

Mainiac Woodturner

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Alan Lacer: Sept. 10 at Erskine
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Free to members!



Chili pepper canteens by Alan Lacer—carry it with you to spice up your meal!

Go to Alan Lacer's website and you can learn how to turn Bocce balls. Then you can learn how to play bocce.

You can also learn how to spalt your own wood ("Place a freshly cut log section 2 to 3 ft. long upright on the bare ground. Put a shovel of dirt on the top end and cover it loosely with black plastic," is one method,) or get tips about sharpening or turning table legs or buying a lathe.

Alan Lacer has been a wood-



Alan Lacer (photo Silicon Valley Woodturners)

turner for over 20 years. But during that time he hasn't just turned wood. He's become a leading expert on the skew chisel (you can borrow the club's copy of his video on the subject), been president of the American Association of Woodturners, demonstrated in 35 states and taught woodturning everywhere. He's written articles on a broad range of technical and historical topics about woodturning. He knows a lot. By the time you spend a day with him, you will too.

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This demonstration is free to members! Bring \$5 if you want lunch provided (or bring your own lunch.) Non-members may attend for \$25, or pay \$30, become a member, and attend free!

Editor's note: I will be at my niece's wedding in Wisconsin September 10, so I have to miss this. But you don't! BE THERE!

If you can take pictures for the newsletter and website or can write up the demo, please see Mark Irving.

Classified Ads

Wanted to buy: I'm looking for a used lathe (to keep the cost down). I would prefer a Oneway, preferably a 20" or larger, but would settle for a 1640, should the price be right. Please contact Mark Irving.

For sale: General Lathe, model 260, purchased from Dave Lancaster a few years past. Contact Chaplain Warren S Doersam
Director of Maine Prison Ministry
Vision New England
207-722-3761 or mpm@nepm.org

Have a Lathe to Sell?? Albert Kolodji in Yarmouth is looking for a used lathe with a 16" or better swing in good to excellent condition. Call him at 846-1066.

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.

Mark Irving Knows How To Make a Rolling Pin!

Just before we all closed up shop for the summer (and hasn't it seemed short!) Mark Irving did a great job demo'ing the beautiful rolling pins he makes using a diagonal glue-up of birch, cherry, walnut and purpleheart.

As usual he did a great job. The best part of the demo was watching him hand sand, which he did leisurely and lovingly. Not everyone is a production turner. It doesn't always have to be fast and efficient. Sometimes we turn for the pleasure of the task, the sensuousness of the wood, the beauty of the finished item, or just the pleasure of being in the shop.

Your editor hopes all of you have had such moments at your lathe during the long summer days. And she hopes you will forgive her for not having a full story on Mark's great demo (having mentioned earlier that it has seemed an AWFULLY short summer!)

Consider checking out all the great videos that Burt Truman has so generously made of past demos. It's a good way to make up for what you missed, or remind you of what you've forgotten.

And consider writing up one of the next two demos yourself! If you can help, see Mark Irving.

Future Demonstrators:

Alan Lacer – September 2005
Michael Hosaluk – October 2005
Kim Dailey - November 2005 – Pen Turning
Xmas party – December 2005
Your Name Here – January 2006
Your Name Here - February 2006
Your Name Here- March 2006
Need to fill this in. - April 2006
Tool Making? – May 2006
? - June 2006

Announcements from the Prez

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

There will be extra tool rests made at the May meeting for sale as long as they last.

Round Top Center for the Arts

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.

As the Wood Turns: President Mark Irving



Summer has been pretty good so far. I didn't think it was going to be with the six weekends in a row of rain at the beginning. But the sun and the hot weather finally arrived. The big city of Bath, Maine, where I live, had its annual Heritage Days event during the fourth of July weekend. We (Cindy and I) made our usual trek down to the craft fair. Found a woodturner there. Can't remember his name though, as I sit here typing this. I've got it on a card he gave me, but who knows where that is. Probably right where all the rest of them are. If I felt like getting up from this desk chair to go get it I could actually put his name in here. But then I'd have to go back and delete all the stuff I've written so far and write something else. Not gonna happen. I'll save it for next month.

I also went out in the Kennebec River to watch the fireworks from the water this year. Never done that before in my own boat. Bath always has them on the last night of Heritage Days, which is usually a Monday, and NOT the actual 4th of July. Being on a Monday, I usually have to get up early to go to work the next day. And I keep my boat on the trailer, so if I put my boat in for the fireworks, I also have to take it out. With all the other boats in the river, there is a mad dash for the boat launch as soon as the fireworks are over. At least that's what I've heard from other people who have done this. If you're not first in line to take your boat out you'll be late getting home. Especially with all the stupid things people do at a boat launch. Boat launches make people stupid. I don't know why. Even I'm not immune.

I had trouble getting my boat up the ramp one day when I was pulling out after a day on the water. Turns out it's a lot easier to pull a boat out with the emergency brake off.

I've since seen other people do the same thing. They sit on the ramp, rev the engine and the vehicle doesn't move. They get out and have a look, wonder what's wrong, get back in and try again. Then you see them bend over the steering wheel and reach down and forward, and you hear that tell tale CLUNK of the emergency brake being released. And voila, the vehicle pulls the boat out. Amazing. I also saw a guy sink his truck completely out of site at the boat launch too, but that's another story. Maybe next month along with that woodturner's name.

So, you ask, why was I out on the water for the fireworks? Well, Bath, for some reason, decided to have fireworks on Sunday night and Monday night this year. So I decided to go out on Sunday night since I had the next day off. Ever try to find a completely unlit boat launch at night without a flashlight???

Everyone should check out the new web site that Andy Hoyt created for us, www.mainewoodturners.org. It looks great. Andy is looking for content, so if you have some, send it in. We have lots of space. Hope to see you all at the Alan Lacer demo in September. Keep the bevel rubbing
Mark

Whadda Website!

www.mainewoodturners.org

Thanks to Andy Hoyt, a one-year veteran of the club, we have just what we needed: a strong Internet presence. If you haven't visited www.mainewoodturners.org you need to put this newsletter down and go hunt it up!

Second thing you need to do is email Andy at aeh@downscaledesigns.com and send him some digital images of your turning that he can post on the site.

While you are at it, you might thank Andy for the great job he's done. There's lots of room to grow in the design he made (he's now adding past newsletters) but it won't become ours until we participate.



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Coming Events:

Alan Lacer, Sat. Sept. 10 9 a.m. Erskine
Michael Hosaluk, Sat. Oct. 8 9 a.m. Erskine

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 meeting is in the woodworking shop. (From the south and east take Route 17 to 32 N. In about 9 miles at the top of a hill, Erskine Academy will be on the left. Turn onto the street at the north side of the school grounds. The woodworking shop is the first building 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:
Phone:
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