

CNY Wood turners

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NEXT MEETING:

Thurs eve. June 14@6:30 PM @ the log cabin on the NYS Fairgrounds. Peter will talk about vacuum chucking. Please note the day change... the meeting is on **Thursday !**

GALLERY:

Don't forget to bring any turned items to show. They may be "works in progress" as well. Any new tools you have can also shown as well.

WORKSHOP MTG:

There will be a hands-on workshop mtg at my shop in Utica area on Saturday June 16 beginning @ 9:00AM.

LOOKING AHEAD

In September Geo. Hatfield will be returning from Australia for a weekend demo followed by two days of hands-on workshops. Also on Nov3,4,&5 Al Stirt from Vermont will be doing the same format. Al is predominately a bowl turner. Geo. Is a spindle turner.

OFFICERS:

Pres: Gene Harmon
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May Meeting:

Our May meeting was held at the Log cabin at the NYS Fairgrounds on Tuesday evening May 8th at 6:30 PM. There were twenty members in attendance with several new members present. Welcome to the new members!

Gene reviewed the month's correspondence beginning with a letter from Bonnie Klein representing the AAW. Bonnie was asking for club support to help underwrite AAW sponsored liability insurance which costs the AAW approximately \$75 per chapter. The club agreed to donate the full amount to the AAW. Gene emphasized that in order to be covered by this insurance you must be a member of the AAW. Consequently, during club sponsored public demonstrations, only AAW members should participate. It was also emphasized that the annual AAW membership fee of \$30 is a real bargain considering all the benefits, especially the AAW Journal.

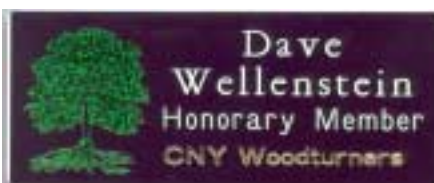
Discussion of Australian turner George Hatfield's demonstration and workshop ensued. George will be coming in September for a repeat engagement with new material. Among his new repertoire will be a cabriolet leg, a lamp, and a picture frame. Following his day-long demonstration at my workshop there will be two one day hands-on workshops where everyone participating will have their own lathe. This will be a great opportunity particularly for novice turners and those new members who have not seen George demonstrate.

Through very shrewd trading in the commodities market Howard Ahders, our treasurer, has managed to parlay the club treasury to \$3635 ! There was discussion about spending some money on educational opportunity grants. It was agreed that for the time being we could spend some monies subsidizing the workshop portions of our visiting turners which allows more members to participate in them. Also, monies will have to be spent to acquire the new Oneway 1018 lathe and tooling for the club. The new lathe will probably be available for the guest workshops.

Under old business examples of the new club logo and banner were passed around for discussion, comment, and voting. In Mel Taber's absence final decision was tabled. The Craft Supplies bulk order is complete except for Gene's Steb center which is back ordered.

Under new business Peter announced he has managed to set up a club tour of the Ideal Wood Products factory in Little Falls. This is a plant that specializes in turned wood products for the furniture industry. This was set up for the second shift (after 5PM) on Wednesday May 23rd. It will begin at 7PM. Plans were made for two NYS Thruway rendezvous points.

Also under new business the club agreed to sponsor Al Stirt from Enosberg Falls, Vermont to be our second guest turner for the year. Al is an internationally known bowl turner with an excellent teaching style. Al has taught at Arrowmont, Anderson Ranch, Campbell folk school, and numerous AAW and Utah symposia. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn from a world-class turner at minimal expense. Al will be here November 3-5, so plan ahead.



Also under the heading of new business I would like to humbly thank Gene, Peter, and the rest of the club for bestowing honorary member status to me.

Millie Bankert from the New York State Historical Society was our guest speaker. Millie who is the curator of the agricultural museum at the fairgrounds recounted some of the history of the museum and her current involvement with the wood turners (she wouldn't say who she was involved with!) Daniel Witter founded the museum many years ago when the fair was primarily an agricultural exposition. Obviously, over the years the Fair has evolved into a populist event with agriculture and crafts having a lesser but still important role.

Doug Davenport was the first wood turner to involve himself at the museum by giving miniature and treadle –lathe demonstrations during fair time. After the club was formed with Doug as a founding member, the club's involvement with the NYS Fair followed with our first participation in the 2000 Fair. Millie described our participation as a resounding success and outlined the role we can play in this year's Fair. Electric lathes can be used for demos in the tent for eight days with both AM and PM sessions. The treadle lathe can be demo'd inside most any time. Millie's tips for demonstrators were to be yourselves and use whatever style you are comfortable with. She stated that every demonstrator this year was excellent and singled Bill Ward out for special praise (see paragraph one).

Millie, who is the founder of "Friends of the Witter Agricultural Museum" stated that over 70,000 people went through the ag museum during the twelve days of the fair and therefore potentially saw the woodturning presentation.

Gene presented Millie with the results of the "top turning" competition which was between 300-400 hand turned children's spinning tops. These will be given to children during ag museum events and tours. Also given was an honorary membership to the club as well as the gift of a Bob Rosand acorn box. Millie's presentation was well received and everyone seems to be looking forward to much more collaboration with Millie and the NYS Fair.



As part of this month's meeting we were to bring home-made fixtures and jigs which we use to aid in turning. Peter showed a modified holesaw he uses to make sanding discs from bulk paper from Klingspoo. He also brought a hairdryer (but I forgot what he did with it!) he was having a bad hair day.

Gene showed several machinist made metal jigs for drilling holes for decorative inserts in woodturnings.

I brought the new 3M respirator helmet which is a self-contained unit with the blower and filter built into the helmet.

NEWSLETTER NEWS:

Last month's electronic publication of the newsletter seemed to go well with only several people not receiving it (wrong email addresses). This month the newsletter will be mailed **only** to those of you without email capability (approx 6 members). The rest of you will receive this 3-5 minutes after I am done with it and in full color ! If you would like a paper copy simply print it out. If you have changed you email address or did not receive last month's issue please let me know by email: dwellen@adelphia.net. I will be away June 6 the through 9th to attend the Utah woodturning symposium. Hopefully, we will be able to write some articles about that trip. Also, if you know of potential club members please feel free to forward them a copy of the newsletter or let me know and I can do it. Please direct criticisms, comments, etc. to the above email address.

I am working on a portable photo setup with lighting and a background to improve the quality of the gallery photos for future issues. If you piece isn't in the gallery this month it is because some of them got inadvertently zapped during the editing process (sorry).

JUNE INSTANT GALLERY:



Bill Ward



Greg K.



Peter Fedrigo



John McCloud



Gary Markle



Mark Crandall



Bob Post