



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

March 2010

March 17  
Meeting

# *A special night of Activities*

*AUCTION* plus much more ...

Wixey Angle Measure

Cherry Burls

Shop Talk

Great Conversation

Keith Tompkins Gage't

Treknow Turners of  
Great Britain — phase one

Good Coffee

Turning Stock

Good Donuts

## Speaking Of...

BY ANDY HOYT

Greetings and Salutations all!

I opened this message last month with the following statement:

Wow! It got all the way up to 33° here today. Another thirty-five or forty days like that and the ice on my driveway will be gone.

And today I'm amazed, bewildered, worried, and even happy that the ice is all gone and it only took twenty-two days. What's up with that? Oh, and while you're coming up with an answer for that, please also tell me where Mud Season got off to.



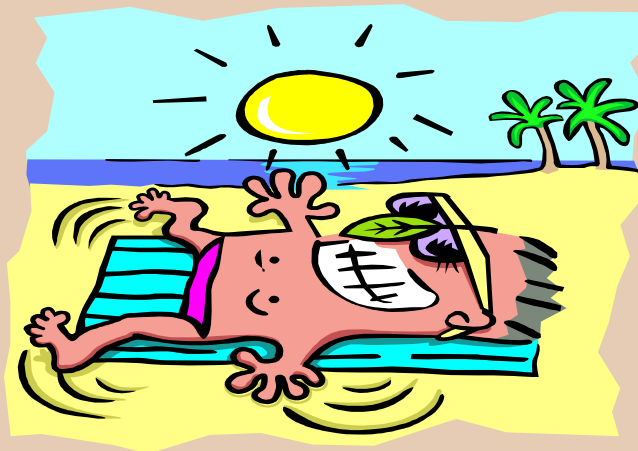
We've got some fun stuff set up for our meeting this Wednesday and I hope to see a lot of you there. What excites me the most this month is that the bulk of the meeting's schedule is focused on doing pretty much nothing. Nothing in this instance is defined by hot coffee, bagels, wood auctions, doughnuts, selection of the turning that will be sent off to the Treknow Turners in Great Britain as phase one of our effort to raise funds for the folks at Life Flight, soda pop, and good old hanging out and chatting it up with fellow turners. And yes, there will be a Show and Tell session, so bring in whatever you've got.

I sent out an email to the membership Friday morning alerting all to the fact that Dennis Curtis has taken on coordination duties for the purpose of allowing all of us acquire some Anchorseal at a reduced price. If the email happened to pass you by, feel free to contact Dennis via email at [info@curtisworks.com](mailto:info@curtisworks.com). Your price for a five-gallon bucket of this magical glop is just \$60, and the ordering period will end on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Dennis will effect delivery to you at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at Erskine. Should five gallons be far more than you need, let Dennis know. Perhaps he can link you up with another individual with similar needs.

Time to end this missive – the sun is still shining and I feel the need to work on my tan.

See you Wednesday,

Andy



**AUCTION**

# **CHERRY BURLS**

Pictured below are the cherry burls that have been donated to the Maine Woodturners for our auction night on Wednesday March 17th.



These Burls measure 10 to 15 inches in diameter.

*Do not miss out on this opportunity to purchase some of these burls.*



*All of these burls were donated.*

*Please show your gratitude for this gift by supporting this auction with your bids.*

*From the Secretary*

**TOM RAYMOND**

The Maine Woodturners February meeting was held at Erskine Academy on Saturday the 13th.

President Andy Hoyt opened the meeting at 9:04 AM. Thirty four members and guests were present. He introduced 4 guests to the membership.

Andy announced that Ken Lindgren from Norwood , MA would be the guest speaker for the day. Ken is a full time Woodturner and a retired Chemical Engineer.

Peter McCrea announced that he had procured a piece of the famous tree in Yarmouth called Herbie for us to take a look at.

Andy said there is a large Vicmarc lathe for sale if anyone is interested.

Ken Lindgren's lecture started at 9:09 AM and ended at 3 PM with a break for lunch.

Tom Raymond, Sec.



*Turning selection for*

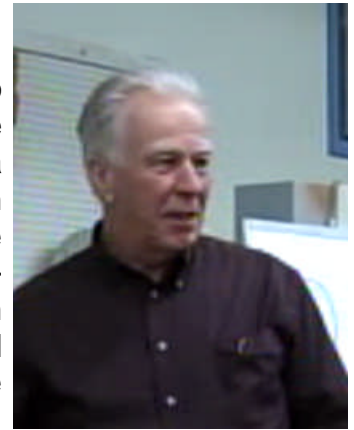
*Ireknow Turners in Great Britain*



## **Ken Lindgren Demo**

February 13, 2010

Over the past forty years I have met two real life actual geniuses. Men who have tipped the bell curve upside and inside out. In each encounter I learned a life- long lesson. The first was in a boring classroom session with the man who help author the US Tax Code on pension law and life insurance. He seemed as bored with giving the lecture as I was to be sitting there listening to it. So, when Q and A time came and he said," Are there any tough questions?" Mine was the first hand raised in the group of 40 experienced insurance agents and before being called on I semi shouted," Yes, have you stop beating your wife yet?"



A hush fell over the audience and he quickly answered without any emotion;" Not tough enough!" From that I learned to keep my brain engaged in the work and my mouth closed. Some would say I may still have a way to go but I was a brass without the br to this man and I deserved his contempt. My second encounter with great mind was in March 2002, I was visiting in-laws and was introduced to the great uncle. In a few short minutes I found myself in a discussion on mathematics and literature. For the next hour or so I sat transfixed as this mind shared the complex thought of how the two merge and interact with each other. At the end of the brief conversation I had to gulp for air and shake my head to get more blood to my brain. This was a once in a life time experience having this genius sit and talk to me. I knew very well that I was nowhere near his intellectual thoughts. But I listened and sat in awe of the knowledge he shared.



So, what does this have to do with a Saturday in February 2010, just that I really took the time to watch the video of Ken Lindgren and listen to him explain his method of work process and how he attempts to be, "on the outboard end of the bell curve" and to accept the rule that "except for Safety there are no rules".

But, to find a theme to his demonstration you have to go into the second DVD into the 57th minute where he really tells us that he is here for two reasons:

To explore the possibilities of a piece of wood he placed on the lathe.

To answer any questions we may have (about him, his process, his...)

Oh there are some nice little tidbits on information in the first DVD just like my first genius. Where he started to discuss the 10 bullets for woodturning but got sidetracked to another subject and never got beyond number 1. Or as the groups ears perked up when he said, "NO one can teach 'feel' ..." then trail off to another subject. Or "You evolve into this (being a better/different turner) slowly" by turning more and more.



## *Lindgren Demo* Continued

He did a little turning on a 1 ½ by 2 x 12 piece that was faceplated on the lathe to show how to turn from wood to air. He used golfing terms to describe how to hold the handle and turn the tool into the wood. To show us to “take the obvious and turn it from between center to a faceplate”. “So my design mind can...” see a different angle. Then off to a new subject.



But wait there's more to Ken Lindgren. For all the stops and starts and all the half finished ideas and thoughts please skip the first DVD and go to the second one and start at the 57th minute of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DVD.

Here is where Ken just becomes engaging and noteworthy. When the question is asked, “How do you price your work?” For the next twenty minutes it's a nonstop oration on how to price (SWAG is his best idea) and what to market; Thin walls vs. Thick walls; Art vs. Function; Art Fairs vs. Craft Fairs. Ken talked about how to assess value to a piece and used his teardrop sculpture as an example where he shared the back story of the piece and his inspiration.

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NOW that got our attention.

At last he disengages from this train of thought and places a second slab of wood on the lathe and starts to give us more defined teaching moments.

At the beginning of the afternoon session someone in our group clearly stated our purpose for having Ken with us. “You have a great deal of information for us and we want to hear it”.

So, to be on Ken's outboard end of the bell curve: Ugly is Beautiful, Safety is the only rule, Create a design mind, Turn the obvious around, Creep up on the work and Be patient with the process.

Well, he may not make my genius list but at the end of the day Ken Lindgren left me scratching my head and wondering what the heck happened on that Saturday in February 2010.

Later— back to making something ugly.

*Chuck Sequín*



March 17

Mixed bag - chicken soup - a little of this & that



Auction—Great Britain turning selection  
other good happenings—coffee—good eats—good time

March 27 & 28

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**Saratoga Springs, New York**



May

**STILL A MYSTERY**



June 12

**DAVE BARRIGER**

Florida

**EXTRA DEMO**

June 26

**DENISE DeROSE**

Oakland, California

*"Thinking outside the box"*

Meetings are held at the Industrial Arts shop

Erskine Academy

309 Windsor Road (route 32), South China, Maine

Our regular meetings are the third Wednesday of each month  
(except July and August there are no meetings)

**Show and Tell Photos @ 6:30**

**Demo @ 7 PM**

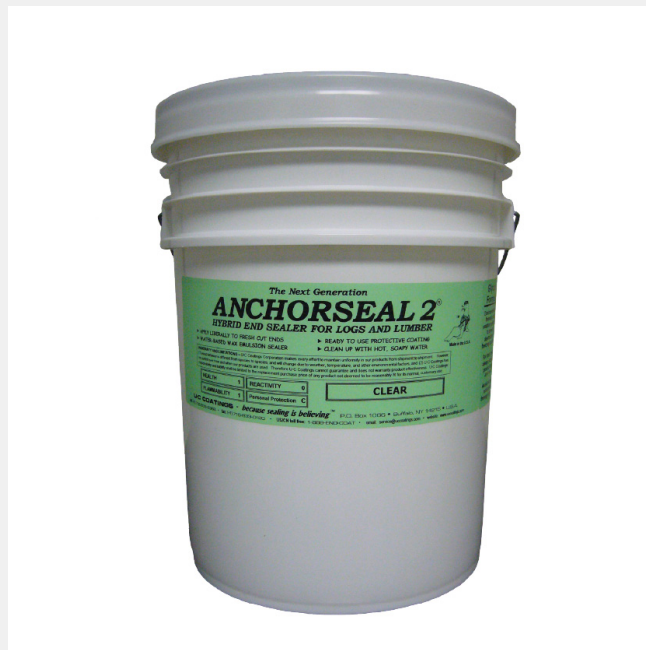


## ANCHORSEAL — SPECIAL PURCHASE

Dennis Curtis has made arrangements to make a bulk purchase of Anchorseal in 5 gallon pails for the price of \$60.00.

If you purchase this type of product locally by the gallon it will cost approximately \$175.00 for a 5 gallon equivalent!

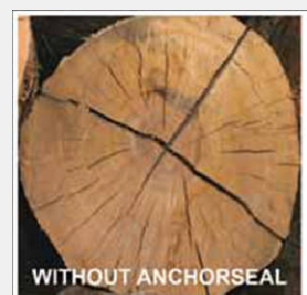
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