

# **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 (premeeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of each month at AI Sigl CP Rochester, 3399 Winton Road South in Henrietta.

## From the Chair by Jim Echter

It's hard to believe that the 2008/9 season is wrapping up for the FLWT group. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the club's chairman this past year and look forward to the second year of my term. At this time, I really want to thank everyone that helped make this year special. First, I could not have done it without the



support and assistance provided by the club's outstanding Board of Directors and Advisors. The knowledge within this group, not only for their woodturning but also on organization management, people skills, legal and finance processes is amazing. Most importantly, this group has the drive and focus to make FLWT such a wonderful organization and one of the strongest turning clubs

in the country. The second group that I want to thank is everyone that volunteered to be an Activity Captain. This was a new concept for the club this year. However, you can't imagine how helpful it's been to be able to offload all these activities from the board's already full plate.

The last group I want to thank are all the members of FLWT. This year, you were very patient, flexible and supportive with all the changes that took place. We merged the two clubs back together as one, we had a new meeting place at CP Rochester, and we kept tweaking the meeting agendas trying to balance programs to provide value for beginners to experts. Most importantly, you all got involved and pushed yourselves to new levels as can be seen by the quality of the Show and Share displays every month. I really appreciate how the members all signed up for activity duties, how you challenged yourselves to make a record number of tops, how you donated such a wonderful array of gifts to CP Rochester, and most importantly, how everyone made new friendships. This is what it's all about: learning how to turn wood, giving back to the community, and making new friends!

### From the Chair (cont'd)

Due to Kevin Hart's move to Maine in June, there will be some changes on the Board. Ed DeMay will transition from the Vice President's position to take over as the club's Treasurer. Jerry Sheridan will move from an advisory position into the VP slot. Unless anyone objects by letting the board know, we will assume this is OK with the membership. The Board will be reviewing the background information on the five members that have thrown their "hats into the ring" to fill the two open Advisor slots. I'll keep everyone posted on the Board's progress on filling those slots. In the meantime, thank you Kevin for all your work at the club's treasure and membership manager. Good luck in Maine and we hope you come back for a visit at one or more of our future meetings.

There have been a few inquiries by members about the possibility of meeting over the summer. Frankly, the Board has not scheduled anything. However, we're open to the possibility of a couple of activities. First, how about a picnic at a park on one of the 3rd Thursday evenings? The challenge to the members is that none of the board members have the time to plan this activity. So, if you want to be the Activity Captain and plan the picnic or help out on the committee, let me know ASAP. We will support a picnic financially from the treasury but it will be up to some members to plan it. For the other two months, maybe we could have some mini hands-on clinics on our regular meeting nights. Ideas such as a sharpening clinic have been suggested. Let us know if you have other ideas.

On Saturday, May 2, Ed DeMay, Jim Hotaling, Mike Hachey and I went to Syracuse for the day to meet with the Board of the Central NY Woodturners chapter of the AAW. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about how they run their meetings and some of the challenges they have as a club (many are very similar to the challenges faced by RWS), and to explore potential synergies between our clubs for sharing demonstrators, etc. One opportunity may be for FLWT members to help out at the NY State Fair demonstrating on a historical treadle lathe. If you're interested, let Ed DeMay know.

Keep your bevels rubbin' and I hope to see you at the May meeting. In any event, have a wonderful summer and I hope you find a beautiful piece of spalted FOG (FOG = Found On Ground) wood for your next project and that you'll show it off at September's Show and Share.

Jim

Jim Echter Chairman FLWT

# **Regional & National Woodturning Events of Interest**

2009		Event	For More Information
Мау	23	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 <u>rdeangelis@tds.net</u>
Jun	26 - 28	2009 Annual AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, NM	http://www.woodturner.org/sym/ sym2009/

Da	te	Event	Loca- tion	Busi- ness	Show & Share	Chal- lenge	Demo	Tool Review
Мау	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	Bowl Gouge TBD 8:30-9:00
	26	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD	7:00 - 9:30				
Jun- Aug		Break						
Sep	17	FLWT Mtg	CP Roch	6:30 - 7:00	7:00-7:45	Banana Bowls 7:45-8:30	TBD	TBD

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

# Powermatic 3520b Demo Lathes for Sale at Craft Supplies

I just received an email from Craft Supplies stating they will have a number of Powermatic 3520b demo lathes for sale after their summer Utah Symposium. The price is \$2699, which I believe includes delivery. For more information, open the following hyperlink::

http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store

Lathes Band\_Saws\_Full\_Size\_Lathes\_Powermatic\_3520B\_Lathe\_powermatic\_3520b? Partnerid=email145

Dave Smith

# Classified Ads

#### For Sale

• Fine Woodworking Magazines #'s 13 - 79. Missing #'s 27,61, & 78. \$50.00 Please contact Tom Pedlow at 585-237-3962 or tcp1@frontiernet.net.

#### Woodturning Limerick By the FLWT Laureate

I once had a young friend named Robbie With a rhyming last name of Hobby He loved to turn bowls But when the bottoms had holes It made Robby Hobby so sobby.

#### April Demonstrations Summary by Kevin Hart Photos by Dave Smith

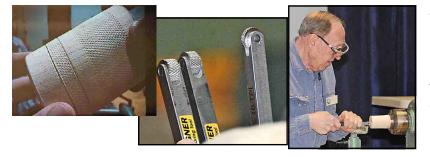


Jerry has Kevin Hart try the needle scaling tool April was texturing month at the Finger Lakes Woodturners meeting, as four members presented short demonstrations of texturing methods.

Jerry Sheridan showed two pieces of hardware. The first was a welder's needle scaler, which Jerry learned to use from Bob Rosand. The scaler produces small dings in a random pattern, which can be altered by how fast you move the tool back and forth across the piece. It's driven by about 80 PSI

Jerry's pride and joy was his surplus dentist's drill, which he uses for piercing pieces. The drill is driven by about 40 PSI air pressure. Jerry noted that it's important that the piece being pierced have uniform wall thickness, and that the bit be kept perpendicular to the side.

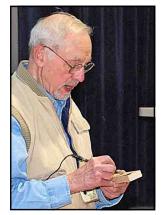




Ward Donahue showed us how to use the Wegner knurling tools. They're presented at 90 degrees to the work with the lathe turning at about 400-500 rpm.

Ed Lehman demonstrated the Sorby texturing tool. He suggested using the tool at speeds of about 800-1000 rpm, and setting off the area to be textured with grooves. It should be used before hollowing out the inside of the piece. By presenting the tool different angles, different effects can be created.





Finally, Jim Hotaling gave us a lesson on using pyrography, a grown up version of the wood burning tools we had as kids. Jim showed how with just a few simple lines it was possible to create designs for a piece.

#### Keith Tompkins Workshop Review by Jim Hotaling

On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, five or six members of FLW attended a woodturning presentation given by Keith Tompkins. Overall, I think the workshop was a real bargain and my rating would be 8.5 / 10 even though I didn't win any of the door prizes or raffles!

The demonstration, which ran from 9:00am to 4:00pm and cost \$20.00 per person, was sponsored by the Pembroke Woodturners Guild and WNY Woodturners 1 at the Pembroke High School. Keith has well-honed demo skills and his presentation of design concepts was outstanding. His discussion about the Golden Triangle design left me wondering why I haven't been using it for my turned pieces. It seems to me that Lou Stahlman talked about Golden Triangle concepts at one of our meetings some ten years ago.

Keith also discussed equipment maintenance, which becomes increasingly important with higher priced equipment. Keeping the tool rest nick-free and lubricated with wax, cleaning the Morse taper in both the head and tail stocks, polishing and waxing the lathe bed, especially when turning green wood, were only a few of the suggestions that were talked about. One topic I don't remember being discussed is the maintenance of lathe chucks. Good chucks cost \$200 plus, which more than justifies a little maintenance. I find that using compressed air to blow dust from chucks is an easy way to keep them operating smoothly. And, every now and then, I also remove the jaws for a cleaning. When was the last time you gave your chuck a good cleaning??

FYI. Keith's website, <u>keithptompkins.com</u> shows some of his impressive turnings.

#### <u>CP Rochester Request for FLWT Support</u> by Tina Bennett Manager of Community Recreation and Volunteer Services, CP Rochester

Hello FLWT members:

Here are some ways that RWS & FLWT members and their families can support CP Rochester this upcoming weekend. We look forward to RWS members' involvement in these events as guests or volunteers. Thanks for your support!

#### **Run For Fun Event**

Date	Details
Fri & Sat May 15-16	<ul> <li>3399 Winton Road. Registration starts at 8:00 AM. 5K Race / Walk starts at 9:00 AM. Sponsored by Wilson Farms and raises funds for our Fitness and Wellness Center. Please note that this is a family fun event with children's activities, 50/50 raffle and silent auction.</li> <li>We need volunteers / staff for the following:</li> <li>May 15 to put up tents, move tables etc. Set up will begin about 9:00 AM.</li> <li>Runners &amp; Walkers to participate in the event</li> <li>Volunteers to help with registration, the food table, in the parking lot, etc.</li> <li>Strong volunteers to help clean up after the event starting about 12:00 noon To register:</li> <li>Email: k_crevelling@cprochester.org or</li> <li>Call 334-6000 ext 339 or</li> <li>Visit www.cprochester.org</li> </ul>

# Treasurers Report by Kevin Hart Period 4/1/09 - 4/30/09

Financial Summary						
Beginning Balance	\$4,682.07					
Total Income	\$51.00					
Total Expenses	(\$476.27)					
Closing Balance	\$4,256.80					

Income / Expense Statement					
Income Exp		Expenses			
50 - 50	\$35.00	Demonstrator(s)	(\$30.00)		
Sale of donated magazines \$16.00		Show and Share / Challenge	(\$20.00		
		Name tags	(\$14.60)		
		Equipment / supplies	(\$279.57)		
		Awards, gift certificates	(\$132.10		
Total Income	\$51.00	Total Expenses	(\$476.27)		

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

FLWT Committee	Captain	Telephone	Cell	Email
Camera/Video/Audio	Dave Schafer	328-0703		deadeyekcb@yahoo.com
Presenter Equipment Set- up	Marty Chatt	533-1189		mchatt8@aol.com
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Ward Donahue	334-3178	334-3178	wddonah@frontiernet.net	Spindle & hollow turning, cor- ing, sharpening
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Jim Hotaling	223-4877	223-4877	jhotaling2198@aol.com	Christmas ornaments
Ed Lehman	637-3525		eljw@rochester.rr.com	General turning
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Tom Pedlow		237-3962		General turning
Shirley Robbins	(315) 945-3363	(315) 573-7228	srobbins002@yahoo.com	Inside out decorations
Lou Stahlman	248-2097	248-2097	lstahlman@rochester.rr.com	How to cut wood
Erwin A. Tschanz	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)		Historical, bowls, plates, gob- lets, boxes, bone, antler
Bill Tschorke	865-1971	865-1971		General turning

Mentor Contacts<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
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# Show and Share and Jewelry Challenge Project

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