

February 2013

# Peter Asselyn

Will be our demonstrator On February 20th









#### Peter's statement from his website

"I have been working with wood all my life building houses with my dad since I could walk. When I was old enough I went into the Air Force and worked on aircraft electronics. But the love for wood in all different aspects was always there. After the air Force I worked almost 25 years as a telephone lineman.

I started turning in 1995, shortly after I retired from Nynex. I started out on a small lathe that dad had given to me, three lathes later I know I have discovered my passion. It is important to understand where someone has been as well as where they are going. I have found myself looking for and trying to develop a signature series that is all mine, something that not only shares my past but the past of others. "





What a blizzard that was. My drafty old farm buildings had as much snow inside as outside. This put my tramping around trying to spot burls and the elusive ambrosia on hold for awhile. Burl hunting is kinda like going fishing or hunting. Enjoying the experience, letting the little ones go till they get bigger and harvesting what you need, then taking um home, gutten 'um out and savoring the results.

After a great demo from Peter McCrea turning urns in Jan and Peter Asselyn's lampshade this month, my thoughts go to all the new people in the last couple years. I think it's time to do a few demos with some back to basics What do you want? Having trouble turning a bowl? A live edge one? Can't figure how to make a box With a matching top from same piece? Tear out issues? Can't sharpen tools?

Email or feel free to call me if you want to request a particular demo. My tentative plans for next month are to turn a couple of bowls from a single hunk of tree. One regular and one natural edge. Do you want to demo? Or know someone you want to see?

I'm Looking forward to Totally turning in NY the weekend after our March meeting. I've Never been but sounds like quite a show especially with the woodworkers showcase right with it. A chance to meet some of the stars. Will I see you there?

Thanks everyone for the setup and teardown help last meeting, this is what makes it a club when everyone pitches on with whatever they can do, be it setting up chairs or a table, running a camera or doing a demo or making a bowl for donation or holding an office. The list goes on.....

We should be turning those senior class benefit bowls we promised in to Dave Barden by March meeting.

If you see a camera in your face it may just be someone working on getting a mug shot for web page update.

Join us Wednesday and lets see that lampshade take shape!

#### Secretary's Report

The January Maine Woodturners meeting was held at Erskine Academy in South China, Maine on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Forty six members and guests were in attendance.

President Lanny Dean opened the meeting at 7PM by recognizing several guests in attendance He next reminded the membership about Dave Barden's request for 7 bowls for the senior class fund raiser. He asked for a show of hands from the members on how many could supply Dave with bowls. Lanny said that 50% of the membership have joined the club since 2009.

Lanny then announced that Peter McCrea would be tonight's demonstrator on turning and urn from green brown ash. Peter said he uses 200 cubic inches for the capacity of his urns. His demo ended at 8:37PM Peter McCrea also hosted the Show and Tell table until the meeting ended at 8:50 PM Tom Raymond Sec.

January

### SHOW & TELL











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**Chuck Seguin** 







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**Dave Russell** 





## Peter McGrea's January demo photos























