

Maineiac Woodturner

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President's Message

Friends and Turners,

We enjoyed a great evening of fellowship and woodturning last night at Jeff's place in Pownal. Jeff is a multi talented person who seems to be able to do just about anything he puts his mind to, except to get Peter to stand under the dunk tank that he made, but that is another story. I have enjoyed these summer meetings and would like to see them continue. Please let me know the date you would like to host one. Next Jan. does not have to be at my place, it is open to anyone. There are so many skill levels in any wood turning group that I think it is good to see different people demonstrate and share different ways of doing things. It also helps give confidence to the people who give the demo's.

Mark your calendar for Sept. 21 and 22 at 9 am at Erskine. Bob Rosand will be with us, and I am sure it will prove to be a great weekend. Please let me know if there is someone special you would like to see demo in 2003 or 2004 as we need to line these people up far in advance. If no one comes forward with suggestions, we will continue with local talent. I am also wondering if we should bring back the "bring back raffle". Let me know your thoughts.

There will be an instant gallery's at every meeting at Erskine. I think these are really great for everyone. Hope to see everyone next month.

Peter

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Editors Column

I have once again decided that I will attempt to reestablish a written monthly newsletter. As you may recall, I first did this about two years ago, however, due to some degree of burnout with the whole process along with increased commitments at my paying job, I was not able to keep up with the monthly demands. I am approaching the job again with a mixture of enthusiasm tempered by the knowledge of my past experience.

My goal will be to put out a monthly newsletter which is of a quality worthy of my time to publish it and your time to read it. **This will only be possible with the help of all the club members.**

All I ask is that each member, at some time throughout the year, tries in his or her own way to make some small contribution to the newsletter. This could take the form of sending me information about one of our upcoming demonstrators or submitting your own or someone else's woodturning tip.

I also ask that members be respectful of each others time. Given my call schedule, some weeks are much tighter than others. This means I really need to have information submitted in a timely fashion. If you want to see it in next month's newsletter, get it to me on time.

My preferred method of receiving information will be through email. I check my email almost daily (mostly because I don't want to miss any of Mac's jokes). Once I get the info, I can at least start to cut and paste it into next months newsletter.

Remember that this is the **club's newsletter and not mine!!!** Please feel free to tell me what you like and don't like. Also, what did you like or not like in the past newsletters and what you want me to try to include.

I still would like to travel to member's shops and do member profiles. I would also still like to see a club member make a member directory.

Please email me with thoughts and comments.

Thanks and I look forward to your help.

Kieran

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Turning Tip

If you use magnetic strips to hold objects in your shop, do not use them to hold your turning tools. David Lancaster pointed out that a magnetized tool shaft would significantly impede the ability of your tool to slide along the tool rest. This could lead to unintentional chatter work on your piece.

Club Business, August 2002

The Maine Woodturners August meeting was held on 8-21-02 at Jeff Raymond's home at 16 Elmwood Drive. in Pownal. This was not a business meeting. Eleven members and guests were present. President Peter Asselyn conducted a wood auction first which netted \$6.00. Most of the wood was donated by Jeff. We had a view of some of his current and past projects which was interesting.

The demonstration was set up in one corner of the great room in Jeff's home. The workshop area which was in a two car garage was more in the mode of being for storage than for working.

Jeff has a Jet mini lathe and a One Way Chuck for turning bowls which he purchased from Peter Asselyn just about a year ago and he already has bowls on sale in two shops and one gallery. He found that the vendor charges on consignment are anywhere from 12 to 50 % of the sale. He uses a Milwaukee angle drill motor with a 3" disc for sanding and Tried and True oil for his finish.

He uses a battery powered respirator system with a face mask while turning. His demonstration involved turning a gear shift knob out of cherry.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM

Tom Raymond, Sec..

Bring Back Raffle

As Peter mentioned in his opening remarks, he is quite interested in reestablishing the bring back raffle. For some of our later members, the bring back raffle involved member buying chances for one or several prizes raffled off at the monthly meeting. The winner was then responsible for next month's prize. Please contact Peter. It really is a great source of revenue for the club and in the long run benefits all our members. Kieran



One of our very early demos.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report from last meeting. Bob Morrell asks that everyone please pay dues as soon as possible. This year's dues have been raised to thirty dollars which still represents one of the few bargains left in this world. Bob can be paid in person at the next meeting or you can mail your check to him at 16 Coffin St., Brunswick, ME 04011 (see form later in newsletter). This is also a great time to consider joining the AAW. American Woodturner alone is worth the yearly dues. Please contact the AAW at their website, AAW.org if interested.

Instant Gallery Notes

Please bring all your hard work from this summer. Although not all pieces can be exhibited in the following month's newsletter, I will try to include as many pieces as possible. In order to improve the quality of the photos taken and to really show case our member's work, **we are still in need of some one to construct a small light box.** This will replace the current system of Mac holding white cardboard pieces with one hand while deftly photographing the pictures with his other hand. Please let Peter know if **you** can help. Thanks!!!

Meeting Schedule

? **Saturday/Sunday Sept. 21-22.**

The club is fortunate to start this year's meetings with a demonstration by Bob Rosand. Bob Rosand is a turner and teacher in Bloomsburg, PA, and on the AAW Board of Directors. As quoted by Ron Hampton, "Bob Rosand is one of the very best turner/teachers that I know. If you ever have a chance to see him demonstrate, jump at the opportunity. He is a great teacher and a really nice guy!!" This should be an excellent demo, please make every effort to attend.

? **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.

Classified Ads

Your Ad Here

Even better than Uncle Henry's, your monthly Maineiac Woodturner Newsletter, allows you **FREE OF CHARGE**, to pass on your unwanted, unused, even substandard goods to your fellow club members. Where else can one member benefit from the misguided mistakes/purchases of his fellow woodturner.

Please make sure to include a description of the item for sale, selling price and contact phone number or email.

Negotiations are strictly between seller and buyer. The Maine Chapter of the AAW receives no percentage of the sale nor does it take any responsibility for hasty decisions made on the part of the buyer or seller!!!!

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 !!!

Library News

If I recall from the meeting last spring, Jeff Raymond has kindly agreed to assume the position of librarian (Mark Irving has ascended to the position of vice-president). As long time members know, we have quite an extensive library of books, magazines and videos, all of which can be taken home between meetings. Books and magazines are loaned out free of charge, however, videos require a small rental fee. The whole system operates and relies on the honor system. It is up to individual members to pay Bob Morrell the appropriate rental fees and also up to members to return items in a timely fashion.

This may also be a good time for members to think about a donation to the club. Do you have any books, videos or magazines you no longer need? If so, please bring them to the next meeting and they can be added to our library's inventory.

Maine Woodturners Membership Form

New Member _____

Membership Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Please bring to next meeting or mail with
Check for \$30.00 to:

Bob Morrell
16 Coffin St.
Brunswick, ME 04011

Please make additional copies and share with others.

Show and Tell, Spring 2002



Mac Ray



Peter Asselyn



Mac Ray, Spalted Maple



Jeff Raymond, Natural Edge

Show and Tell, Spring 2002, Continued



Assorted Bowls, Jeff Raymond



Mac Ray



31 Academy St.
Hallowell, ME 04347

**Next Meeting, Saturday and Sunday,
September 21st and 22nd.**

Robert Rosand

**Erskine Academy
Meeting Begins at**

9:00 AM

Bring money for lunch.

**To continue to receive this newsletter,
Please Pay Dues ASAP**