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Our Guest Demonstrator: Bruce Hoover

Bruce Hoover, an expert turner from the eastern shore of Virginia, is our guest demonstrator the weekend of Sept. 20 and 21.

This two-day workshop will be held at Erskine Academy in South China beginning 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at a cost to members of \$25 for both days (\$30 for non-members.) The focus will be on sanding technique and shop organization tips, subjects he demonstrated on at the national AAW symposium in Providence last year.

Bruce has been involved with various kinds of woodworking most of his life, and his experiences include everything from manufacturing outdoor furniture and gazebos to decorative bird carving. Following a severe spinal injury several years ago, he began woodturning as a hobby and has been turning wood for about seven years now. He is now a professional turner.

An article about his thin-walled pierced Christmas ornaments appeared in the Winter 2000 issue of American Woodturner. As self-proclaimed past president of the “**I Hate To SAND Club**”, Bruce has developed many innovative methods, tools, and widgets to reduce sanding effort. He now finds sanding much more palatable and sometimes even fun, and has created a demonstration devoted entirely to sanding techniques. Also an inventor, Bruce has developed and markets The Sanding Glove™ for woodworkers. He has an article in American Woodturner (Spring 2003) about his “Square Aim Laser”, which is an improved design for a laser hollowing-guide that he shares for all to use. Bruce credits much of his growth as a woodturner to his mentors, Myron Curtis of Virginia Beach, VA; professional woodturner John Penrod of Tallahassee, FL; and Frank Sudol of Canada. He has studied extensively with Frank Sudol here in the states and at his home in Canada, and has just completed another trip to Canada this summer to study again with Frank Sudol, and Mike Hosaluk.



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A sample of Bruce’s work.
(Like, how did he DO that??)

Secretary's Minutes... June 14, 2003



The June meeting of Maine Woodturners was held at Erskine Academy on Saturday June 14, 2003. There were 19 members present. Mark Irving presided over the meeting, which was opened at 9:07 AM.

Mark announced that the "Tool Making" demonstration and guidance would be led by Bob Hackett and Burt Truman. This is a hands-on session where anyone can make their own tool, and donations for the materials can be handed to Burt Truman at the end of the meeting.

Lunch was priced at \$5.00 and Burt Truman was the organizer and picked up and delivered. He is to be commended for his efficiency.

Mark announced that wood turning blanks that are being sold by Charlie Rogers from Joe Larrabee's widow are available. It was decided and voted on that the club buy the blanks for \$100 and sell them at auction during club meetings to raise funds.

Treasurer Burt Truman said the one thousand dollars being donated by the club has been sent to Ken Keoughan and our club balance is in the vicinity of \$2900.

The next meeting in Sept. will be a 2-day demonstration on "Shop Organization and Sanding" by Bruce Hoover.

There were only 3 items for "Show and Tell" at this meeting. Bob Morrill brought in the Bring Back raffle gift but we never had a raffle.

Rene Pomerleau showed some of the ingenious fixtures that he uses to drill and to sharpen carving knives.

The Workshop started at 9:30 with Bob Hackett explaining what he had available to work with. About half of the members made tools. Richard Hutchins made his tool and turned the handle as well. Mark Irving bent many carbon steel rods for bent scraping tools using a mapp gas torch for the members. Mack Ray took photographs of the workshop in session.

The workshop ended around 2 PM

Web Wanderings - Go to...

www.esva.net/~woodturners

...then click on Turning Tips, then click on - **Cyanoacrylate (CA) Glue**

September's guest demonstrator, Bruce Hoover, also writes about turning. His home club, Tidewater Turners of Virginia, has a website with a long list of articles you can peruse. If Hoover's article on cyanoacrylate (super) glue is any indication of the quality of the rest of his advice, we should all have our pencils ready when he starts to talk.

Here's the first few paragraphs of his tips about glue... for the rest, go to the website listed above.

"Now that you have ordered a dozen bottles because you couldn't resist a good sale price, you wonder if the glue will ruin before you can use it all. Don't panic, just put the extra bottles in the freezer until they are needed. They will keep for a very long time in there.



(Cryogenics for Cyanoacrylates?)

**Note: Only freeze unopened bottles.

"Ok, chances are that like most of us you always make sure to put the top back on as soon as you're finished using the glue, right? Ever notice how your nozzles clog up and sometimes the glue hardens in the bottle before you ever get to use it all? It turns out that a lack of oxygen is one of the primary conditions that causes CA glue to cure. So from now on, when you open a new bottle of CA throw away the top! It may sound crazy, but this will extend the life of your glue in the bottle. If you're concerned about spilling it, make a bench top holder by drilling "bottle-sized" holes in a 2" thick block of wood. Make sure you keep it away from any source that creates much dust.

"Remember to tap the base of the bottle on your bench top after each use to clear the tip."

VEEP's Column Mark Irving

The end of the year June toolmaking session was a great way to end the year. It seems like we were picking up new members every meeting. Hopefully, with the new teaching facility starting up at Round Top, that trend will continue. Everyone seemed to have a good time at the toolmaking session. We were very busy. I hope all those new tools we made work out well for everyone who made one.

Thanks to the club for donating the \$1000 to the new Round Top teaching facility. Ken Keoughan has mentioned this endeavor at several meetings this year. If anyone is interested in teaching or participating in any way, please mention it to one of the officers of the Maine Woodturners.

Charlie Rogers has about 45 wood bowl blanks which the club agreed to purchase for \$150. We will need to get an average of about \$3.33 for the club to get our money back. There isn't a blank in the lot that is worth less than that. We will try to price them and sell or auction them off at a future meeting. I'm not sure which meeting that will be, so attend them all if you're interested (and bring money)

Thanks to all the people who provided demonstrations this year. If anyone is interested in demo-ing next year, please let us know. We are always interested in seeing new people demonstrate.

I'm looking forward to the Bruce Hoover demo in September. Ken Keoughan attended one of his demos at an AAW symposium and say it is well worth attending. I hope to see you all there for the start of a new year.

Keep the bevel rubbing (well, not always...)

Mark

Treasurers Report

Burt Truman

Starting Balance from last newsletter:	4023.37
Income:	
Tool demonstration donations	27.00
Misc. income	16.27
Sub total	4066.64
Expenses:	
News letter expenses	59.67
Round Top Donation	1000.00
Misc. expenses	9.33

In the mailbag

President Peter Asselyn reports receiving the following in his mail:

The first is a letter from Collectors of Wood Art inviting folks to visit the website or join the organization--www.collectorsofwoodart.org or tel 1-800-393-8332.

Next is a Totally Turning Symposium in NY with Stuart Mortimer and Alan Lacer and Binh Pho (more information below).

I have pamphlets on these events and if anyone wants more info just call me at 353-4206 or peterrasslyn@awi.net

Or, to register for Totally Turning, send a

completed registration form and a check for \$75 plus a \$6.50 for lunch each day. Registration forms available on the Internet, www.adirondackwoodturners.org

Checks and registration forms should be mailed to: Totally Turning (Attn: Eric Mead)
P.O. Box 14144
Albany, NY 12212

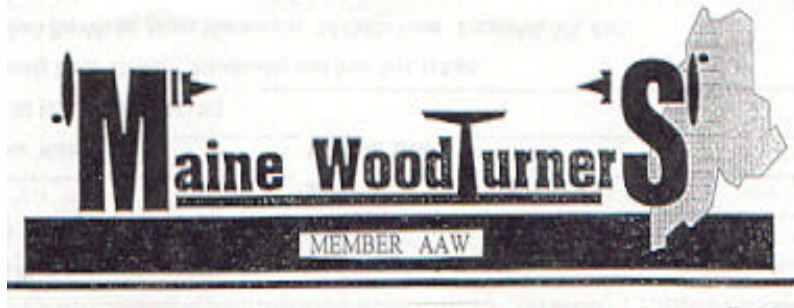
Address questions to :

Ken Evans 518-753-7759
or www.adirondackwoodturners.org

Also, the Tennessee Association of Woodturners is having their annual symposium over the weekend starting Friday, Aug. 22. More information is available from their website, www.tnwoodturners.org

(editor's note: that is the correct address, but the site was offline when I checked.)

Thanks Pete!



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Next club events:

September meeting

Bruce Hoover will be doing two-day demo in September at Erskine Academy. The first day will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20 covering two topics: Shop tips and organization, and Innovative sanding techniques. Sunday September 21 at 10 a.m. he will hold a hands-on workshop covering all the sanding techniques he demonstrated on Saturday. Plan at least six hours for the Sunday event.

Cost to members is \$25 to cover both sessions, \$30 to non-members.

Hoover demonstrated on both of these topics at the Providence Symposium this past summer. He devotes full time to woodturning and is a contributor to American Woodturner magazine.

The next regular club meeting

will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 15th at Erskine Academy.