



Finger Lakes Woodturners

A Chapter of
The American Association of Woodturners



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FLWT meetings are held from 6:45 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting 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.

<http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/>.

Note: Our Feb 18 meeting with guest Al Stirt will be at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning "University classroom," 180 Charlotte St, Rochester, 14607.

From the Chair

by Jim Echter

Momentum... as a club, we are definitely experiencing momentum. We have the wheel in motion and it is now beginning to pick up speed. There is just so much going on and so many members actively participating in club events, it has become a very exciting time to be a woodturner and a



member of the Finger Lakes Wood Turners Guild!

One way I gauge how we're doing is to see how many members show up at a meeting and

bring items for Show and Share and the Challenge. The displays at the January meeting were just outstanding!!!! Please keep up the participation level and the momentum. Particularly for all those who said "this is the first one of these I ever made." That's the purpose of the Challenge Projects. It gets you out of your comfort zone and forces you to spend some time in front of your lathe. As commented by several members, the proof that this works is in the quality and quantity of the display. The "wooden plate" challenge display in January showed just how our members have taken their skills to the next level. The wheel began to turn little faster after that display!

For the February meeting, because of the extended Al Stirt demo, we **will not** have a challenge project. However, **we will** have a Show & Share display. So please bring in something you've been working on to share with the club. As an early heads up, the March challenge project will be to try a new embellishing technique. So keep the wheel spinning and keep trying something new!

From the Chair (cont'd)

What a great demo / discussion last month on chucking and how to hold wood onto a lathe. I want to thank Mike Hachey, Ed DeMay and Ward Donahue for being the monitors. And a big thank you to all the members who brought unusual chucks and jigs to share with the group. The wheel really picked up some speed with that discussion!

How about the new meeting location that Lee Spencer arranged for us? Thank you to Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning and Lee for letting us use their "Isaac University" classroom. The room is comfortable, well lit, has all the technology we could every need, is centrally located and has great parking. Ralph Mosher has volunteered to be our doorman for the February meeting. We will also need some volunteers to help with cleanup and putting the lathe away at the end of the meeting.

The lathe team will be delivering the Powermatic 45 lathe that Jerry Sheridan is loaning to our club to Isaac's in the next few days. This is a great industrial lathe that we can use for our monthly demos. Harry Stanton has been busy making a rolling base for the machine and David Byrne, who is a machine mechanic, checked the bearings and belts and adjusted everything to make sure it is in tip top shape. The wheel is going faster and faster!

The February meeting will feature world renowned turner, Al Stirt. He will give us an extended demo from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Al will be demo'ing his signature platter designs and showing how he carves and textures (embellishes) them. This is your opportunity to see a world class turner up close. Those of us who have seen Al before know just how good he is and this is one of the reasons we brought him in as a featured demonstrator. There are also two other opportunities that weekend for you to see Al. Friday night, Al is giving a lecture for RWS, at St. John Fisher College, entitled "*Woodturning: A Personal View.*" It promises to be a very inspirational presentation. The cost to attend is \$5 for non-RWS members. On Saturday, Al will be conducting a workshop for RWS at CP Rochester. The cost is \$70 for non-RWS members but you get a membership for the rest of the year included (\$20 prorated membership and \$50 workshop fee if you sign up before the workshop). This is per David Gilbert, RWS workshop coordinator. In summary, here are three opportunities from which you can pick and choose to see a world class turner - a demo, a lecture and a workshop. I suggest that you try to attend as many of these events as possible. They will really help get your creative wheels spinning!

Please help us out. Al Stirt prefers to use Oneway Stronghold Chucks with #2 and #3 jaws when he works. The Powermatic 45 lathe has a 1" x 8 tpi spindle. If you have a Stronghold chuck that fits that spindle size that we can use for his demo, please let me know ASAP. He also needs the screw chuck adapter.

Upcoming workshops – stay tuned. We have reserved several Saturdays over the next few months at CP Rochester so we can conduct some workshops. We will be putting the schedule together and finalizing the topics at our Board meeting next week. Stay tuned for a separate message that will provide all the details. These workshops will be designed to help get your wheels turning by helping you become better turners via either attendance at a workshop or your volunteering to help teach / coach / mentor at one. Yes, we will be looking to the more advanced members to help out at these workshops.

Remember to renew your AAW membership if you haven't done so yet. The AAW provides us with our club insurance and 6 wonderful magazines each year, and will keep you informed about this year's symposium in Hartford, CT, the closest it will ever be to us. Start making plans to attend the event if you can. It is a wonderful sensory overload for turners.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the February meeting! In the meantime, keep your bevels rubbin' and your wheels turning...

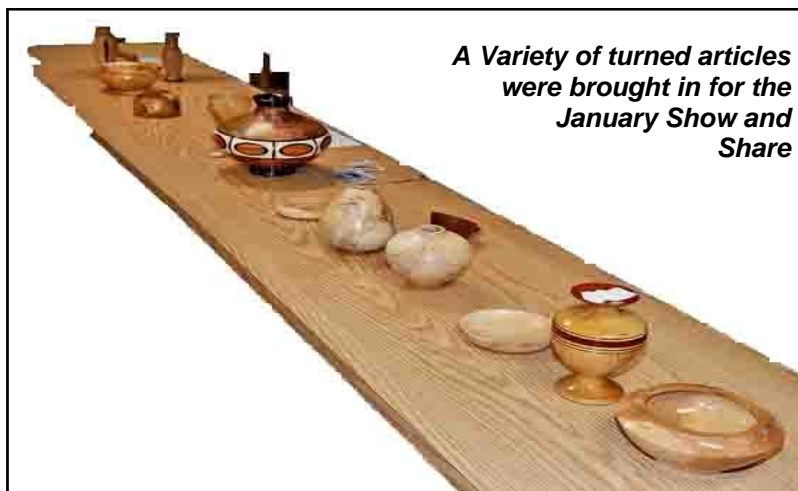
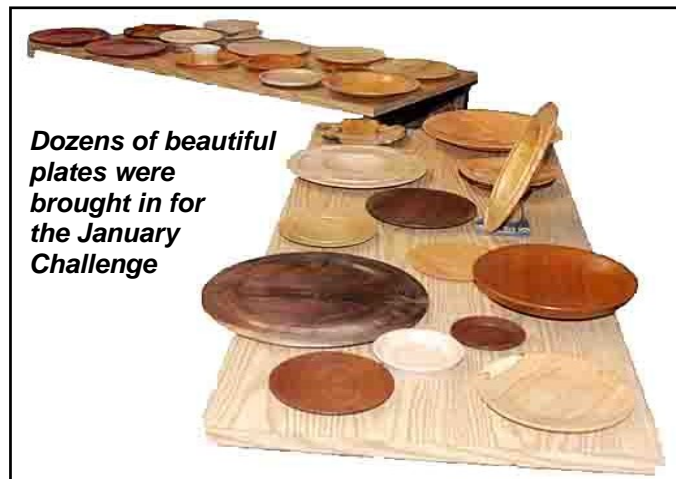
Jim

January Meeting Notes

Summary by Bill McColgin



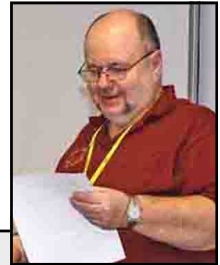
- Jim Echter, FLWT President, presided.
- The meeting was held in the upstairs classroom of Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning at 180 Charlotte Street in Rochester. Thanks to Lee Spencer and Isaac for the use of this fine facility.
- FLWT board members and mentors were identified and thanked. February will bring nominations for a new President, VP, Secretary, and Newsletter editor.
- Ralph Moser will man the Isaac entrance and Lou Stahlman will do minutes for the Feb. meeting.
- We had five visitors: Welcome to John, Jerry, Marty, Jim, and Mike.
- Debbie and Mike Hachey and Ward Donahue were thanked for putting on an outstanding Christmas Party. There was an enthusiastic vote for a Christmas Party again next year.
- Ed DeMay and Ward Donahue updated the shop equipment donations to Heritage Christian Services at Springdale Farm. They have manuals for some of the equipment but need manuals for others. There are volunteer opportunities at Springdale involving the shop.
- It's renewal time for AAW membership. Please consider joining. The AAW Symposium will be in Hartford in June. Totally Turning will be in Saratoga Springs in March.
- The January challenge project of turning a plate was very successful. Many members brought beautiful examples of plates and platters. The overall skill level demonstrated by the club was impressive.



- Three of the many pieces brought for Show-and-Share were selected for review: Jim Tallon explained inside-out turning, Harry Stanton showed a dreidel, and Don Stoltman described wood burning decoration.
- Jerry Sheridan is kindly loaning the club a Powermatic PM45 lathe for use at our meetings. Harry Stanton is building a mobile base for it. FLWT will purchase the necessary accessories for it.
- Our Feb. 18th meeting will feature a demo by nationally acclaimed turner, Al Stirt. Go to www.alstirt.com and click on "Gallery" to see examples of his excellent turnings.

January Meeting Notes (cont'd)

- On Feb. 19th, FLWT is coordinating a special Embellishment workshop with Al Stirt, which will focus on fluting, carving, and embellishment of turned work. Al can take up to 12 students. At least 12 club members expressed an interest, so please email Jim Echter to see if any openings remain for this special opportunity and for details of the workshop.
- Owing to the special Al Stirt demo, there will be no challenge project for the Feb. meeting. It was proposed that the challenge project for the March meeting be embellishment of turnings, as a follow-on to the Stirt visit.
- There *will* be a Show-and-Share at the Feb. meeting. We can show Al Stirt and ourselves what our club is capable of, both from beginners and from experienced turners.
- The featured presentation was a discussion of how to hold wood on your lathe, as ably moderated by Ed DeMay, Ward Donahue, and Mike Hachey. Examples shown included scroll chucks, pin chucks, screw chucks, collet chucks, vacuum chucks, jam chucks, and woodchucks. (How much wood could...oops, sorry.) Several members of the club also demonstrated specialty jigs or chucking techniques that they liked. The discussion included the practical advice that sheet-metal screws hold better than wood screws and that drywall or deck screws are not recommended, as they are brittle and prone to snapping. Although commercial chucks and equipment (e.g., vacuum pumps) can be pricey, it was pointed out that inexpensive techniques like faceplates, glue blocks, double-faced tape, movers' stretch plastic wrap, and homemade screw chucks and jam chucks have been used effectively by turners for years. See the FLWT Handbook for some examples. Thanks to both moderators and club members for making this discussion of tools, tips, and techniques successful.



Many different types of chucks were brought in for the feature presentation on how to hold work in the lathe.

Treasurers Note

Starting January 2010, the Treasurer's report is being presented at each monthly meeting. If any member wishes further details of our accounts, please contact our Treasurer, Ed DeMay, who will be happy to provide that information.

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- FLWT members (must show membership card) receive a 10% discount.
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Woodturning Limerick

by the FLWT Poet Laureate II

A woodturning sister named Bee
Had a lathe as cantankerous as she
Work flowed like a stream
When they worked as a team
But most days were like a bad dream

Tops for Golisano Children's Hospital

by Jim Hotaling



After a last minute rush of completing tops for the Golisano Children's Hospital, I'm happy to report that 175 tops were turned in with only one reject for quality reasons. I'd say that a 99.43% acceptance rate is hard to beat!! All tops were tested with the average spin time of 30 seconds or more.

I believe that the quality of turned tops has been improving over the past several years because members have honed their turning skills and because of our mentoring programs.

To all those people who turned tops - thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Jim with Karen Eisenberg of Golisano Children's Hospital Development Department. (If you know what's good for ya Jim, you won't let your wife see this picture!)

Regional & National Woodturning Events of Interest

2010		Event	For More Information
Mar	27-28	7th annual Totally Turning symposium, Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY, Saturday, March 27 - Sunday, March 28. Featured woodturners include: David Ellsworth, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Graeme Priddle, Marilyn Campbell, John Franklin, Kurt Hertzog, Steve Sherman and Keith Tompkins.	http://www.totallyturning.com/
Jun	18-20	24th annual AAW symposium, including Chapter Collaborative Challenge 2010, Hartford, Ct, Friday, June 18 - Sunday, June 21. AS of Dec 5, the invited list of demonstrators includes: Trent Bosch, Jimmy Clewes, Cindy Drozda, Michael Fortune, John Jordan, Graeme Priddle, Betty Scarpino, Mark St. Leger, and many more!	http://www.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

Calendar of FLWT & RWS Woodturning-Related Events

Date	Event	Location / Time	Pre-Mtg Show & Share	Challenge	Demo / Topic	
Feb 2010	18	FLWT Turning Mtg with Al Stirt	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	None	Demonstration by Internationally recognized Al Stirt on embellishment and carving techniques
	19	FLWT Al Stirt Hands-on Embellishment Class	Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning Classroom 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	This is a hands-on class but not at the lathe. Bring your rotary & impact carvers, hand chisels and paint brushes. Al will demonstrate various embellishment techniques and then you will practice on your pre-turned bowls, platters or flat pieces of wood. Contact Jim Echter for more information.		
	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 starts at 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 2010	18	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	Embellishment	
	23	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00			
Apr 2010	15	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45		
	20	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00			
May 2010	20	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45		
	25	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBD 7:00 - 9:00			

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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, goblets, boxes, bone, antler

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.

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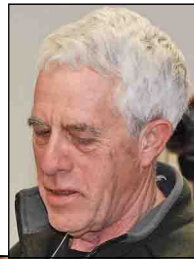
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Highlights of Show and Share

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Jim Tallon



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Don Stoltman



Plate Challenge

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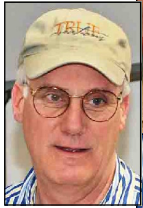
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Plate Challenge (cont'd)



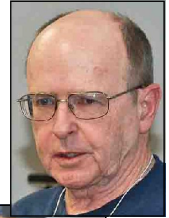
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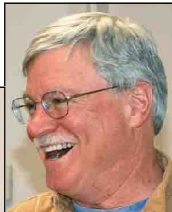
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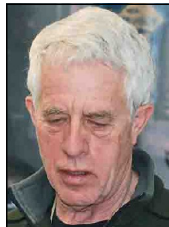
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