

Maine Woodturners

April 2007-- Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of Maine Woodturners was held at Erskine Academy on Wednesday the 18th. President Peter McCrea opened the meeting at 6:55 PM with a welcoming introduction of numerous guests and noted the return of lifetime honorary member Carleton Runnels. There were approximately 46 members and 6 guests at the meeting. Two of those guests (Bob Joy and Doug Blasius) joined on the spot.

Burt Truman reported that the roll call now tallies 89 members and 3 students.

Peter reported that the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship's "Maine Wood 2008" show is now a reality and has put out a call for entries. Details will appear on our website soon.

Peter also reported that John McAlevey is selling his Powermatic 3520A since he's upgrading to a Oneway 2436. Details will be on the club website soon.

It was reported that Secretary Tom Raymond is home recovering from surgery. Hope all is going well Tom, and that we'll see you next month.

A discussion then ensued about the way we have been posting images on the website and how that impacts those visitors who have dial up connections to the Internet. Since it seems as though this affects nearly one half of the membership, it was decided to undertake a trial period of switching to the thumbnail approach of image management. We'll do this for tonight's meeting (as well as May and June) and then reassess the matter after the summer hiatus.

Kim Dailey sent us a reminder that Michael Allison is demoing on Saturday May 5th in Dixfield at the regular monthly meeting of the Western Maine Woodturners. Lunch is included in the modest \$25 fee. Contact Kim for more details.

Kim also reported that he is now able to offer special discounts on your purchases from the Penn State Industries catalog.

The last two demos of our current season will include Andy Hoyt next month on winged bowls, and special guest Matthew Hill on lidded containers in June.

Ken Keoughan described the transition of the Roundtop Woodturning School to "The Woodturning School". It will remain in Damariscotta and hopefully be back up and running in May. There are links on our website to the school's site.

With no new or recurring business to attend to we transitioned into Peter McCrea's demo on walking sticks and then into the Show and Tell portion with fifteen pieces for review.

The meeting concluded at precisely 9:00 PM.

Andy Hoyt – VP
For Secretary Tom Raymond