

Finger Lakes Woodturners

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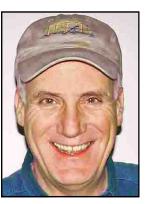
The American Association of Woodturners



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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. For information about meeting locations, please go to our website <u>http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/</u>

Please note: Our meeting on Thursday, Nov 19, is at the Holiday Inn, 800 Jefferson Road, Henrietta, NY, 14623.



From the Chair

by Jim Echter FLWT is on its way to another great season. Two meetings down, two great demos, a wonderful workshop, three fantastic newsletters, lots of laughs, a new web site and several new friendships have been formed. It

just doesn't get much better than that!

The new FLWT web site is up and running. Many thanks to Mike and Debbie Hachey for taking the time to learn how to develop a web site and getting it launched. I also want to thank Mark Mazzo and Jeffrey Cheramie for volunteering to assist in our web site development. Please send your ideas on how to im-

prove the site to these "web masters." The site is a work in progress so ideas and suggestions are very welcomed.

The October meeting was very well attended. Mike Hachey's bottle stopper demo was fabulous. His years of teaching professionally really showed. Our club is blessed with some very talented turners and Mike is definitely one of them.

I can't wait until this month's meeting at the Holiday Inn. There will be four separate short project demonstrations to help you kick start your holiday gift ideas. The agenda has been planned so the action will be non-stop. As I like to say, the chips will be a flying so don't miss this meeting!

From the Chair (cont'd)

Our first workshop of the season, the Stopper-a-Thon, was wildly successful. There were 24 attendees and the finished stoppers were fantastic. CP Rochester was very grateful for the donation! Thank you to everyone who brought in lathes. We had 6 lathes running all evening. We also accomplished our goals: a nice donation to CPR, we all got to talk to other members we



hadn't talked with before, we taught some new turners how to get started, and we helped some that had never made stoppers before complete their first one.

Should we plan on holding more workshops like this again? Ideas might include: sharpening, easy presents, bowl turning, spindle turning, etc. Let me know what you want and your board will plan and schedule another workshop event.

The BOD has decided to keep our 3rd Thursday of the month meeting times for the rest of the year due to the overwhelming desire by all the members who voiced their opinions. Meeting locations have been reserved for the rest of the year. So go ahead and mark your family calendars with the meeting dates from now through May. More location details will follow shortly once the contracts are all executed. Please visit the web site frequently for more updates.

I am very saddened to report that Jerry McCracken of Batavia passed away on Oct. 30th. Jerry was relatively new to FLWT having been a member for 2 - 3 years. Jerry was an avid turner, he always had a smile, he contributed by bringing items for Show and Share, and he did a nice demo on turning jewelry last season. He always gave me the impression that he really liked our group and really enjoyed our meetings. He will be missed.

Thanks again for everyone pitching in. Remember, this is YOUR club and YOU get out in proportion to what YOU put into it...

Keep you bevels rubbin'!

Jim Echter President FLWT

November Meeting Notes

Summary by Dave Schwardt



- President Jim Echter presided.
- Community Needs: In response to a need for woodworking tools by the Rochester Christian Heritage Center, Ed DeMay suggested that machines and tools no longer needed by the Canandaigua City School District might be available. Ed has a commitment from the district and has made this known to the Christian Center. The Center Board has yet to approve this transfer. If approved, the FLWT would volunteer to transport, clean, refurbish as necessary and assist in the installation. A work day or days may be set up for volunteers to assist. Ed DeMay will apprise the group if this happens.
- C P Rochester is building an outdoor classroom on its property. Ed Demay and Dave Shafer have contributed to this effort. More volunteers may be needed.
- The FLWT Christmas party will be held Thursday December 17 at the Pieter's Life Center.
- Board of Directors: Jim will be President for the balance of this season, which will end summer, 2010. Replacements for several board members and officers, and the news letter editor will be needed then. Members should begin considering which positions they might choose to fill.
- A request was made for a volunteer to record and write up meeting notes for the November meeting. Harry Stanton volunteered.
- Web Development: Mark Mazzo has agreed to work on this. Others with web skills would be welcomed to assist him.
- Marketing Development: A brochure describing FLWT is needed. Volunteers to help this effort were requested. Gary Russell agreed to work on this.
- Reaching Out To Young People: Dave Byrne has worked on efforts to share wood turning knowledge with students in the PAL Mac school district. The idea was well received but a number of hurdles are ahead.
- Yearbook: Jim asked if there was interest in a yearbook for the club. Such a book might include photos of members, turning experience and contact information. It was unclear how much enthusiasm existed for such a project.
- Prospective Workshops: Some topics were suggested for a show of interest, of which most appeared to be of interest including: Tool Sharpening, Bottle Stoppers, Bowl Turning, Skew Use, and Shop Tours.
- Cleanup: A request for such a committee was responded to by a Roger LaForce for one meeting. (Nov)
- Tops: Jim Hotaling was collecting tops for our donation project.

November Meeting Notes (cont'd)

- Show and Share: See photos on pages 11 & 12 of this newsletter.
- Drawings: 50/50 \$50.00 was won by Harry Stanton. Show and Share was won by Charlie Bartholomew.
- Wood Available: Walnut was brought in for members to take.
- AAW Symposium: Brochures were passed out for the 2010 Symposium in Hartford, CT. (See chart of newsletter page 8 for more details).
- Catalogs: A number of Craft supplies USA catalogs were given out. Jim pointed out that this is another benefit of being a chapter of AAW. Also, gift certificates were given to each chapter. These are given as rewards to those who do demos for meetings.
- Split from RWS: Jim presented the facts and process of our split from RWS.
- Challenge Project: Christmas Ornament for November meeting.
- Dues: Member dues of \$20.00 are now due. Jim pointed out that unemployed or unretired members could negotiate lower dues by discussing with Jim or Ed De-May.
- Mike Hatchey demonstrated making a bottle stopper and described the many options for purchasing components. Our club purchased twenty kits for our members to use in making stoppers for donation to C P Rochester's gift inventory. (See page 6 of this newsletter for more about our Stopper-A-Thon)
- Mike will distribute a detailed summary of his steps in producing a bottle stopper. (Mike's summary is being distributed as an additional attachment with this newsletter).



Mike Hachey explains how to make a decorative bottle stopper



We think you may have done this before Mike. You make it look easy!

FLWT Members Helping CP Rochester

by Jim Echter



Dave Schafer & Ed DeMay in front of CP Playhouse



Donor Bench



Ward Donahue's Birdhouse

On the beautiful sunny afternoon of October 19, 2009, I had the privilege of being invited by the Director of CP Rochester to attend the unveiling of a fabulous playhouse that several FLWT members contributed time and expertise to help build. The two year project started as a "wouldn't it be nice to have..." idea by CP Rochester staff members. Hundreds of hours later, with significant donations from many local companies and organizations, as well as countless volunteer hours, "Will's Place" was unveiled at a reception attended by over 75 people. Will Day, a little boy who won the hearts of the CP Staff, passed away in April, just before his 5th birthday.

The significant construction efforts were led by David Schafer, our club videographer. Ed DeMay and Marty Chatt also both contributed major time to the project. These three gentlemen also volunteer weekly at the CP Rochester workshop where they build items for CP Rochester and its clients. It is through their involve-



Airmail for Playhouse

ment and strong relationship with CP Rochester that the FLWT club can use the facility for our workshops and meetings.

The playhouse project was also supported by David and

Daniel Byrne, who spun magical mushrooms out of metal for post caps, Ward Donahue who made a great birdhouse, and Harry Stanton who helped bandsaw and rout out black locus tree trunks to cover the railing posts. Jim Hotaling also helped with the finishing touches on the playhouse. I'm sure that there are other members I don't know about who also contributed to the effort.

Please take time to go see the playhouse the next time you're at CP Rochester. It's a truly magical place and you'll be amazed by the details put forth by all the volunteers.



David and Daniel Byrne's Spun Mushroom

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Stopper-A-Thon

by Debbie Hachey Photos by Rich Connelly



The Stopper-a-thon held at CP Rochester on November 5th was a huge success. At least 25 people showed up to help turn bottle stoppers for a donation to CP Rochester. CP Rochester uses donations such as these stoppers to give as small tokens of appreciation to their supporters throughout the year. This was FLWT's way of saying thank you to CP Rochester for the use of their facilities over the past

year.

We had 6 lathes running non-stop for

2 ½ hours and turned a total of 17 bottle stoppers. Everyone who wanted to turn was able to do so and many were doing a bottle stopper for the first time. Everyone learned a lot and had a great time!

The folks at CP Rochester were ecstatic when Ward



and Dorie Donahue delivered the bottle stoppers the next day. It's a great feeling to know that we did something meaningful.



Many thanks to all who helped with the turning, the clean-up, and the transportation and set-up of the lathes. Everything went very smoothly and we hope to have more of these types of events where we can turn items for charity, learn from one another, and have fun, all at the same time.

Christmas Party December 17th

by Debbie Hachey



Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas party at Pieter's Life Center, the same place we've had it for the last 2 years. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting so be sure to check your calendars and also check with your spouse, significant other or any other guest you'd like to bring. The party is free to our members and we ask for a small donation of \$5.00 for guests. We had several spouses and other guests attend last year who mentioned that they really enjoyed themselves. And, back by popular demand, we will have Texas Caviar, Pulled Pork, Ziti, Meatballs and Salad along with soft drinks and coffee, not to mention Dessert!. If you won't be at the November meeting, contact Debbie Hachey for more details or check our website. You can also sign up by emailing Debbie at hacheymd@aol.com.

Calendar of FLWT & RWS Woodturning-Related Events

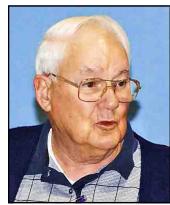
Da	te	Event	Location / Time	Pre-Mtg Show & Share	Busi- ness	Challenge	Demo	Tool Review
Nov 09	19	FLWT Turning Mtg	Holiday Inn 800 Jefferson Rd. Henrietta, NY 14623 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30		Christmas orna- ments		
	24	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD					
Dec 09	17	FLWT Holiday Party	Pieter's Family Life Center 1900 E. Henrietta Rd Rochester, NY 14623 6:00 - 9:00					
	22	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30					
Jan 10	21	FLWT Turning Mtg	TBD 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30				
	26	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30					
Feb 10	18	FLWT Turning Mtg	TBD 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30				
	19	RWS Mtg	St. John Fisher 7:00 - 9:00	Al Stirt Lecture "Woodturning, A Personal View" starts at 8:00 PM. Pre-meeting display start 7:00 PM.				
	20	RWS Workshop	CP Roch Gym	AI Stirt Turning Workshop "Square Turning and Burnishing."			rning	
	23	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30					
Mar 10	18	FLWT Turning Mtg	TBD 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30				
	23	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00					
Apr 10	15	FLWT Turning Mtg	TBD 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30				
	20	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00					
May 10	20	FLWT Turning Mtg	TBD 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30				
	25	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00					

Classified Ads

For Sale

• Grizzly 1022Z 10" table saw \$200.00. Contact Tom Pedlow at (585) 237-3962

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Jerry McCracken 1930 - 2009

On a Sad Note

by Jerry Sheridan

For those of you who may not have heard, our fellow turner Jerry McCracken passed away on Friday, October 30th. Although he didn't let on, Jerry had been in declining health for the past few years. He had been a member of FLWT for the past 3 years, and last year gave us a wonderful talk on making broaches & pendants.

Allow me to share a few of my Jerry McCracken memories. Jerry had an absolute passion for woodturning. As is the case for me and likely many others, he wasn't a great wood turner but he had a great time turning wood. We shared some special times together in my shop. One day, Jerry and I and a couple of other fellas spent the entire day trying to make "whistling tops." The

results were not good and that project stayed on the "to do" list.

We spent another day in the shop after Jerry and Bob Alwardt spent 2-3 days covering a 2-3 county area scrounging up parts for a vacuum chucking system. After adding a vacuum pump I had bought at a garage sale for \$15, we came out of the shop that night with a ready to go vacuum chucking system.

In closing, let me share something important about how Jerry felt about FLWT. Jerry generally rode to the meetings with me. Without fail, on the way home, he would start talking about how much he enjoyed the meeting and demonstration. But he spent more time talking about the great people he got to meet and to talk with about his passion - woodturning. Thank you all for being so good to my friend.

Regional & National Woodturning Events of Interest

20	010	Event	For More Information
Mar	27-28	7th annual Totally Turning symposium, Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY, Satur- day, March 27 - Sunday, March 28. Featured woodturners include: David Ellsworth, Jean- Francois Escoulen, Graeme Priddle, Marilyn Camp- bell, John Franklin, Kurt Hertzog, Steve Sherman and Keith Tompkins.	<u>http://</u> www.totallyturning.com/
Jun	18-20	24th annual AAW symposium, Hartford, Ct, Friday, June 18 - Sunday, June 21	http://ww.woodturner.org/ sym/sym2010/
Aug	20-22	Chicago Woodturners Turn-On, Chicago 2010, our 2nd Midwest woodturning symposium. Featured demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes, Don Derry, Cindy Drozda, David Nittman, Binh Pho, Dick Sing, and Malcolm Tibbetts.	http:// www.chicagowoodturners. com or email: Paul Shotola

Treasurers Report

Period October 1, 2009 - October 31, 2009

Financial Summary					
Beginning Balance	\$4,094.21				
Total Income	\$1195.00				
Total Expenses	(\$345.76)				
Closing Balance	\$4,943.45				

Income / Expense Statement					
Income		Expenses			
50 - 50		Web set up	(\$86.56)		
Sale of donated magazines		Show and Share / Challenge			
Membership \$1195.0		Meeting room	(\$259.20)		
		Equipment / supplies			
		Awards, gift certificates			
Total Income	\$1195.00	Total Expenses	(\$345.76)		

FLWT Activity Committee Captains, 08 - 09 Season

FLWT Committee	Captain	Telephone	Cell	Email
Camera/Video/Audio	Dave Schafer	328-0703		deadeyekcb@yahoo.com
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Doug Crittenden	924-5903	924-5903	cleo99@frontiernet.net	General turning
Ed DeMay	406-6111	924-5265	edemay@rochester.rr.com	Bowl turning, dust collection
Ward Donahue	334-3178	334-3178	wddonah@frontiernet.net	Spindle & hollow turning, cor- ing, sharpening
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
Ed Lehman	637-3525		eljw@rochester.rr.com	General turning
Ralph Mosher	359-0986	359-0986	2rmosher@rochester.rr.com	Faceplate turning, bowls
Dale Osborne	(315) 524-7212	(315) 524-7212	dborn3@rochester.rr.com	General turning
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

Mentor Contacts¹

1. 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 2009 - 2010

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Show and Share

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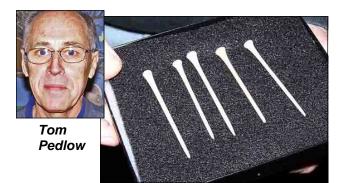
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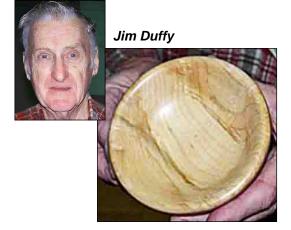
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Mike & Debbie Hachey





Jim Hotaling





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