



Maine Woodturners

Newsletter

JUNE 2016



JUNE Demo will feature

DIXIE BIGGS

Surface Embellishments - from simple to simplifying the complex

By way of introduction, I will start out with a short Power Point slide presentation showing my beginnings of working with wood and woodturning. I will begin by demonstrating several easy surface embellishments using tools most everyone has on the shelf in their shop, such as, a Dremel rotary tool and engraver. I will show how you can enhance these pieces with the use of dyes, grain fillers and colored waxes. I will then move through some simple power carving techniques. Then progress to my relief carving techniques with the use of a rotary micro-motor carver. I will take you, step by step, through my process from layout to detail carving. Discussion will include tools, bits and sanding tips. I will finish up with some painting steps.

Dixie Biggs makes her home in Gainesville, FL, and has been a full-time studio woodturner/artist since 1989. Having a degree in agriculture from the University of Florida and a love of gardening, much of her work incorporates botanical themes. She is best known for her meticulously-carved, "leaf wrapped" vessels. She has exhibited her work in such notable venues as the Smithsonian Craft Show, Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, and del Mano Gallery. Her work is in public and private collections worldwide. Dixie teaches at craft schools, symposia, and clubs across the country and has been featured in Woodturning magazine, among other publications.

For more on Dixie's work, visit dixiebiggs.com.

—————→ **SATURDAY – JUNE 25, 2016** ←————

9AM to 4PM NO Show & Tell

All-Purpose Room, Erskine Academy,
309 Windsor Rd., South China, ME 04358

Some of Dixie's work



Natural History by Dixie Biggs, cherry
(5" dia. x 5"), 2006



Feeling Lucky II by Dixie Biggs, holly and
acrylic paint (3" dia. x 5"), 2011



Sakura



Lucky twist III

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The May 2016 meeting of Maine Woodturners was held on Wednesday the 18th at Erskine Academy in South China, Maine. Thirty Two members and one guest were in attendance.

President Brian Libby opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

The two new Nova Comet 2 lathes with turning tools and chucks purchased with AAW grant monies were on display. The cost was about \$1700.

Brian announced that AAW offers a 60 day guest membership program now.

Then he continued with election of a new President and Vice President for the next 2 years. The new officers will be taking over after the June meeting.

Vice President Al Mather was nominated for President and the vote for was unanimous.

There were no nominations or volunteers for Vice President.

The June meeting will be at Erskine Academy on Saturday the 25th. Dixie Biggs will be the demonstrator.

Damon Harmon started his demonstration at 7:13 PM with the basics of spindle turning and the proper use of the turning tools then he switched to turning a small bowl. His demo ended at 8:05 PM.

Brian Libby hosted the show and tell table followed by a raffle of Craft Supplies \$10 gift certificates.

The meeting ended at 8:15 PM

Tom Raymond, Sec.



Dixie Biggs is a Saturday
All-day demo

SHOW & TELL



Steve Tofield



Dave Russell



Mark Irving



Tom Raymond



Don Rawnsley

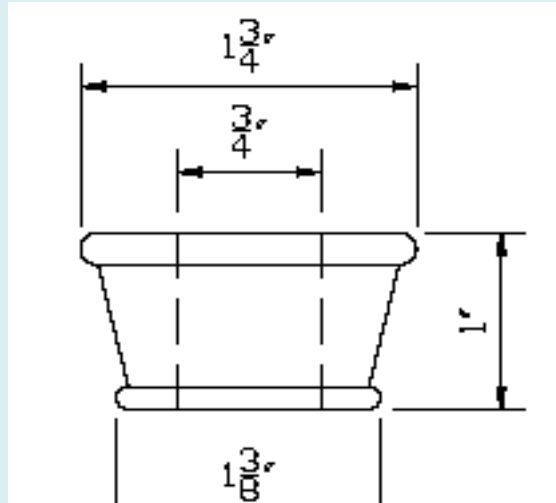


Al Mather



Don't forget about Eagle Cane Adaptors

Eagle cane adaptors are always needed.



A radius at both top and bottom is desired.
This makes for a nicer transition.

