

# Finger Lakes Woodturners

A Special Interest Group of the Rochester Woodworkers Society and a Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners



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FLWT meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Al Sigl CP Rochester, 3399 Winton Road South in Henrietta.

### From the Chair by Jim Echter



BALANCE - that was the theme at the January 5th BOD planning meeting. How do we develop a balanced program for such a large and diverse membership and skill levels? All we know is that it is not easy! So we decided to try some new ideas and see

how it goes. This is a continuing effort and as we learn things, we'll make the appropriate changes. As always, continue to provide constructive feedback to any Board member if you liked or disliked a program or event. It's the only way for us to continue to improve this club.

We kicked off the discussion with a review of all the program ideas submitted to Jim Gilson (gilson1@frontiernet.net), the club's Program Activity Chairman. Thank you to everyone that submitted ideas or provided input. Please note

that this is not a one time deal. If you think of an idea at any time, or are working on a project and run into a problem, submit it to Jim. He is keeping a running log that we can pull ideas from for future meetings, workshops, demos, etc.

The BOD decided at our meeting that we will continue to have Challenge Projects every other meeting. Everyone was amazed at how many beautiful platters were shown at the December meeting. It was also fun to see that for some, it was their very first woodturning project while some others pushed their comfort zone and tried something new. It was one of the highlights of the December meeting for me.

The second decision made was that we are going to formally add to the monthly program, a presentation on one woodturning tool. The intent is to show different tools, grinds, handles, and how they are used. We started in November with my overview of the Spindle Gouge. Over the next few meetings, we will review Parting Tools, the Skew, Scrapers, Bowl Gouges and Texturing tools. These presentations will be in the 15-30 minute range. I recommend that you bring the "tool of the night" to the meeting to show off or to ask questions about if you are having issues with it.

#### From the Chair (cont'd)

The third decision we made involves the Show and Share and the Challenge Project portions of the meeting. This is really one of those "balance" topics that can get very lively. For some, this is the reason they come to the meeting as they find inspiration for their own projects. For others, it takes too long and takes away from making chips during the demo. In an effort to try to provide balance, here's what we're going to try for a few meetings. On the months where you are to bring in you Challenge Project, we'll have an extended Show and Share and Project Review. This will allow each person more time to discuss the details of his or her work. The consequence of this is that there will be a shorter chip making demo on those nights. On the Non-Challenge Project months, we'll have a longer chip making project demo or presentation. We've included on page 3 a calendar for the rest of the year that lays this out for everyone to see. Again, we're trying to balance our programs so everyone gets something out of them.

I want to take a moment to thank Mike and Debbie Hachey, Ward Donahue and Jim Gilson for putting together a wonderful Christmas Party last month. The food was great and everyone had a great time. Woodturners tend to be a welcoming group of folks. There were reports that some spouses have never before felt so welcomed by a group of strangers. That is what it is all about. I know I keep saying this but participation in the club helps you form lifelong friend-ships and relationships with a very nice group of people. You get out of it what you put into it. This year, we have achieved very high participation so these strong bonds are forming.

For those that were unable to attend the December meeting, I had the privilege and honor of recognizing four long time members with Lifetime Memberships in the FLWT: Ward Donahue, Jim Hotaling, Lou Stahlman and Bill Tschorke. The Board felt that no mater what your criteria, these four members have, over many years, significantly contributed to making the FLWT club the success that it is today. So please congratulate and thank these gentlemen.

I also had the pleasure and honor of awarding Mike and Debbie Hachey a dinner certificate for all the time and effort they have put into the club over the last few years while Mike was President. Please thank Mike and Debbie for the help they provided guiding our club though some interesting growth stages and challenges.

Happy New Year and go have some fun by making some chips at your lathes! Jim

#### Regional & National Woodturning Events of Interest

2008 - 09		Event	For More Information
Feb	17	Sorby tool demonstration & sale at Pembroke High School, 6:00 - 9:00 PM (sponsored by Rockler Woodworking, Buffalo)	Rockler in Buffalo, (716) 631-8922
Feb	20 - 21	Alan Lacer: "Befriending the Skew"	www.rochesterwoodworkers.org/ events.htm
Mar	28 - 29	Adirondack Woodturners Association Totally Turning 2009, Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY. Featured demonstrators include: Jimmy Clewes, Rolly Monroe, Michael Mocho, Molly Winton & Others	www.totallyturning.com/
May	The Sixth New England Woodturning Symposium, Pinkerton Academy, Derry, NH. Featured Demonstrators include: Allan Lacer, Al Stirt, Beth Ireland, Bob Rosand, Peter Bloch, Linda VanGethuchten, Mark St. Leger, JoHannes Michelson plus 14 others.		Bob DeAngelis 470 Newmarket Road Warner, NH 03278 603-456-6242 rdeangelis@tds.net
Jun	26 - 28	2009 Annual AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, NM	http://www.woodturner.org/sym/ sym2009/

# **RWS & FLWT 2009 Calendar of Events**

Date		Event	Location	Business	Show & Share	Challenge	Demo	Tool Review	
Jan	5	FLWT BOD Mtg	Constanzo	7:00-9:30					
	14	RWS BOD Mtg	CP Roch	6:00-9:00					
	15	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:30	None – Bring Tops	Napkin Rings Jim Hotaling 7:30-8:30	Parting Tool Ward Donahue 8:30 – 9:00	
	20	FLWT BOD Mtg	DeMay	7:00-9:30					
	23	RWS Mtg	SJF	7:00-9:00	Michael Mascelli	Furniture upholstering, refinishing, conservation, and repair			
Feb	11	RWS BOD Mtg	CP Roch	6:00-9:00					
	19	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:45	Napkin Rings 7:45-8:15	None	The Skew Rich Connelly 8:15-9:00	
	20	RWS Mtg	SJF	7:00-9:00	Alan Lacer	The Skew			
	24	FLWT BOD Mtg	tbd	7:00-9:30					
Mar	11	RWS BOD Mtg	CP Roch	6:00-9:00					
	19	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:30	None – Bring Tops	Jewelry Several Demos 7:30-8:30	Scrapers tbd 8:30-9:00	
	20	RWS Mtg	SJF	7:00-9:00	John Dodd	Design inspir	ation		
	24	FLWT BOD Mtg	tbd	7:00-9:30					
Apr	8	RWS BOD Mtg	CP Roch	6:00-9:00					
	16	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:45	Jewelry 7:45-8:30	None	Bowl Gouge tbd 8:30-9:00	
	17	RWS Meeting	SJF	7:00 – 9:00	Scott Grove	Unconvention	nal methods to furn	iture making	
	21	FLWT BOD Mtg	tbd	7:00-9:30					
May	13	RWS BOD Mtg	CP Roch	6:00-9:00					
	21	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:30	None – Bring Tops	"Banana" Bowl Jeffery Cheramie 7:30-8:30	Texturing Tools, tbd 8:30-9:00	
	26	FLWT BOD Mtg	tbd	7:00-9:30					
Jun- Aug		Summer Break							
Sep	17	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30-7:00	7:00-7:45	"Banana" Bowls 7:45-8:30	tbd	tbd	

## **Treasurers Report** by Kevin Hart

Period 12/1/08 - 12/31/08

**Total Income** 

**Financial Summary Beginning Balance** \$4,693.59 **Total Income** \$363.00 **Total Expenses** (\$90.77)**Closing Balance** \$4,965.82 **Income / Expense Statement** Income **Expenses** 50 - 50 \$42.00 Show & Share (\$20.00)Member's dues \$20.00 Other (materials for lathe stand) (\$70.77)Other (silent auction & \$301.00 guest fees)

## FLWT / RWS Activity Committee Captains, 08 - 09 Season

\$363.00 Total Expenses

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### **December Meeting & Holiday Party**

Summary by Kevin Hart

Photos by Dave Smith





Members made dozens of platters for the Challenge Project

We spent our December meeting partying, rather than turning, with a turnout of 62 members and 15 spouses (or other accompanying persons). The event was fun, the food was good and everyone appreciated having time to socialize. Special thanks to Mike and

Debbie Hachey, Ward Donahue and Jim Gilson for their awesome job of organizing the event and to Pieters Life Center, which once again did a terrific job. In addition to our Show and Share, and Platter challenge, we honored several of our members for the significant contributions they've made to our SIG over the years.

Mike and Debbie Hachey received a gift certificate to Phillips European Restaurant as a thank you for Mike's service as immediate past president and Debbie's multiple roles including handling the membership lists, keeping the



Jim Echter, with Mike and Debbie Hachey, who received a dinner certificate for their exceptional service

notebooks up to date, and backing up Mike when he couldn't make it to a meeting (Debbie still holds the record as running the most efficient meetings).

Four long-time members, Ward Donahue, Jim Hotaling, Lou Stahlman, and Bill Tschorke, received life-time SIG memberships as a thank you for their years of service as officers, board members, demonstrators, and teachers of all of us.



Jim, Lou, Ward and Bill hold awards presented by Jim Echter



Lou, Jim, Bill and Ward with FLWT Board of Directors

### Top-A-Thon Is a Great Success Summary by Jim Hotaling



Jim and Cliff with Karen Eisenberg of the Children's Miracle Network

Jim Hotaling and Cliff Weatherall delivered 320 tops turned by the members of the Finger Lakes Woodturners to the Golisano Children's Hospital on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Karen Eisenberg of the Children's Miracle Network was in awe of the quality of the tops. She indicated that the tops would be dispersed to the children throughout the year and were always a big hit with the recipients. The workshop which Cliff Weatherall coordinated at CPR on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> was probably one of the main reasons we exceeded our goal of 300 tops established by our Chair. It should also be noted that there was a marked improvement in the

quality of turned tops. As quality control guru, I believe I have the right to state that Harry Stanton's tops stand out as the highest quality and the most complex. Thanks to all who participated in turning tops this year. Great Job!

#### **Turning Tips** Submitted by Ed DeMay

This is a heads up on a great new product. Fine Wood Working, which has a 30+ year publication history, has placed magazine issues 1 through 201 on a DVD. This DVD contains the entire contents of each magazine including the advertisements. I received my copy a few days ago and have been going through it and, of course, finding many things I had forgotten about over the years. Finding articles is very easy; the contents are arranged just the way you would find them in the magazine and you flip through the pages the same way. There are many turning articles but I have the impression that they're publishing fewer in more recent times. In my opinion, the \$149.95 price tag, while not inexpensive, provides



you with a great reference library and I highly recommend you check out this great product!

Editor's note: My 201 issues of Fine Woodworking take up about 5 feet of shelf space so even if you have all the issues, this is a great way to lighten your load. Dave

### **Woodturning Limerick** Submitted by the FLWT Laureate

There was a woodturner named Clucks Who thought he'd make a few bucks But his bowls have no bottom And so he's still got 'em He says it must be his chucks.

## **Mentor Contacts**<sup>1</sup>

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Doug Crittenden	924-5903	924-5903	cleo99@frontiernet.net	General	
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Jim Echter	377-9389	377-9389	jechter@rochester.rr.com	Spindle & faceplate turning, sharpening	
Jim Hotaling	223-4877	223-4877	jhotaling2198@aol.com	Christmas ornaments	
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Tom Pedlow		237-3962		General turning	
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Lou Stahlman	248-2097	248-2097	Istahlman@rochester.rr.com	How to cut wood	
Erwin A. Tschanz	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)		Historical, bowls, plates, goblets, boxes, bone, antler	
Bill Tschorke	865-1971	865-1971		General turning	

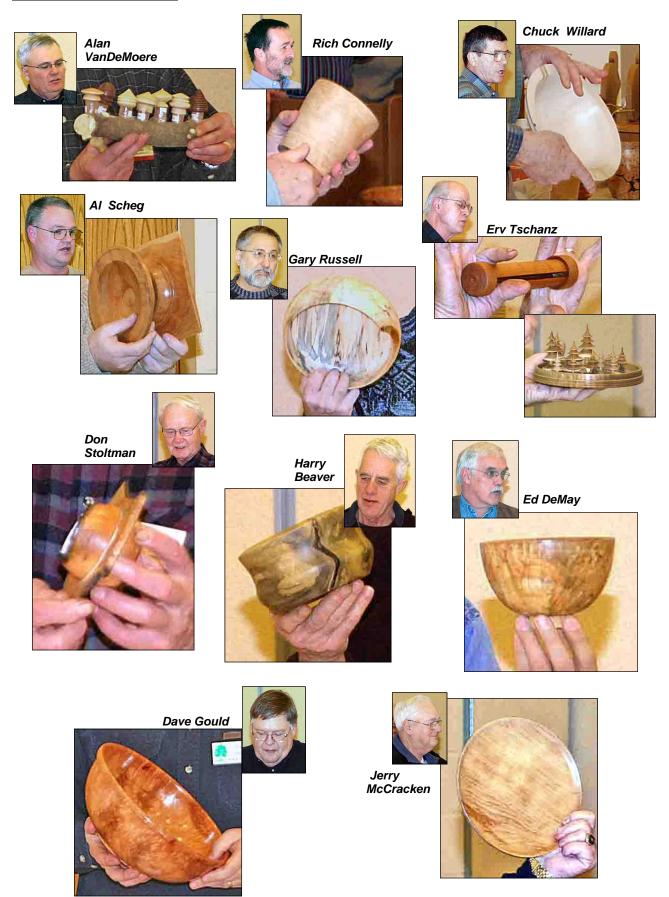
<sup>1.</sup> Here's a great way for you to improve your turning skills. FLWT has award winning and expert turners who, at no cost, are willing to share their expertise one-to-one with other club members. A mentoring relationship might be as simple as getting a mentor's advice in a one time conversation. Or, it might include regular hands-on sessions over a lathe. The exact nature is up to you and your mentor. If you feel you could benefit from mentoring, organize your thoughts about your needs and contact an appropriate volunteer mentor above to determine if he or she is a match and available.

#### FLWT Board of Directors 2008—2009

Position	Name	Day Tel	Eve Tel	Email
Chair	Jim Echter		377-4838	jechter@rochester.rr.com
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# **Show and Share**

#### Photos by Dave Smith



## **Challenge Project: Plates / Platters**

Photos by Dave Smith

