



Finger Lakes Woodturners II

a Special Interest Group of the
Rochester Woodworkers Society



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Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month at
WOODCRAFT in Henrietta, NY at 6:30 PM

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Upcoming Events

Sept 15 - Mike Mascelli finishing with off the shelf products

Oct 12-13 - Totally Turning - Albany, NY www.totallyturning.org.
RWS at Woodcraft

Sept 22 8-3 PM Grizzly Giant Tent Sale, Muncy, PA. www.grizzly.com.

Oct - Christmas Ornaments with Jim Hotaling and Rick Diehl.

Nov - discussion of the Tops for Children's Hospital

Dec - Christmas Social Meeting with both groups.

From the Chair

 by Jerry Sheridan

Well here we go with the first meeting of the 2007-2008 Finger Lakes Wood Turners II turning year. There are many new changes and some exciting things planned for the year the biggest being the formation of two turning clubs. The Board met several times during the summer to plan for the up coming year. The meetings will start promptly at 6:30 to allow speakers and the entire group to get the most out of the time allowed, so come early to socialize and find a seat. Dues for the up coming year have increased to \$20.00 for old members and \$25.00 new members. The additional \$5.00 partially covers the notebook with the club covering the rest of the cost. Any one having some thing that they think would be a good addition to the note book please contact Jerry Sheridan or Mike Hachey (RFLWT I). It will be reviewed for inclusion in the future. Doug Crittenden is the new Treasurer and will be accepting dues as each meeting. Please be sure to wear your "NAME TAG". Getting to know each other is a priority for this year.

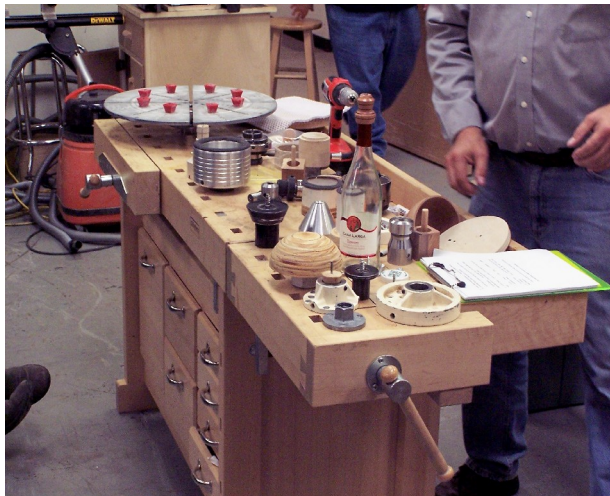
The show and tell portion of the meeting is going to expand a little bit. Please be prepared to talk a little bit about your item such as: type of wood, how long did it take to make, where did the design come from, did you have to make a jig or fixture to complete it, tools that you used, did you encounter any problems, and the type of finish you use and why that type of finish, etc. Everyone has a success story to share and you might provide the inspiration to others as well as new techniques

There will be the usual 50/50 drawing each week. We are going to implement a "For Sale Table". This will be anything that you want to offer for sale and the deal is between you and the buyer. The club is only providing the space and will not be involved with the sale items.

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Last Months Demo by Ed DeMay

The last meeting's demo was on chucking methods. I asked to do this demonstration as many members have said that they want to turn but do not have a budget that allows the purchase of chucks like the Oneway Stronghold, the Talon Chuck and many others that many times run upwards of \$250.00 or more. As I said at the meeting the modern chucks in their current state have really been in existence for 15 + years. Now granted some turners were using metalworking 3 and 4 jawed chucks but not to any great degree. In the past they were using face plates, glue blocks, screw chucks, jam chucks and a lot of imagination.



The modern chucks allow us to complete a project faster as for the most part we are not waiting for glue to dry. But it only takes a tour of museums or trip on the internet to make us realize that some very fine work was being accomplished for a few thousand years before the current line of chucks came into existence. Now having said all of that I would not want to give up my vacuum chuck setup or the Oneway chucks I own but when I turn a burl with bark inclusions and holes the vacuum chuck does not work and I resort to other methods. Like many items that appear in the many catalogs that we all receive they

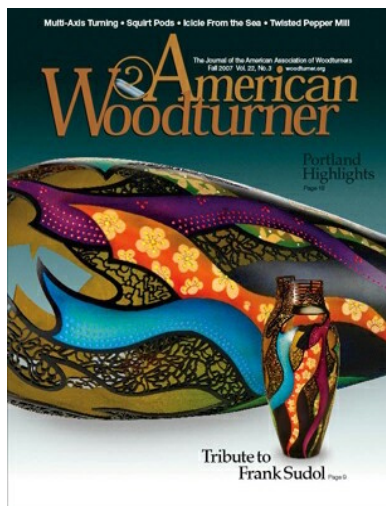
do make life easier but only practice and more practice will make us better turners. I want to thank all of the members that brought in chucks and for their assisted in giving an explanation of how they are used. Hopefully those members who have not purchased the chucks now realize that they can turn many items of distinction. Not only that but they now have a bowl or other object and a task designed chuck to bring to the instant gallery to share with others.



Interesting & Informative by Jim Hotaling



Recently RWS hosted Cindy Drozda of Boulder, Colorado for three workshops and a lecture at St John Fisher College on Friday evening. I was unable to attend any of the workshops because of other commitments, namely the 2007 American Heart Walk. I did however manage to attend the Friday lecture. After her slide show of her signature turnings, she discussed the topic of technique and design. Of particular interest to me were her comments concerning “plagiarism” as it applies to woodturning. In the Spring 2005 Issue of the American Woodturner, the subject of plagiarism was addressed in depth. It did not seem to help me address whether or not I had committed plagiarism thus far in my career. In the past fifteen years I had copied Bob Rosand’s miniature birdhouses as well as his Christmas ornaments. Was I a plagiarizer for doing this? Cindy stated that she never worried about someone copying her work as it gave her a feeling that she was good in the technique and design area. Her bottom line to the subject of plagiarism was simply stated “If you follow me (copy) you will always be second.” That short statement had a profound meaning to me. What about you? If you have any comments or thoughts on this subject please send me a note and I will use it in up coming FLWT II Newsletter ...edemy@rochester.rr.com. Thanks Ed.



From the Editor by Ed DeMay

Welcome to the new year of the Finger Lakes Wood Turners II. Lots of changes have happened over the last year most notably the division into two wood turning groups. This change has been received with mixed emotions from both sides of the aisle. A number of members of both groups have stepped forward and volunteered a lot of time going over all of the possibilities in a effort to make this transition proceed as smoothly as possible. The majority of time was spent discussing and going over what I call the “what if” possibilities. The “what if” possibilities included “what if” we do this?, “what if” someone doesn’t like this?, “what if” we change this?, etc. For every change, thought and idea there were pro’s and con’s. Believe me the group was very concerned over the fact that some one or any one would leave the group because of this change. Our biggest challenge was trying to find some place to meet that could accommodate close to 100 people, provide video/audio equipment, in a location that allowed everyone to have the best view and receive the most from the demo’s provided at a minimal cost or for free. Next issue was the fact of parking for 100 people, as well as having a place to store our lathes. Having to move them in and out each week is not a desirable trait. Lastly was the support that we have received from Sean at Woodcraft. I do not mean to bore you with this rehash of the reasons that we split and formed Finger Lakes Wood Turners I & II. It is very important to all of us who were involved that everyone else realize what was involved and the continued success of both groups was the first and foremost priority.

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We will be making “tops” for the local children's hospital. Dale Osborn will be demonstrating how to make them better, faster and with more decorating at the September Meeting. In December they along with the Tops from FLWT I will be delivered to the hospital.

We also want to establish a list of those members that will mentor other members. In this list please tell us what your specialty is and you availability. Doug will be collecting the information and we will make it available to each member. This is a great way to share knowledge and get to know others within the club. Also from time to time we may be asked to provide a demonstration for a civic group school, or public demo. This also is a great opportunity to make new friends, contacts, and possibility be asked to turn items for fun and profit. You just never know who is attending a demo.

Thursday is the start of a great new year !!!

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