



# Finger Lakes Woodturners

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

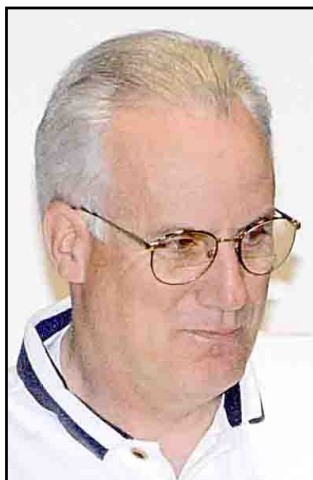


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FLWT meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Al Sigl CP Rochester, 3399 Winton Road South in Henrietta.

## From the Chair

by Jim Echter



The FLWT club is off and running with another action packed, educational, community oriented and most importantly, fun filled season! With the "interesting" weather we had this summer, maybe you even had the opportunity to turn an item or two.

First off, I want to welcome Gary Russell and David Gould as the newest members of the club Advisor Committee. Their excitement, organizational skills and knowl-

edge of turning will be a real asset to the Board of Directors. Both of these gentlemen have jumped right in and contributed in two planning sessions already. In addition to Gary and David, Jerry Sheridan is now Vice President and Ed DeMay is the club's Treasurer. You can find contact information for all the board members and advisors on page 7 of this newsletter. Feel free to contact any of us with any ideas, suggestions or questions.

Please remember to bring an item for Show and Share (you all should have at least tried to turn a "Banana Bowl" like Jeffery demonstrated at the May meeting) and any spinning tops that you may have turned for our charity inventory. Rich Connelly will be pulling people aside to help facilitate the newsletter photographing process. So bring your smiles and something to share with the group.

Speaking of charity work, our club received a call for some assistance from the Heritage Christian Services last spring. HCS was in need of a bandsaw for its workshop located at Springdale Farms. The FLWT BOD decided that as a club, we would try to help this great organization. (We use their facility for our Holiday Party). With that, Ed DeMay has facilitated a huge donation of equipment no longer being used from the Canandaigua School District. A partial list includes 2 bandsaws, a drill press, a belt/disk sander and a tablesaw. Needless to say, HCS is thrilled!

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

Here is where the FLWT membership comes into the equation. This equipment needs to be moved and put into good operating condition. The BOD has authorized up to \$400 of the club's treasury to be spent on items such as saw blades, sanding belts, etc. We will be planning a work day for members to help move and set up the machines. Details will follow once everything is coordinated between the school and HCS. If you are free, I hope you participate in this club event. It will be a great way to meet some other club members and really help out a great organization.

The BOD is also looking for 1-2 volunteers who have an accounting background to review the club's treasury and books each year. It is our desire to have members who are not on the board perform this task. It should take only an hour or two of your time and will ensure that the club's finances are in good order. Please let Ed DeMay and me know if you can do this for the club.

This year, we're looking for one member each month to take notes and write a meeting summary article for the newsletter. Lou Stahlman has volunteered to be the September scribe. Please help us maintain the amazing quality of our newsletter by volunteering to write an article one month during our season. Yes, sometimes I sound like a broken record, always asking for members to volunteer to do something, be it an activity captain, donating something to our charity projects, etc., etc., etc. However, some of our members learned last year that by being involved, they not only got to know other members but they felt more "a part of the club." Some of us have known each other for over 20 years and some for only 20 minutes. The mission of the FLWT is to educate and be fun. Getting to know each other is what enables this to happen. This is why I'm always asking for volunteers. This is YOUR club and you get out of it what you put into it. So keep on volunteering and introducing yourself to members you don't know. Let's all make it a goal for the 09/10 season to meet at least two other members at every meeting or event.

Best Practices Discussion – the BOD likes to have best practices discussions to help us improve the "positive experience" for the members. Again, if you have any input for us, please don't be shy. As an example, this is how we changed the meeting format last year to start the Show and Share earlier and allow more time for chip making. Many of you also belong to other organizations and if there are ideas or best practices from other organizations that we can implement for FLWT meetings and events, please pass them on.

You may have heard about some discussions and differences between FLWT and RWS regarding its SIG policies and their effect on FLWT. As a result, the FLWT BOD has recommended and is planning to implement some changes in the near future. We'll be providing more about these changes in the next couple of weeks. Since several board members, me included, will be out of town or otherwise unable able to attend the September meeting, we'd like to hold off from having a group discussion or question-and-answer session at that meeting. However, if there's a need, we will allow time at our October meeting. Of course, you'll also be welcome to contact any member of the FLWT board if you'd like to further discuss the reasons for the changes.

Again, I can't wait to have another FLWT season get started. The meetings are always inspirational, educational, and most importantly... fun! I'll see you all in October, if not sooner.

Keep your bevels rubbin'.

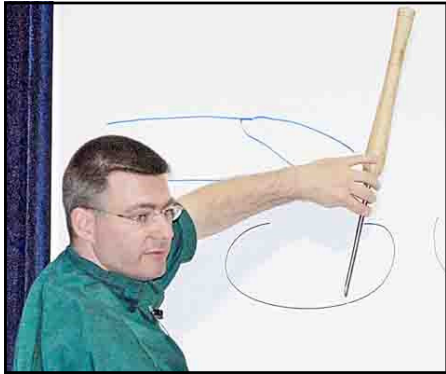
Jim Echter

## Calendar of FLWT & RWS Woodturning-Related Events

Date	Event	Location / Time	Pre-Mtg Show & Share	Business	Challenge	Demo	Tool Review
Sep 09	17	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	22	FLWT BOD Mtg	Jerry Sheridans 7:00 - 9:30				
	18	RWS Mtg	St. John Fisher 7:00 - 9:00	Mark St. Leger Turning Lecture "Passing It Down "starts at 8:00 PM. Pre-meeting displays start 7:00 PM.			
	19	RWS Workshop	CP Roch Gym	Mark St. Leger Turning Workshop "Series of Small Turning Projects."			
Oct 09	15	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	20	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00				
Nov 09	19	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	24	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD				
Dec 09	17	FLWT Holiday Party	Pieters Family Life Center 6:00 - 9:00				
	22	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30				
Jan 10	21	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	26	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30				
Feb 10	17	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 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	Al Stirt Turning Workshop "Square Turning and Burnishing."			
	23	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:30				
Mar 10	18	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	23	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00				
Apr 10	15	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	20	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00				
May 10	22	FLWT Turning Mtg	CP Roch Gym 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:30			
	25	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00				

## May Demonstration

Summary by Kevin Hart    Photos by Dave Smith



Jeffery Cheramie closed out the 2008-2009 FLWT season in May with a presentation on the bowl gouge and turning a banana bowl. Jeffery suggested that a 5/8 inch gouge was about right, as a 1/2 inch gouge would vibrate too much with a large overhang. He sharpens his bowl gouges with the “Ellsworth grind” at about a 60-65 degree angle. Another gouge, with an 85 degree angle is good for closed form bowls.



The banana bowl starts with a rectangular blank, rather than a square one. Jeffery said that it is important to feed slowly, as there is a great deal of “wood-air, wood-air” cutting in turning the bowl. He brought up the tailstock to support the turning, as it was off balance at the beginning of the process. His rpm on the lathe was slow, in the 500-700 rpm range, depending on the initial size of the blank. As the bowl neared completion, Jeffery stressed to keep mass in the center while turning, and to finish the “wings” before the center. The finished bowl does, indeed, resemble a banana.





## Woodturning Demo Well Received at Highlands Senior Living Center



FLWT's Jim Hotaling with the Highlands Cultural Director Liza Stephenson

Standing with Jim Hotaling behind one of FLWT's mini lathes is Liza Stephenson, Director of Cultural Programs at the Highlands, a senior living center in Pittsford. Jim gave a demo to about twenty-five residents on May 13, 2009.

As in prior demo's Jim has given for seniors, there was a great deal of interest in Windsor chair turnings and cowboy hats. One of the residents brought in some turnings that his son, a professional turner in Georgia, had given to him, which made for an interesting "show and tell" session. Jim also turned a napkin ring and gave the finished product to one of the residents.

## Regional & National Woodturning Events of Interest

2009 - 10		Event	For More Information
Oct	16-18	Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild's 6th biennial symposium at The Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center, 3820 Logan Creek Land, West Harrison, IN. Featured demonstrators include David Ellsworth, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer, & Stuart Mortimer.	<a href="http://www.ovwg.org">http://www.ovwg.org</a> or email Pete Kekel at <a href="mailto:pkekel@fuse.net">pkekel@fuse.net</a>
Oct	23-25	2009 NC Woodturning Symposium at the Greensboro Coliseum, Greenboro, NC. Demonstrators include Allen Batty, Stewart Batty, Jimmy Clewes, Ray Key, Stewart Mortimer, Chris Ramsey, & Nick Cook.	<a href="http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com">http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com</a> or email Luther Bunn at <a href="mailto:lbbunn3@hotmail.com">lbbunn3@hotmail.com</a>

### **Request for Articles**

FLWT's newsletter editor is always looking for member contributed woodturning articles and news of events for the newsletter. If you have something you think our other members would like to know about, please write it up and email it to me.

As long as I can figure out what you're talking about, it doesn't have to be anywhere near perfect - that's what editors are for!

Dave

## Treasurers Report by Ed DeMay

Period May 31, 2009 - Aug 31, 2009

<u>Financial Summary</u>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$4,094.21</b>
Total Income	\$0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$4,094.21</b>

<u>Income / Expense Statement</u>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
50 - 50	Demonstrator(s)
Sale of donated magazines	Show and Share / Challenge
	Name tags
	Equipment / supplies
	Awards, gift certificates
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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

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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

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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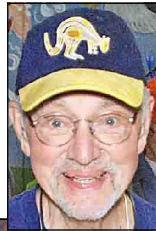
# Show and Share

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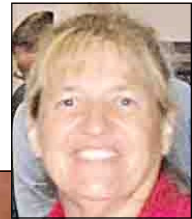
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**Charlie Bartholomew**



**David Gould**



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**Doug Crittenden**



**Jack Robbins**



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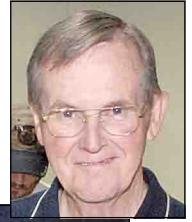
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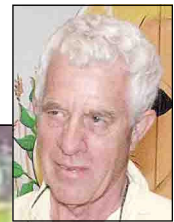
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