

Mainiac Woodturner

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Cutting wood, cutting air:



The intrepid Peter Asselyn, past President of the Maine Woodturner's Association, will demonstrate his favorite activity at the lathe, cutting air. He cuts a little wood too, in the small parts between the voids, and will show us how he accomplishes this feat using a Jamieson hollowing rig.

Pete began woodturning in 1995, at the critical juncture of two events. He retired as a Verizon linesman, and inherited a small inexpensive lathe from his late father. Within two weeks he was totally hooked, and upgraded the lathe (something he's done twice again since.) "I feel like a kid on Christmas morning every time I put a piece of wood on the lathe," said Pete who—second of

course to his wife Sandra of 37 years—has found the love of his life. He remembers the first woodturner's meeting he went to. It turned out to be cancelled, so he spent two hours sitting with David Lancaster in his shop, getting his work critiqued and picking up tips. He says it took him two years to work up the courage to start bringing things to Show and Tell. Now, Peter shows at several galleries, including Chilton and Thomas Moser in Freeport, West Island Gallery in Georgetown,

the Salt River Gallery in Boothbay, and the Shaker Village in New



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Our President Says: Don't forget the Tee Shirt contest!

We will choose a winner eventually. Hopefully in November or December. Blah, blah, blah. I know. Really, we'll get to it. I just have to dig out the submissions from the cabinet. Maybe someone could find them for me and we can have the vote in November. Bring some new sketches in too. Winner gets a free tee shirt. What more incentive could you want?



Secretary's minutes By Tom Raymond

The October meeting of Maine Woodturners was held at Erskine Academy, South China, Maine on the Wednesday the 20th. President Mark Irving opened the meeting at 7 PM. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. Mark announced that Guy Marsden would be the presenter at tonight's meeting and his subject was "Photographing your work".



Mark then announced that both Rockler and Klingspor offer discounts to our members. There are plans for a bring back raffle tonight and a wood auction. Tee Shirt designs are still requested for a contest in the future. He also announced that Peter Asselyn will be our demonstrator in November.

Student Membership to Maine Woodturners is free.

Mark announced that Round Top Center for the Arts has offered their Facility for our Christmas party. He asked for a show of hands to determine if we should accept the offer. 18 out of 27 voted "for" so the party will be in Damariscotta at Round Top this year. It is located on Business Route 1, one block north of the only traffic light in Damariscotta. Members attending are expected to bring a potluck dish for the affair in Dec. Mark described the game rules of Yankee Swap. Members attending should bring a gift to participate in the fun.

Guy Marsden started his Presentation at 7:10 p.m.. and ended at 8:40.

The bring back raffle items were an Epoxy starter Kit, a gift certificate for Klingspor and Craft Supplies.

Peter Asselyn then performed his magic as an Auctioneer and it yielded \$33.

Show and Tell started at 8:55 p.m. and the meeting ended at 9:12 PM.

Tom Raymond, Sec

Board minutes By Tom Raymond

The October 20, 2004 Board of Directors meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Erskine Academy in South China Maine.. The members present were Mark Irving, President, Peter Asselyn, Chairman, Peter McCrae, Vice Pres. Burt Truman, Treasurer, Tom Raymond, Secretary, Dave Lancaster, and Ken Keoughan. An agenda prepared by Mark Irving was the guide for this meeting.

The demonstrations for the upcoming meetings will be by the following members: Nov. - Peter Asselyn, Jan. - David Lancaster, Feb. - Mac Ray, March - Peter McCrae, April - Tom Raymond, and June - Mark Irving. Alan Lacer is currently scheduled for Sat. Sept. 5th for a full day of demonstration. Ken Keoughan has firmed that up. Dave Lancaster is to check on the availability of Michealson the hat maker for a future demonstration.

Burt Truman has changed the Bylaws per the new rules and fees discussed in the Sept minutes.

Klingspor will be supplied with a member list so that Maine Woodturner members will get a 10% discount in the future. Just mention that you are a member of the club when ordering.

Ken Keoughan advised that Round Top Center for the Arts in Damariscotta has invited the members of Maine Woodturners and their guests to hold their Christmas party at their facility. It was a gesture of appreciation for the help in making the Round Top wood turning program so successful. The members at tonight's meeting will be asked to vote on where the Christmas party will be held. Ken Keoughan brought in a nice letter of appreciation from Dick Melville, the Chairman of the Board of Round Top for all the help in setting up the woodturning studio and the ability of the Maine Woodturner members on the faculty at Round Top.

Guy Marsden's simple rules for photographing your turned work

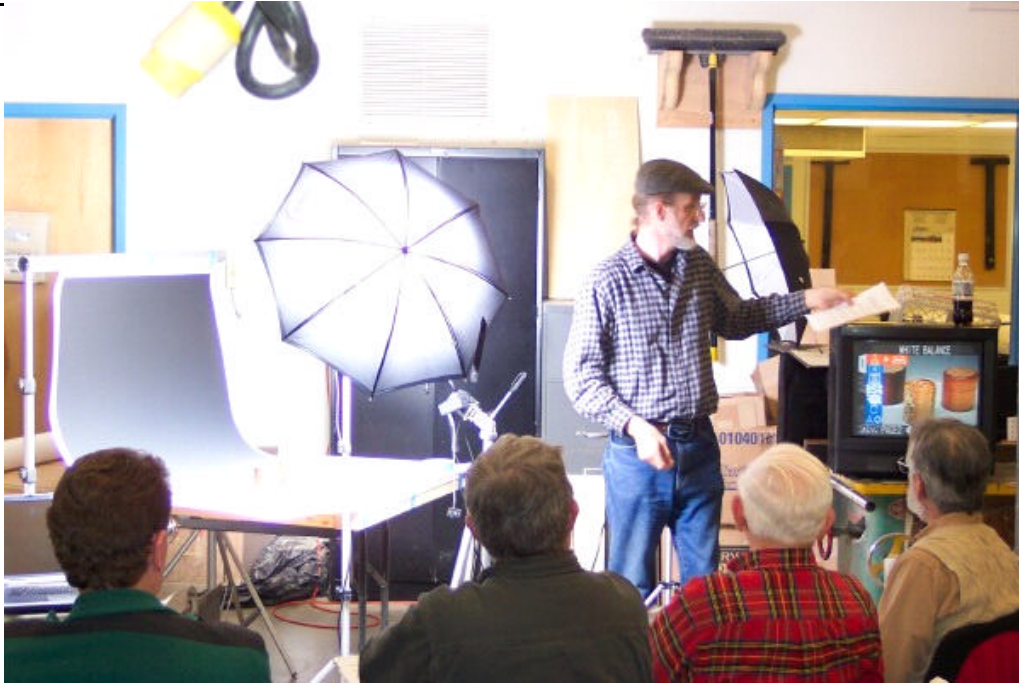


Photo by Mark Irving

Use a plain neutral background. Graduated, plain gray, or white seamless paper only – no colors, bed sheets or table tops. Minimize distractions.



Boxes by Mark Irving. Photographed by Guy Marsden.

Use soft light to eliminate hard shadows. Shoot outside in the shade, no direct light such as camera flash, flood lamps or sunlight. Reflect your lights off white foam core or paper. Soft light

from above works best – bouncing light off a white ceiling can work – even fluorescent will work for B&W images. Use as much light as you can, or a high aperture and long exposure to ensure depth of focus. Shallow platters may require stronger side lighting to pick out the contours.

Compose the object in the frame. The image must “float” properly. Don’t fill



Segmented box by David Vaughn. Photo

Guy Marsden cont'd

the frame – the object must have “breathing room”. The longest dimension should fill around $\frac{3}{4}$ of the frame. Don't center the object, place it low enough in the frame to “ground” it. Don't center that special wood knot or grain feature – turn it partly away from



Epoxy and spalted maple bowl by Burt Truman. Photo by Guy Marsden.

the camera to keep the viewer's eye moving. Group odd numbers in asymmetrical groups for visual interest.

Consider the angle of view. Each type of object needs to be photographed from a different height to best represent the piece's best features. Open forms should be looked down on to see inside, but closed forms and candle sticks should be shot from just above the top edge to best show the contours.

Use a tripod to allow for long exposures and control the framing. Use a long lens to reduce distortion. For 35mm cameras use 80-150mm lens or zoom setting, and an aperture of at least f.8 – preferably higher than f.11 to maintain depth of focus. Digital cameras zoom all the way in. Don't use macro mode unless the object is very small, use the



Segmented vessel by Mark Irving. Photo by Guy Marsden. Regrets from the editor that you can't

smallest aperture that you can to keep depth of focus.

Color balance. Use the right film (daylight or tungsten), or set your digital camera manually for the lights you are using.

The President's Notes: Future Demos

Xmas party & yankee swap - December 2005
David (Oneway) Lancaster – January 2005
Mac Ray – Feb 2005
Peter McCrea – March 2005
Tom Raymond – April 2005
Mark (big crowd) Irving – June 2005

summer break – July, August 2005

Alan Lacer – September 2005
someone new? – October 2005
anyone else? - November 2005
Xmas party – December 2005
volunteer? – January 2005
someone reading this? - February 2005
me? - March 2005
you? - April 2005
National Demonstrator? – May 2005

As the Wood Turns: President Mark Irving



We had a good turnout for the October meeting. Not quite as many as the record setting September meeting. It looked to be about 35-40 people, but I didn't count. I think some people walked in late.

Guy did a great demonstration. I know I learned many things about photography that I didn't know before. And I'm sure I forgot about half of it on the way home. But I have Guy's phone number if I need help. Check out his pics at www.arttec.net.

Maybe we could think about getting some equipment for taking photos of our show and tell stuff. I know we have been violating one of Guy's first rules by using direct lighting taking pics of our stuff. We do what we can. But maybe an inexpensive reflector or two would help. Anyone with ideas or equipment please contact one of the club officers.

Thanks for bringing all the show and tell stuff in. Always fun to see what everyone is doing.

Looking forward to seeing Peter try to hurt someone next month with one of his hollow turnings. I don't know how he dares to turn some of those things. They look like they would fly apart at a moments notice. Don't forget to bring a shield!

Maybe we'll vote on the tee shirt contest this month.

See you in November.

Keep the bevel rubbing,

Mark

Thank you

To the Maine Woodturners Association

I write to thank you for all your efforts and expertise and goodwill and just plain hard work in bringing the woodturning to fruition - and to thank also all those who have helped, and provided guidance in the process.

We, the Board of Directors, are much in your debt.

Sincerely,

Dick Melville

President of the Board of Directors

Round Top Center for the Arts

Announcements

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

Craft supplies, reached at (www.woodturnerscatalog.com or 1-800-551-8876) is offering different promotions each month. The next promotion starts Oct. 1 and goes through November 15. Spend \$100 and receive a \$15 voucher redeemable after December 15. Be sure to mention the Promotion Code 04SPAAW10. They will not ask, so you must mention the promotion code.

We are looking for demonstrators for next year. Come on you guys. Let's have someone new do a demo. Don't be shy. We want to have some fun with the new guys as well as the old ones.

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.

There is a container of green wood sealer in the file cabinet for sale for \$5.

Treasurer's note

Approximately half of the membership have paid their 2005 dues. If you have a red line on your address label either your dues are due or I have made a mistake. *Burt*

Classified Ads

Free to members!

1990 BMW K75 RT (750 cc) 66,000 miles in good condition-leather seat and cover- all maintenance records since new-asking \$3,200 call peter at 207-353-4206 lease contact Peter Asselyn at 353-4206.

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 carried in their catalog.



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Coming Events:

Nov. 17– Peter Asselyn, Turning Hollow Vessels

Dec. 15– Annual Christmas Party and Yankee Gift Swap at Round Top in Damariscotta, directions and complete info in Dec. newsletter

Jan. 2005– David Lancaster, back at Erskine Academy

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 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!***

Name:

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