



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

May Mtg - David Byrne - Metal Spinning

June 20 to 22 - AAW Symposium, Richmond Virginia

June 14 & 15 - The Woodturning School Damariscotta, Maine - Texturing, embellishing and Enhancing

July 27 to Aug 1 - John C. Campbell Folk School - Bowls and Hollow Vessels

From the Board by Jerry Sheridan

Time moves too fast. It seems like yesterday we were preparing for our September meeting, and here we are, today, preparing for our final meeting of the season. We hope we have been able to arrange demo's that have been useful to all our members, regardless of your skill level. We covered chucking methods, making tops, bottle stoppers, Christmas tree ornaments, and kitchen utensils. Also, demo/discussions on finishing, sharpening, dust collection and wood safety. We certainly have to appreciate so many of our members who worked hard putting these demo's together. Obviously, their preparation alone had to be very time consuming. Also, our thanks go to Dave Schaefer for the outstanding camerawork. There is no end to topics that can be covered at our future meetings. Please give some thought to topics you would like to see covered in the future.

Our final meeting of the season promises to be one of our best. FLWT member, David Byrne, will share his metal spinning expertise. It should be fun to see how our interest and equipment could have a natural progression into metal spinning. Dave has a very interesting background in the Rochester Woodworking Community. We hope you share our excitement about Dave's presentation.

Let's take a moment to talk about RWS future. Certainly, by now, you know that Sean, at Woodcraft, will no longer be able to meet our needs. Expanding his retail space will reduce the existing classroom to a size that will fall far short of our needs. It goes without saying that we have to be very appreciative of the facilities that Sean has provided for us in the past. Dave Schaefer has taken the lead for RWS in the search for a new meeting/workshop facility. Keep in mind that this facility must also meet the needs of other RWS Sigs. Location, size, parking, and of course, price, are some of the parameters Dave and his group have been working with. It appears that, at this point, the search has been narrowed to only a few solid options. It is anticipated that a decision will be made very soon.

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Last Months Meeting by Ed DeMay

Last month I spoke on Sharpening of Lathe tools. We are all looking to up grade our Lathes, constantly in search of that one special tool that will take us to our perceived next level of turning and to that extent we will spend or dream of spending hundreds and thousands of dollars. But tell some one that they need a better grinding wheel or consider a jig set up to make their tools really sharp the world stops.....! I have attended many seminars and workshops given by a variety of talented turners, some of whom advocate learning to sharpen by hand and others that rely on jigs. Most of those who advocate hand sharpening learned to do this before the development of the various jigs. Consider the following benefits of using a jig for sharpening: 1. A jig greatly shortens the learning curve of sharpening from months and months of practice under the guidance of a accomplished teacher to minutes of set up (Valuable time that could be spent on turning). 2. Repeatability of the grind that works best for you. Once a jig is set up it will produce the exact grind time after time. 3. Lastly and most importantly tool longevity. Using a jig allows you to repeat setting and there by remove only a small amount of metal to obtain a sharp edge. With the availability of catalogs and the internet you can learn everything about a particular jig just short of using it hands on. Look around as there are a lot of jigs available since I purchased the Wolverine set up. The choice of wheels is a very important decision to make. For the most part the white and pink aluminum oxide wheel will sharpen high speed steel tools. I recommend that you use a minimum 6 inch diameter wheel with 8 inch an even better choice. These two will provide the best radius on the bevels of your lather tools. Check the speed rating on the wheel and make sure that your grinder not exceed the maximum rpm of the grinding wheel. Grain size is the next consideration and 60 grit is a good choice for shaping a tool with 80 to 120 for sharpening. The Grade of the wheel is rated from softest (A) to hardest (X). Using wheels with H, I or J will produce the best results. The structure of the wheel refers to the grain spacing of the abrasive and is rated from 1 (dense) to 16 (open). The open structure cuts very quickly but the wheel wears rapidly. Don't forget to look at the various dressing tools available for keeping the grinding wheels clean and sharp. There are a variety diamond dressers and mechanical dressers available. Some are an attachment to a sharpening jig and others are stand alone. Check each out.

One of the advantages of belonging to RWS and the Finger Lakes Turner if you are looking to make a significant purchase more than likely someone already has what you are looking for. Make a new friend or acquaintance by reaching out to ask advice and perhaps use it before you by. Any one interested in a close of up of how I do things please give me a call



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Last Months Photos by Dave Butler



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From the Editor: As Jerry said here we are again at the close of another year and how quickly it came and before long we will be staring over again. On that note RWS is continuing with completing plans for a new location. If all works out we may be coming back together again into one group. The word of caution is “may” and that mostly depends on the location and the desire of the members. Negotiations are underway for a location that could house both clubs and the details have yet to be worked out. It is amazing how many issues come out that have to be addressed between RWS and the Management of the property. It sometimes seems like the process is moving ever so slowly but every I needs to be dotted and T crossed to avoid any pit falls. If all works out the RWS membership and FLWT will benefit from all those who have had a hand in things. Please consider showing your support for RWS by joining or renewing your membership for the upcoming year. I realize that the increasing costs of everyday life are going up but I still think this is a good value. Just a thought and see ya Thursday. Thanks, Ed

Fire Extinguishers by Ed DeMay

Do you know where your fire extinguisher (s) are? When was the last time you checked them? Are they still charged? Do you even have fire extinguishers in your home as well as your shop? When will the next fire occur?

Class A Fire Ext. - Class A fires involve ordinary combustible materials, such as cloth, wood, paper, rubber, and many plastics.

Class B Fire Ext. - Class B fires involve flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, alcohol, oil-based paints, lacquers.

Class C Fire Ext. - Class C fires involve energized electrical equipment.

Most portable extinguishers are rated for use with more than one classification of fire. For example, an extinguisher with a BC rating is suitable for use with fires involving flammable liquids and energized electrical equipment. An extinguisher with an ABC rating is suitable for use with fires involving ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids and energized electrical equipment. An extinguisher that is rated for use with multiple hazards should include a symbol for each hazard type.

Continued from Page 1 - More specifically, what is the future for the RWS turning groups? Although it has not yet been decided for certain, it is the hope of both FLWT boards that we will have the opportunity to return to one large wood turning group. This final decision cannot be made, until we are certain that our new RWS facility will meet the needs of our single, larger woodturning group. Obviously, all these decisions will be made and implemented, prior to our September meeting.

Also, looking to the future, please keep in mind that we are always looking for members to serve on the board. Fresh ideas are always helpful. Take your interest in the Rochester Woodturning community to another level.

In closing, the board hopes your participation in FLWT II has satisfied some of your needs and interest in wood turning. We look forward to next year and the opportunity to grow our wood turning expertise. We hope you share our excitement.

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