continue to have outside demonstrators come and do weekend demos. As one of the attendees, I can say that from an individual standpoint, for thirty dollars, you can't beat the information and instruction.

Kieran

Bring Back Raffle

Tom Raymond is once again on the hook for this month's bring back raffle. We should also be raffling of something donated by the Augusta WWW store and possibly one of the pieces turned by Bob Rosand. Bring money and lots of it. All donations benefit future club activities.

Meeting Schedule

? **October 16th, 2002**

Mark Irving will demonstrate bowl turning at its finest. Please bring your questions for the club's newly elected V.P.

? **November 20, 2002**

Christian Becksvoort will be demonstrating. Any reader of Fine Woodworker will readily recognize Christian's name. He is one of Maine's premier woodworkers and an accomplished author (Shaker Legacy along with numerous articles). Once again, this will one meeting no one will want to miss.

? **December 18th, 2002**

The club's traditional Yankee swap and potluck summer. For some of our members, one of the club's most profitable meetings. Everyone guaranteed to leave with a prize (some much nicer than others).

There are still numerous meeting openings for the 2003 woodturning year. Please talk to Peter if you would like to share your talents and/or workshop with the other club members.



Our club founder showing our current president what a real, hand turned bowl should look and feel like.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Monitor MPI 422 heater, runs on K1 fuel and has a fuel cell - no need for a large tank. Runs very well-will heat you out of most shops. Being offered to MWTA members first-will go fast. **\$ 500 firm.** More info. call Jacques Vesery 563-8965.

Turning Classes: Offering one on one turning instruction in my own shop located in Durham. Fully insured. I provide use of Oneway lathe and all turning tools/wood. For more info/rates/availability, please contact Peter Asselyn at 353-4206.

Wood Auction

Please bring any and all wood for the October meeting. Peter will once again hopefully serve as this year's wood auctioneer. You won't find quality wood like this at any better price !!!

Club Member News

Stephen Gleasner's and Jacques Vesery's works were recently featured in a show at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport. Stephen will also be featured at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's craft show in early November.

Bob Rosand Demo, September 21st and 22nd, 2002

Maine Woodturners hosted Bob Rosand of Bloomsburg, PA as a Demonstrator on Sept. 21 and 22, 2002. Bob arrived in a van full of equipment including his own One Way model 1018 lathe and a vacuum system. Several boxes contained some of his crafted articles for anyone that cared to purchase them.

Twenty five members were in the class on Sat. and 12 on Sunday.

His work consists mostly of small items like Christmas tree ornaments and jewelry. He is not a bowl turner and he has found a niche in the market that sells very well. He also makes his own skew chisels and angled tools. Once you have seen how he uses them, it behooves you to buy some.

After watching him work the first day, I then read his handout and found that it described "how to" make any of his products. Therefore I will try only to point out some of his methods that I observed instead.

His ornaments sell for \$30 and the hand painted ones for \$65. He uses a thick super glue to hold his parts together. Most of his cutting is done with a hefty spindle gouge, a skew chisel, a thin cutoff tool and a small bowl gouge (he grinds both bowl and spindle gouges using same bevel angle). His lathe turns at about 1800 RPM for most of his work and he sands at about half that speed. He has made about 5000 ornaments. He religiously uses the Wolverine gouge sharpening jig on an 80 grit wheel at 1725 RPM. He only hones on the final cut. He paints on sanding sealer cut 50 -50 with turpentine before the final cut. He then sands with 120 grit to 400.

He demonstrated a rectangular caliper that was simple and unique. A fan is used in his shop near the tailstock to blow the dust away from his face. He does not like the Demo lathe control console as it is now located to the bottom right of the stand. He prefers to the right at the top.

The first demo was making a tree ornament with a hanging icicle. It was a treat to watch him work the skew making the thin sections. Once they are finished he hangs a batch and sprays them with satin Deft. The high quality ones are hand painted by his wife.

The next demo was making a small angled turning tool. First he made a handle like the Sorby handle out of ash 1.5" dia. and 10" long. The ferrule was copper tubing. The decorating grooves were made with the long point of the skew down. He used friction polish for the finish. He drilled a 1/4" hole for the tool steel rod. He then showed how to sharpen this tool on a 36 grit wheel.

The next demo was an oil lamp which sells for about \$25 He used myrtle wood for this turning. A 1.5" forstner bit was used to drill the opening for the bottle. Bob waxes his tool rest and I tried it later at home and its well worth doing. He made fine lines on the rim with a small 3/16" gouge ground to a point. A jam chuck was made from pine turned to the ID of the well hole so that he could turn the bottom slightly dished.

The next demo was turning a lidded box of maple burl. The handle was made of a tree twig painted to look like oxidized copper. The outside was textured before hollowing. He uses a compass to lay out equally spaced pencil lines before making the concave cuts with a small spindle gouge. He honed the gouge before the finishing cut. He mentioned that consistent wall thickness is more important than super thin. To hold his sandpaper to the power sanding disc, he uses 3M #75 spray. You have to remove the paper right after sanding. A neat way if making sanding discs fast in the lathe was demonstrated using a jam chuck and a skew chisel.

The next demo was a candle stick made of ash. It was made to use small candles of 1/2" diameter. It was a modern design with a thin neck one third of the way down. The top was 2" in Dia. and the bottom 2.5" with a very thin mid-section of about 3/8" dia. The first trial he struck a nail in the wood. The second a catch of the chisel broke the piece in the thin section. He adds steel or lead shot in the bottom to give it stability. The bottom is sealed with epoxy and a felt pad is glued over it.

Bob mentioned that he is donating all that he is turning to the club for raffle items.

Sunday 9-22-02 Bob said he tried making full size birdhouses and selling them at \$600 each and was not successful.

Bob Rosand Demo, September 21st and 22nd, 2002, (continued)

Bob's next demo was an acorn style ornament which is very attractive and sells for \$20. It takes him about an hour to make one. He recommends drilling the hole for the bird and the perch while the stock is square before going into the lathe. He demonstrated a wheeled tool to texture the surface of the roof. He is very good at making miniature finials. He used a vacuum system to hold some parts during this demo.

The next demo is making a wood paper weight for executives. He wonders why anyone would buy it but they sell. He showed us how he sharpens his Forstner bits. He held the weight body against the headstock with the tailstock before starting the vacuum pump.

The next demo was using Entectsil-1630XFC 1/16" silver solder rod at \$100 a pound with an acetylene torch to fasten the tool steel 3/16" bits to 1/4" steel rod (keystock material) at an angle. He heats to cherry red and simply flows the silver in the gap. Next we learned how to shape and sharpen this tool.

The next demo was birdhouse earrings. (there is a pendant also). This was fascinating because he was working with very small parts. The birdhouse was smaller than a real life acorn. The perch was about .015" in dia. I must mention that he uses an old machinist dial caliper for his measurements with the dial removed in place of a small standard caliper.

The next demo was a ring holder which looks like a perfume bottle with a black flame and it sells for \$22. He used walnut for the bottle and ebony for the flame. He demonstrated two types of texturing with coves and V's.

The next demo was an acorn birdhouse ornament. The OD was 1.25". The class asked for a repeat of this demo and a repeat of cutting the icicle. This concluded the presentation at 3:15 Pm.

The whole session was worth much more than the \$30 per member and most enjoyable. Bob was very entertaining during his presentation. He did not waste any time. He got a standing ovation from the class at the end.

Tom Raymond, Sec..



Bob demonstrating on his portable Oneway lathe.

Bob Rosand Demo Photos



Hollowing out Christmas ornament



Beginning to shape ornament icicle



Shaping top of confetti lamp



Cutting grooves on lidded box



High tech system for clearing inside shavings!!!



Shaping finial for birdhouse

Bob Rosand Demo Photos, continued.



Bent angle tool for hollowing vessels



Homemade bent angle tools waiting to be silver soldered.



The post lunch demo was obviously a little more than some of our members could handle. I really do wonder what Subway puts in those subs. Just think if one of these guys was responsible for handling our club's funds!!!!!!!!!!



Clayton Matthews, manager at the Augusta WWW donated almost \$50.00 worth of sandpaper towards club raffles. Please visit the Augusta Woodworker's Warehouse, thank them for their donation and please mention you saw their ad in the Maineiac Woodturner Newsletter.

Show And Tell, September, 2002



Turned Bowl and Vessel,
Carl Powe



Cherry Bowls, Mark Irving



Turned Vessel, Artist Unknown



Maple Bowls, Mac Ray



Segmented Bowls, Tom Raymond



Cherry Bowl with Wings, Mark Irving

Show And Tell, Continued



Maple Bowls, Kieran Kammerer



“All Heart” and Footed Bowl,
Peter Asselyn



Bowl, Mark Irving



Turned, Carved and Gold Leafed Vessel,
Jacques Vesery



Birch Bowls, Kieran Kammerer



Spalted Maple Vessel, Ken Keoughan



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**Next Meeting, Wednesday,
October 16th**

Mark Irving, V.P.

Erskine Academy

Meeting Begins at

7:00 P.M.

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