

Maineiac Woodturner

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President's Message

It was great to see so many people at the Christmas party and the instant gallery continues to amaze me. Here is the schedule for the rest of the year.

Jan 15 at Erskine Academy: 7pm DEMO BY DAVE LANCASTER ON SHARPENING FROM CHAIN SAW TO GOUGES.

JAN 22 at 7pm will be a meeting of the board members at Mark Irving's house

Feb 19 -demo by Micheal Angelone on metal spinning

March 19- demo by Tom Raymond segmented turning and how to use wood that otherwise might be burned

April 16 - demo by Dave Lancaster

May 21- demo by Mac Ray

Bob Hackett and Burt Truman are working on a Saturday tool session for this summer. Bob also mentioned his brother might demo for us this summer. We want to thank David for his generous 10 % off sale of Oneway tools. Bob Hackett contacted The Woodturners Catalog and they offered \$150.00 in Gift certificates to help our club raise money. They also sent us a box of catalogs. I would like to thank everyone for a great year of turning and fellowship.
Peter

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Club Business, December, 2002

The December meeting of Maine Woodturners was held at Erskine Academy on Wednesday 12 -18-02. President Peter Asselyn opened the meeting at 7 PM. Thirty-one members and guests were present. Spouses were invited to this meeting and a great Potluck feast was enjoyed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Peter advised that Mark Irving would finish his demo from the Nov. meeting. He also said that the turning demo that he did two weeks ago at Woodworkers Warehouse in Augusta was a success and it brought in a few new members to the club. One member bought the lathe that he used to demo. He also attended a recent meeting of Maine Woodworkers and said we are welcome to attend their meetings. The bring back raffle was won by a guest last month and Ken Keohough said he would bring in the item for the next one.

Peter advised that we should make suggestions who we want for a nationally known demonstrator for the fall. The schedule of monthly meeting club demonstrators is booked until May.

Twenty-six members participated in the Yankee Swap. David Lancaster explained how the game is played as he did last year. Everyone seemed to enjoy this game. The raffle of Bob Rosand ornaments brought in \$75. This was followed by Show and Tell and finally a wood auction with Peter Asselyn as the Auctioneer netted \$26.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Tom Raymond, Sec.

Editor's Column

As a relatively novice turner, I encourage all the other novice turners in the club to stick with it. Over the holidays I was fortunate to have some blocks of time in my shop. Like anything else worth doing, I found the more quality time I spent at the lathe, the easier a few things were to do. At one point, I even felt myself to be in the "turning zone" where it felt like I could create any shaped bowl I wanted. Unfortunately my time in "the zone" was short lived and I was soon back to my old habits. At least now I know with enough patience and perseverance, I can someday get back to "the zone" and turning Nirvana!!!

On another note, I wanted to stress shop safety. After taking call New Year's Eve, I decided I would start the New Year by doing some roughing out of bowl blanks. Unfortunately as I was finishing cutting a blank on the band-saw, the piece lurched forward and I was soon back in my office steri-stripping the end of my middle finger back together. The only good point of the morning was that I didn't have to pay a co-pay!!!! The day ended with me burning the pot roast. I know the rest of the year HAS to be better.

Turn safely and please make sure you all have a first aid kit available in your shop. Prior to this most recent event, mine consisted of the bandana in my back pocket.

Kieran

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report for this month. Please remind any unpaid club member that membership dues are now overdue. Payments can be sent to Bob Morrill anytime.

Bring Back Raffle

This month's bring back raffle will be hosted by Ken Keoughan. Make sure to bring your holiday gift money to take advantage of Ken's generosity. I know you won't be disappointed.

December, 2002, Maine Woodturners' Holiday Party

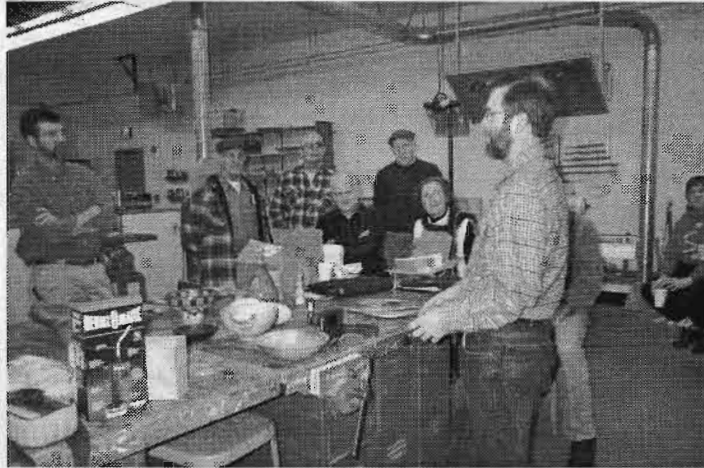


Overview of the Gathering with our new Erskine Workshop Skycam

Member News

Stephen Gleasner reports that he was recently accepted into a new gallery in Charlotte, N.C.. You can see Stephen's most recent work at http://www.jeraldmelberg.com/artist_search.cfm. I have personally checked out the site and there is a lot of beautiful work to be viewed.

December, 2002, Maine Woodturners' Holiday Party, continued.



Mike explaining to the group how he has been collaborating with a local glass blower to create beautiful glass vessels with wooden stoppers incorporating captured rings.



It really is true!!! People do hang onto Jacques' every word!!!!!!

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Meeting Schedule

- **January 15th, 2003**

Sharpening demo by David Lancaster. Hopefully Oneway items ordered in December will be available for pick-up from David.

- **February 19th, 2003**

Metal spinning demonstration by Michael Angelone of Poland Spring Metal Spinning.

- **March 19th, 2003**

Demonstration of segmented turning techniques by Tom Raymond.

- **April 16th, 2003**

Bowl turning demo by David Lancaster.

- **May 21st, 2003**

Mac Ray demonstration (not of himself but of some of his works and turning techniques).

Would still like to have one or two summer meetings. Could possibly be barbecue/outdoor meeting with lathes/demos. Please talk to any trustee with ideas/offers/suggestions.

Classified Ads

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.

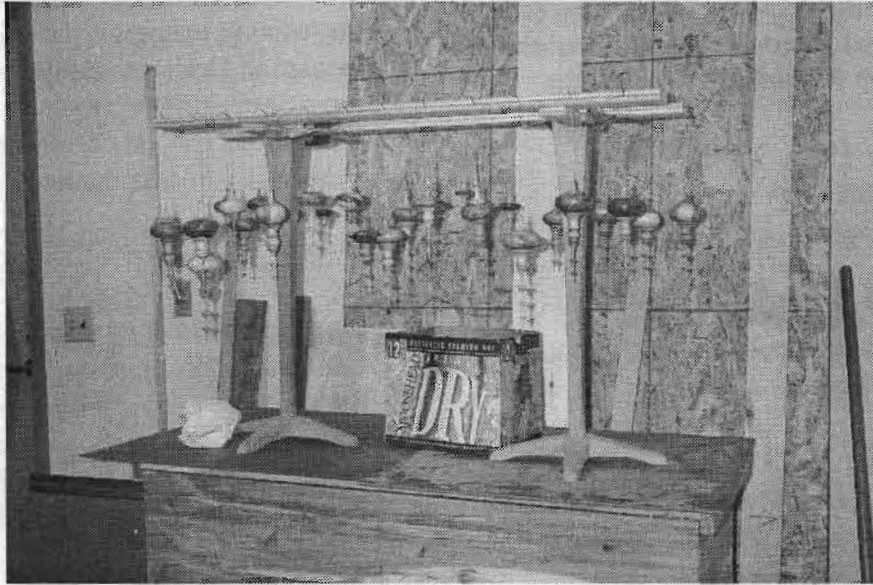
For Sale: Bowl lathe built by David Lancaster. 28" diameter capacity. 3hp motor with variable speed, bored for vacuum chuck. Vic Marc chuck, face plates and other accessories included. \$2800., Please contact Ray Carbone, 546-2170.

For Sale: Beautiful house in scenic Durham, Maine. Nice neighbors. Turning lessons by one of Maine's premier turners could be part of the closing agreement. Please contact Peter Asselyn for more information.

Wood Auction

Please continue to bring any and all wood for our wood auctions. Nothing closes a meeting better than a final chance to clean us all out of the remaining few dollars in our wallets. Remember, it is never too early to plan for next year's holiday gifts.

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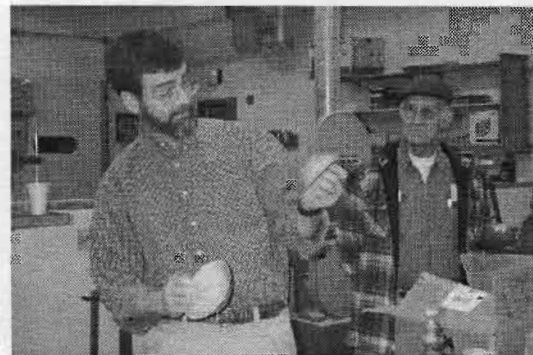
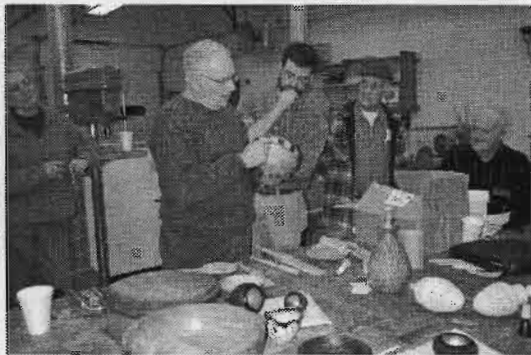


We all thought we were going home with door prizes compliments of Mac Ray.



Obviously, turning all those ornaments took its toll on Mac!!!!

Loose Show And Tell, Dec., 2002



Show And Tell, Dec., 2002 Continued

