

Maineiac Woodturner

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President's Message

My fellow turners;

Thank you David for a great demo(I expected no less) and thanks to everyone who brought wood for the auction. Lets have a big wood auction next month as it will be our last meeting for a while.

It was great to see so many people last night, it looks like our group is growing by leaps and bounds. Before the general meeting last night we had a short board meeting to discuss an article in the bylaws that requires membership in the AAW to be a member of the Maine Woodturners. The article also states that AAW dues be collected by our treasurer. This is something all our members should be aware of and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. I would personally like to pay my own dues to the AAW but do agree that people should be a member of both groups. The AAW provides us with guidance and many resources, not to mention a great magazine. This being the case we need to either amend or abide by the by-laws. Our bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of members at a meeting.

Respectfully,
Peter Asselyn

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Club Business, March, 2003

President Peter Asselyn opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Peter thanked Bob Morrell for his years of work as club Treasurer and gave him a letter of appreciation signed by the members at this meeting. Then he announced that Burt Truman is our new Treasurer.

Treasurer's report: Starting Balance \$3813.63 , March receipts + \$78.00, March expenses - \$40.81

April receipts +\$174.00, April expenses - \$60.28, March interest +\$.63, New checks-\$18.75

Balance in Bank \$3946.42

New members, guests and club officers introduced themselves.

David Lancaster was announced as our demonstrator for the evening. His very informative demo lasted 1.5 hours.

The wood auction led by Auctioneer Peter Asselyn netted \$37.

The bring back raffle was composed of two items. The first was a small hollow form donated by Bob Rosand after his demo last fall. and the second item was a small set of Forstner bits. Tom Raymond won the Rosand item and Bob Morrell won the Forstner bits. Bob is responsible for the bring back item at the next meeting. The raffle raised \$47. Mark Irving collected \$6 for video rentals.

Show and Tell was announced but never materialized. The meeting ended at 9PM

Tom Raymond, Sec.

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Editor's Column

This is my final newsletter and has been the case lately, put out later and with less material than I had wanted. Unfortunately, due to a computer glitch, I could not include any pictures from the demo or from show and tell.

Thanks to all of you who have given me support and encouragement over the last several years. I know our next newsletter editor will do a fine job and I wish her all the best in her new endeavor. I hope members will reconsider giving some of their time to making the newsletter as informative as possible.

Thanks,

Kieran

Meeting Schedule

? **May 21st, 2003**

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

There may be some summer gatherings/meetings. Additional meetings to be announced.

Wood Auction

Please bring your favorite woods for this month's wood auction. This will be the last auction for sometime. Bring your wood and your wallet!!



My own current project! I wish I was turning instead.

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.

Turning Classes: David Lancaster is thinking of doing some turning lessons in his shop in Weeks Mills. Those interested, please contact David at 445-4758 for prices, availability, etc.

For Sale: Small fans for use in home made kilns. \$9.50 per fan. Please contact Gary Swinton at the next meeting.

For Sale: Six inch Delta planer jointer-five years old--\$75.00 used very little. ONE WAY 12X24 less than a month old-you can save tax and most of shipping cost---\$1900 firm. Please contact Peter Asselyn, 353-4206.

David Lancaster Demonstration, April, 2003

The Material:

The blank chosen was a Western Big leaf Maple burl about 14 inches in diameter. The cost was \$45 and it had been power washed. It was a dry and hard material.

Preparation:

A flat spot at the base about 5 " in diameter was created with a power grinder then sanded on a belt sander. A waste disc about 4" in diameter was glued to this area with super glue. A faceplate was mounted on the bowl opening side and the piece was chucked between center for turning a 3" tenon for the bowl chuck. Once mounted in the chuck, the piece was ready for the remainder of the operation.

Turning:

Because this is a heavy out of balance piece, David uses a hockey helmet for safety reasons. The faster you dare turn the better the results. The rim was turned first using a straight tool rest parallel to the bowl rim. After the rim was turned, rough sanding with 80-grit paper on a 4" flexible power sander began. The bowl was turned by hand for the sanding. David always starts with 80 grit. He shifted from a gouge to a diamond pointed scraper to make the small rim by shear scraping. A 1/2" gouge was used to scoop out the interior of the bowl with the tailstock in place. The rough-cuts were made from the center out first making sure the bevel of the gouge is rubbing when cutting. Then the cutting was shifted from the outside in towards the center. The center cone was left at about a 3/4" dia near the tailstock. The center knob was cut out with his power grinder rather than turn it off. Next a curved tool rest was installed to trim the inside bottom of the bowl smooth. at a low turning speed.

Sanding:

A 4" or 5 " sanding disc is used first with 80 grit 3-M gold paper with the spindle locked. He said it's more aggressive this way. Next came a 3" disc with 120-grit paper and he rotated the bowl by hand while sanding. Next he switched to 220 grit with a 3" disc and a pneumatic random orbit sander and again manual turning the bowl. The final sanding was done with 320 grit. The rim was sanded in the same manner as the bowl. He held the sander steady when the rim was sanded while rotating the bowl. The bowl was reversed onto a drum chuck with the tailstock on the waste disc to cut it off. The bottom was sanded with the power sander after the waste block was removed.

Summary: David is certainly a professional at his work. He certainly had every ones attention during the demonstration. The tales he told about his experiences in this business were very entertaining. I saw one of his burl bowls like he turned today at the Augusta Museum Craft show with a \$600 price tag on it.

Tom Raymond



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**Next Meeting, Wednesday,
May 21st, 2003
Mac Ray,
Turning Techniques
Meeting Begins at
7:00 P.M.**