

Mainiac Woodturner

Monthly Newsletter of the Maine Chapter of the AAW



Mark Irving Demo– 7 p.m. June 15: How To Start a Career Making Rolling Pins

A few years ago I saw a couple of different articles in some wood magazines that showed how to make rolling pins. There were a couple of different styles that looked interesting. But I never did get around to making any. Last summer I had a friend help me build my garage and I wanted to do something for him. He also works with me at Bath Iron Works and always bugged me about making a rolling pin for him for his mother-in-law. He helped me several times with the garage during the summer, and also helped me discover that the fastest way to take down staging is not to build it very well in the first place. Of course we discovered this while we were standing on it trying to put up some siding. We heard a funny noise and had just enough time to say "uh oh" before we found ourselves on the ground. Not too badly hurt, thankfully. I had the wind knocked out of me and he ended up with a bloody bruise on his forehead. Of course taking the staging down fast is ok only if you don't have to put it back up again.

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What is ironic is that we knew we did a lousy job of building the staging. We joked about the field day OSHA would have if they inspected it. We'll just pound in a few more nails. It won't go anywhere. Then I thought "Oh yeah, I haven't taken any pictures of the garage today. I should get the camera out." I'd been photographing the progress of the garage as it was being built, as any

homeowner would do when erecting a new house or garage, etc. "We can take pictures of the staging too, so if it does

fall we will have an actual record of what it looked like!"

So we took the pictures and we still went up on the staging!

We took some pictures after the accident and compared them to the before pictures. The conclusion we drew was that you should never build staging using sawhorses that are built from those two-for-a-dollar cheap tin brackets you can buy at Big Al's in Wiscasset. They aren't exactly industrial strength.

So I finally made a rolling pin for my friend to buy him off so he wouldn't take me to the cleaners. I took it to work to give it to him and many of my co-workers saw it and wanted one for themselves. So that is how my rolling pin manufacturing career finally got started.

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Classified Ads

Wanted to buy: I'm looking for a used lathe (to keep the cost down). I would prefer a Oneway, preferably a 20" or larger, but would settle for a 1640, should the price be right. Please contact Mark Irving.

For sale: General Lathe, model 260, purchased from Dave Lancaster a few years past.
Contact Chaplain Warren S Doersam
Director of Maine Prison Ministry
Vision New England
207-722-3761
mpm@nepm.org

Have a Lathe to Sell?? Albert Kolodji in Yarmouth is looking for a used lathe with a 16" or better swing in good to excellent condition. Call him at 846-1066.

Oneway Dealer: For anyone who hasn't caught on through the jokes constantly being made at meetings, Dave Lancaster (445-4758) is a Oneway dealer and would be glad to help anyone interested in ordering tools or lathes

Announcements from the Prez

Don't forget the Klingspor 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise to all members of the Maine Woodturners.

Jody Towne from So. Berwick has some mahogany cutoffs for sale in 12/4, 10/4, and 8/4 thicknesses at \$1.60 a board foot.. He currently sells to Conway Turners of New Hampshire and wanted to know if there is any interest in our club. He offered to show up at one of the meetings with some stock. This stuff would be good for glue ups and small turnings. If you would like to check the quality of the material, try calling Ed Good of the Conway Turners. Anyone interested? Let me know and I will call Jody.

I also received a mailing from a turners club in Ohio selling 2 and 3 inch sanding disks. These are disks with a sort of serrated edge so they don't dig in. I have the price list if anyone is interested. The prices look good. I'll bring copies to the meeting. Mark Irving.

There will be extra tool rests made at the May meeting for sale as long as they last.

Future Demonstrators:

Mark Irving – June 2005

summer break – July, August 2005

Alan Lacer – September 2005

Michael Hosaluk – October 2005

Kim Dailey - November 2005 – Pen Turning

Xmas party – December 2005

Your Name Here – January 2006

Your Name Here - February 2006

Your Name Here- March 2006

Need to fill this in. - April 2006

Tool Making? – May 2006

? - June 2006

Round Top Center for the Arts

Round Top Center for the Arts in Damariscotta is offering classes in woodturning taught by some of our own members! Check out their web site at www.roundtoparts.org.

As the Wood Turns: President Mark Irving



I was not able to attend the May tool making session. I went to my daughter's college graduation ceremony (yes, I'm old enough.) We'll have another tool making session next year, but I don't think there will be another college graduation for my daughter so the choice was easy.

The ceremony was at the Cumberland County Civic Center. Ever attend an event there? Usually, there is plenty of parking, but not this day. The parking lots on Free street where I usually park were all closed or full. Of course I didn't find that out until after waiting in traffic on Congress Street for about half an hour. Now that I write that, a half hour doesn't seem like that long. But it is when your running just a touch late. That was because I told Cindy that we would not have to leave too early, it's not like it's a hockey game or anything. And it's at 9 am. Who goes to the Civic Center at 9 am? By the time we got parked at the top level of some garage beyond the civic center and walked to the building, the place was packed. There were over 1100 graduates and many more professors, alumni, and others in the procession. It took over 45 minutes just for them to march in.

Then the speeches. Most were brief for which everyone was thankful. Only Olympia Snowe dragged on. Hard to believe a politician could drag on that long. Then the handing out of diplomas. Those same 1100 students were going to proceed one at a time to the stage to grab their diplomas, which weren't really diplomas, only substitutes in case they didn't have enough credits to actually graduate, but were attending the ceremony anyway and how long was this going to take? Of course, my daughter was near the end of the line! And so was my future son-in-law (that's another story), who was also graduating. It was a good day.

What's this have to do with woodturning? Nothin.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the May tool meeting. Also, please let me or one of the other officers of the club know if there are improvements we can make, should we decide to have

a tool making meeting next year. From the reports of the May meeting, it sounds like a tool session next year would be a good idea.

We need some demonstrators for next year. We are set through December, but need to fill in January through June of 2006. If you have a different technique or something interesting to show, we would welcome a demonstration. You need not be an expert. I have actually learned something myself at my own demonstrations, just from someone asking questions. Let me know or I will volunteer you.

Keep the bevel rubbing—**Mark**

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Club Members Only Promotion

Effective: June 1st- June 30th

15% Off Mahoney's Fine Finishes

Spend \$75 or more on sanding discs, get a Free Tilt-a-Bin Disc Holder*

From June 1st - 30th, AAW Club members will receive 15% off of any of Mahoney's Fine Finishes when using the code 05SPAAW6. Mahoney's Utility Finish and Walnut Oil Wax are the results of many years of experience turning and finishing thousands of utility bowls.

During the month of June, when you spend \$75 on sanding discs, you'll receive a free Tilt-a-Bin Disc Holder for storing your discs. That's a \$13.99 value! This handy holder has six bins for organizing and storing your various grits of sanding discs. * \$75 Purchase must be on discs only. Sanding accessory purchases do not count toward this offer. In order to take advantage of this offer, please use code 05SPAAW6 when ordering online or over the phone.

You can log on to http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/catalog/club_login.html and enter your club name to get all of the details. Or call your order in by dialing 1-800-551-8876.

For detailed information please see the club link on www.woodturnerscatalog.com.

If you have any questions please call our customer representatives at 1-800-551-8876.



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Return address requested

Coming Events:

*June 15, 7 p.m.– Mark Irving, Spindle turning
(rolling pin and wine stopper)*

Regular meetings are held throughout the year at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at Erskine Academy in South China, Maine. Directions to Erskine: From Augusta, take Rt. 3 east for 12 miles. At the blinking light take a right onto Rt. 32. Go approximately 2 miles. Take a right at the end of the cemetery. The school is the first driveway on the left. The meeting is in the woodworking shop. (From the south and east take Route 17 to 32 N. In about 9 miles at the top of a hill, Erskine Academy will be on the left. Turn onto the street at the north side of the school grounds. The woodworking shop is the first building on the left.)

The club always welcomes new members. To join, send \$30 to:
Burt Truman
Maine Woodturners Treasurer
85 Second St.
Hallowell, ME 04347

*Or just introduce yourself at a meeting
and pay Burt then.*

*Become a Member of the
Maine Woodturners!*

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