



Finger Lakes Woodturners II

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Rochester Woodworkers Society



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WOODCRAFT in Henrietta, NY at 6:30 PM

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From the Board by Jerry Sheridan

There is certainly no end to the sources that we, as woodturners, can go to for helpful information, whether it be turning technique, project ideas, finishing information, help with sharpening, or even inspiration. Between books, videos, monthly magazines subscriptions, AAW quarterly journals, and the internet, we would be very challenged to find an issue or topic that we could not get some help or information on. Another source of information to expand on would be the several regional seminars, most of which are within a reasonable driving distance. These meetings generally schedule a line up of local, national, and international talent. As an example, the Yankee Woodturning Symposium held this past June In Connecticut was sponsored by seven local clubs. Some of the many featured presenters included: Rick Angus - Natural edge winged bowls, Jimmy Clewes - Oriental boxes and colored platters, Mike Hosaluk - Advanced spindle turning, Angelo Infrate - Turning palm nuts, Ken Lindgren - Dealing with bark, cracks, and voids.

The Totally Turning Symposium held in Albany, N.Y. recently featured Kip Christensen - 10 projects, fast and fun; Inlaid boxes; and woodturning design, Brian McEvoy- two piece hollowing and use of the boring bar, JoHannes Michelsen - Wooden hats, Alan Lacer- Befriending the skew, sharpening, and turning a lidded box, Bruce Hoover- Sanding secrets, Andre Martel- Turning lampshades, and the list goes on and on.

As you can see, these symposiums offer a broad spectrum of woodturning information. Also, if you happen to show up with any extra money in your pocket, there are many vendors at these meetings, displaying tools, wood and accessories that you absolutely cannot live without. These shows also have an instant gallery where you see some great work and get some useful ideas.

Upcoming Events

November 2007 - discussion of the
Tops for Children's Hospital

December 20 - Christmas Social
Meeting with both groups.

January 11- 13 - Florida Annual
Wood Turning Symposium

June 20 to 22 - AAW Symposium,
Richmond Virginia

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Last Months Demo by Ed DeMay

Last months demo was about making Christmas Ornaments, given by Jim Hotaling , Shirley Robbins and Rick Diehl. I am sure it was well received and very informative. My apologies for not being there and not having more to report on this demo. Many thanks to the presenters for their time and efforts.



Getting to Know Each Other by Ed DeMay

Over this summer my wife's sister went to a Craft Show in their hometown of St. Poelten, Austria. At the show she saw a local turner, Carl Schnauer, displaying his wares and knowing of my interest in Turning she picked up a brochure and sent it along to us. In early October Margarete and I went to visit her family in Austria and made plans to visit Carl. Carl and his wife Trude live in Upper Austria in a valley called the Ennstal. If any one could pick a perfect location for inspiration it would be in the mountains where Carl's shop is located. The Shop



and Gallery are located within walking distance of a small village of in Upper Austria. Carl and his wife Trude were ever so gracious when we arrived and gave us the grand tour of Carl's shop and their Gallery. They own an old farmhouse, where he converted the old stable into his woodshop. The old hayloft serves as their showroom. Around their house they created a park like setting, where they enjoy relaxing. While Carl is a turner his wife makes pottery items and they share the Gallery. Carl says that they provide each other with inspiration and



support. Carl stated that he had a back ground in electrical work and he had been doing woodworking for 20 years as a hobby, but now he has turned it to his main profession. He enjoys doing Yoga and has found working with wood at his lathe is giving him the same meditation effect. He gets all of his wood from our surrounding area and orchards working with dry or wet wood. Carl says "I feel the Forest earns our respect, as each tree is different, with his markings, color and smell."
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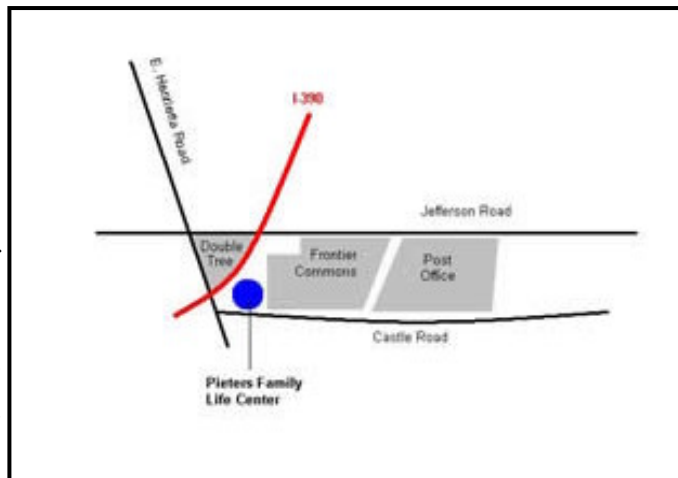
(Carl Schnauer Continued from Page 3) I work with wood from a tree, which has been standing at the same spot for hundreds of years. My creations come during the time I am turning, because I work with the grain of the wood, so I can bring justice to the woods character. I feel that the soul of the tree continues in my work. The surrounding mountains and Forests of this National Park inspire my work and supply me with all the raw material I need to make my creations.” The different Techniques I learned from taking Turning Classes (Melvyn Firmager) and from the various books, first and foremost from the Magazine “WOODTURNING.” As you can see Carl has been a good student and stated that he particularly likes the large turnings. Many of his turnings start out in the 600 plus pound range. I want to thank Carl and Trude for graciously taking time to chat with my family and friends and showing us their little slice of their Austrian Paradise. We spoke of the possibility of Carl some day coming to our part of the world to visit and if that comes about I will try to plan it around one of our meetings. Carl certainly showed that there is really an bond among Woodturners with his hospitality. See more of Carl and Trude’s work at their website www.creationschnauer.at.



From the Editor by Ed DeMay

Just some word to let everyone know of some items that might be of interest, some of this may be covered by Jerry at the next meeting. If any one has any interest in a “Treadle Lathe” please contact Mike Hachey chair of Finger Lakes Wood Turners I. It was purchased by the turning Sig and did not prove out to be a viable asset for the SIG and it is up for sale again. Mike has the details

Our Christmas party will be held at the Pieters Family Life Center, 1025 Commons Way, Rochester, NY on December 20, 2007. They are just off of East Henrietta Road (E. Henrietta Road is highway at the west end of the Woodcraft parking Lot) First left over the Expressway (Castle Road) and left into the parking lot. We will be starting at 6:00 PM and the menu will be



pizza, wings and soft drinks catered by the Life Center Staff. We will need reservations by December 10th. Please let me know if you are coming by either phone 585-924-5265 or edemay@rochester.rr.com. Additionally there will be a tool swap there and tool sale. Tool swaps and sales are strictly between you and the purchaser, so please attach a note with your name, price etc so the buyer can locate you for the deal of a life time.

Those of you that would like to Mentor another person, please let us know we are putting together a list to let others know where to turn if they have questions or want help. You can use the email address or send me a note with your information on it and I will compile a list for distribution.

We are going to have a show and tell period for the evening so bring an item for the Instant Gallery.

Keep turning and make lots of chips

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