



# Finger Lakes Woodturners

## A Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners



### From The Chair – December 2012



**Mark Mazzo**  
**FLWT President**

At our last meeting, the membership voted for Board of Director positions. The election results were as follows: for President and Vice President, Mark Mazzo and Bruce Trojan, return for a second term. For Treasurer, Cliff Weatherell was newly elected. Bill McColgin remains as club Secretary for another year and that position will be re-elected next year. We have also added Roger Coleman as a Board adviser to thank him for his willingness to run for the Treasurer position. Thanks to everyone for running for Board positions and for voting! Also, a special thank you goes out to Harry Stanton who has served admirably as our Club Treasurer for the last year and a half. When you see him thank him for his tireless service to the club!

As of this writing, we have not yet confirmed whether we will be able to bring in Bob Rosand, as our first scheduled National speaker of the 2012-2013 season. We are trying to have Bob here for our February meeting as we have a spot open then, with Jim Echter filing in for Bob in November – we will have more news to come on that subject shortly. On that same subject, I want to extend another special thank you to Jim Echter for helping us out in a pinch by pushing his demo forward by several months on ex-

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. Our meetings are held at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning University classroom, 180 Charlotte St, Rochester, 14607. For more information, go to <http://fingerlakeswoodturners.org/>.

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tremely short notice. Jim is a great asset to our club and we are fortunate to have him. Thanks again, Jim!

Remember that we will be auctioning the handmade Windsor chair donated by FLWT member Don DeBolt at our December meeting. So, please bring a few extra dollars to take one last a chance at

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## **From the Chair**

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winning this beautiful chair during our pre-meeting and at the same time help out the club. We will do the drawing during our regular business meeting in December.

This month we have something unique. We are hosting Robert Ireland from neighboring Syracuse (and a member of the CNYWT club). Robert will be demonstrating for us how to turn a creature! This promises to be a very unique demonstration with some unique techniques including turning and assembly. Even if you don't plan to turn any crea-

*by Mark Mazzo*

tures, there will be good information regarding turning techniques and assembly of turned elements into a finished piece. This should be very interesting!

Even with the minor hiccup in November, our season is going great. Our new club lathe is working out well and we have a fully stocked Board of directors to carry the club forward. I continue to look forward to our future meetings and all of the great and interesting turning topics we will cover.

Until our next meeting, keep turning and keep learning!

## **The December Challenge Project**

The December Challenge Project is spindle turning. The following article by Michael Sullivan about Jim Echter's November demonstration covers Jim's spindle turning techniques. "Jim Echter, stepped up to the plate and provided an evening of turning knowledge, experience and wisdom that was highly appreciated by novice and expert alike." Take this challenge and bring your work to show. Be inspired by a few examples from Jim's demonstration. ♦

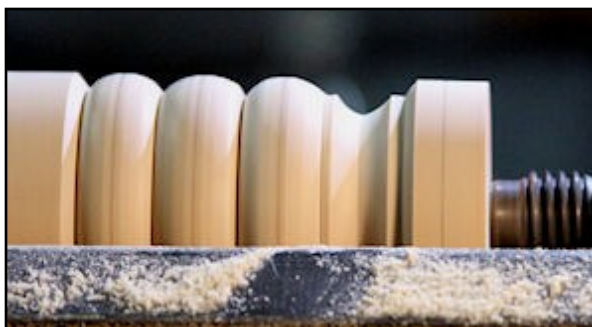


*Turning a bead with the skew*

*By Ralph Mosher  
Photos by Ralph Mosher*



*Turning a cove with a spindle gouge*



*Beads and a cove*



# A Holiday Celebration Invitation

*By Bruce Trojan*



As we enter the holiday season, it would be remiss to not share in some type of celebration, no matter how small. Our long time and esteemed FLWT members Ward and Dori Donahue suggested that we all share cookies and cider together at the December 20th meeting. The Board of Directors thought it was a great idea and will be providing the cider.

We are asking the members to bring a dozen or so of cookies, preferably home made, to share during our pre-meeting get together. There have to be some great cookie makers within our membership!

Make sure that you show up early, get into the holiday spirit, bring a turned piece or two for show and share, be ready to chow down on lots of great confections and prepare yourself for a fun social hour

before the meeting begins! The festivities will begin around 5:45 PM.



*Bruce is set for the festivities*





## **Spindling to Better Bowls – Jim Echter**

*By Michael Sullivan  
Photos by Ralph Mosher*



***Jim Echter demonstrating his spindle turning techniques***

As a relatively novice turner, I have looked forward to the workshops that the club has been able to facilitate to promote learning and improving turning skills and experience. Bob Rosand's workshop came with a great reputation and an expert turner whose workshop was geared to someone at my level. The night before Bob was to present we learned that he had suffered an injury and needed to cancel his workshop. Mark Mazzo was forced to go to his bench. I have come to understand that if FLWT doesn't have anything else, it has a bench!

Jim Echter, stepped up to the plate and provided an evening of turning knowledge, experience and wisdom that was highly appreciated by novice and expert alike. Jim's presentation was titled "Spindling to Better Bowls." Why spindling? Jim strongly feels from experience that learning spindle turning leads to better tool control, learning how wood wants

to be cut and leads to completing a project faster, with better techniques and resulting in a better product.

Jim started out by talking about the tools of the trade. He showed and demonstrated the roughing gouge, the spindle gouge, skewers, scrapers and parting tools. Along the way he talked about how to sharpen these tools. His philosophy is that sharpening is a balance between strength and sharpness. He demonstrated his preferred way that the tools should be sharpened to get the most out of them. As a newbie I heard him say, "don't think you have to go out and buy an expensive Sorby tool when a Benjamin's Best is the same tool just not polished." I wish I had heard that pearl of experience a few dollars ago.

Jim then went to the lathe and patiently demonstrated the art of spindle turning and along the way helped the listener understand getting good at this has lots of payout later in better tool handling, technique and so on. He demonstrated three basic spindle cuts, flats, coves and beads. Throughout he repeated the ABC's of tool control: Anchor, Bevel and Cut. Jim used straws to help us get the difficult concept of how wood wants to be cut. I have to admit, I think I am still confused and the straws help get the idea.

Throughout Jim was the patient teacher who clearly is committed to helping people learn proper techniques, grow in their confidence and enjoy what they are doing. Like Jim we have a lot of experience and talent in the group. I, for one, was grateful that he stepped up to the plate, especially as I use what I learned in these past weeks while making Holiday presents. I look forward to seeing Bob

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# Spindling to Better Bowls – Jim Echter

By Michael Sullivan  
Photos by Ralph Mosher

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Rosand's workshop at a later time, but was grateful for Jim's sharing his

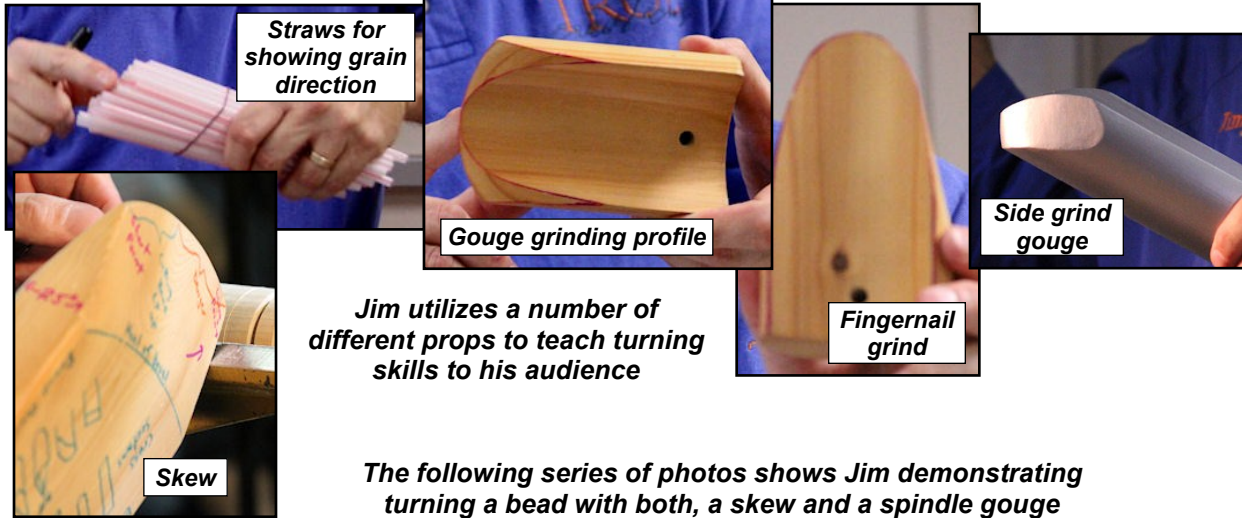
knowledge and skill with us.

Thanks Jim!

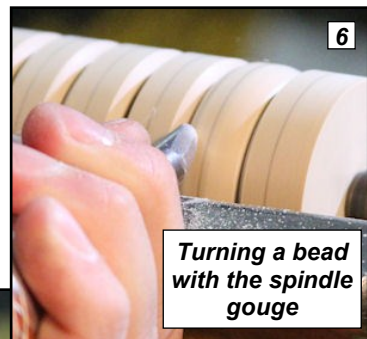
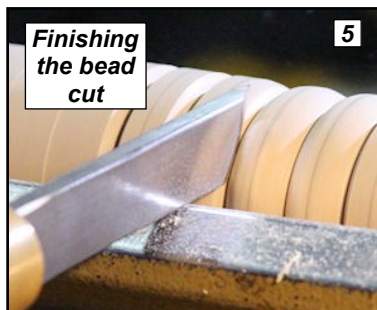
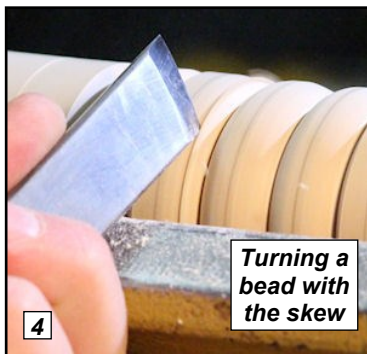
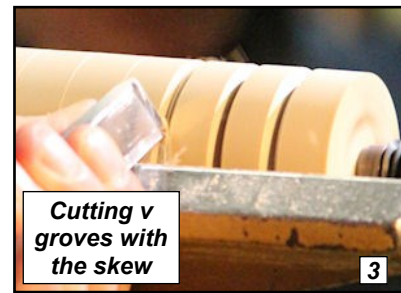
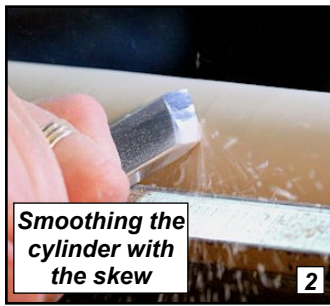


## Photo Essay–Jim Echter's Demonstration

Photos by Ralph Mosher



The following series of photos shows Jim demonstrating turning a bead with both, a skew and a spindle gouge



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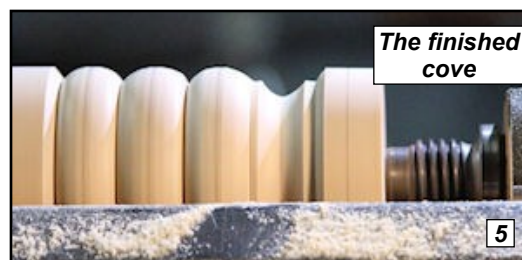
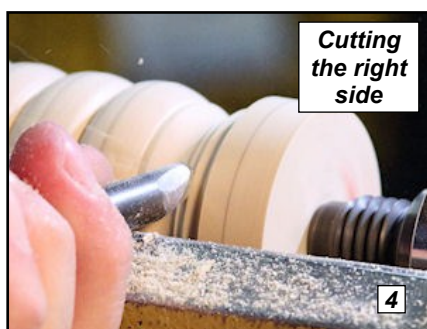
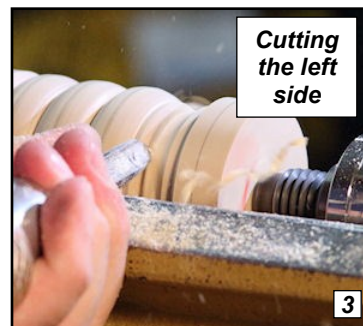
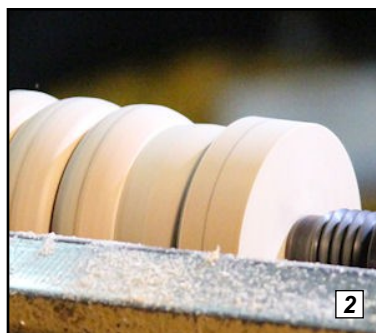
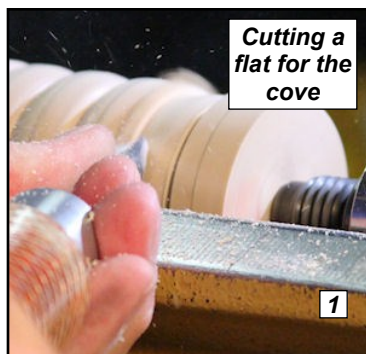


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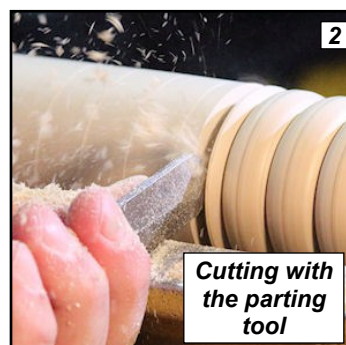
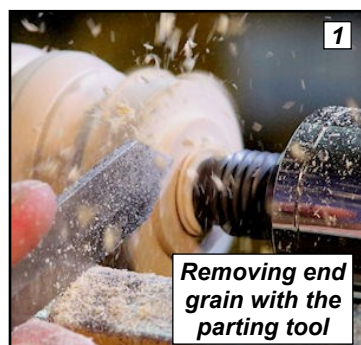
## Turning a cove with the spindle gouge



## The multipurpose skew



## The parting tool



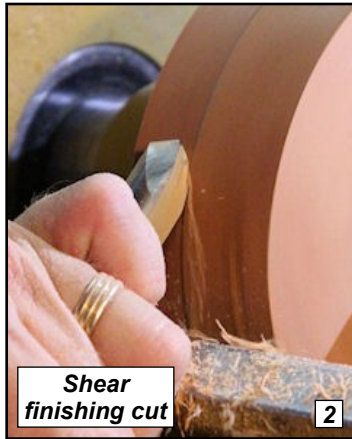
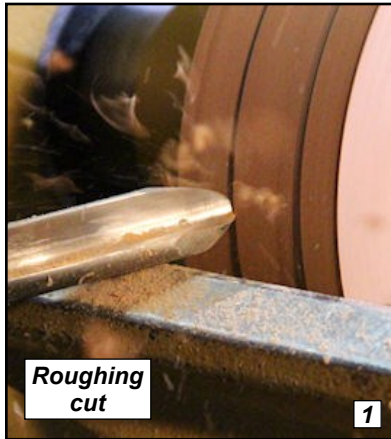
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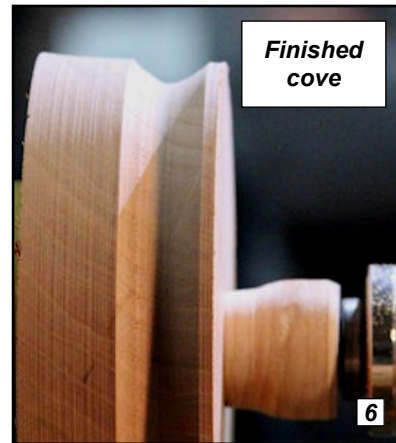
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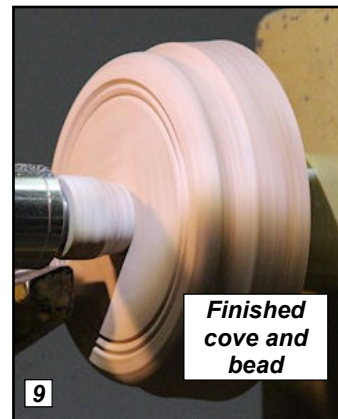
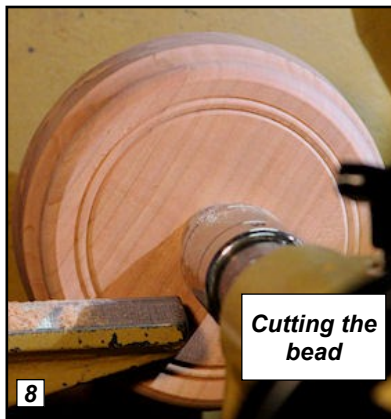
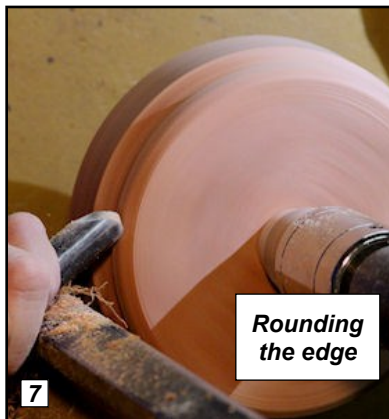
## Versatility of the side grind bowl gouge Roughing and shear cuts



## Cutting a cove in the edge of a bowl blank



## Cutting a bead on the surface of a bowl blank



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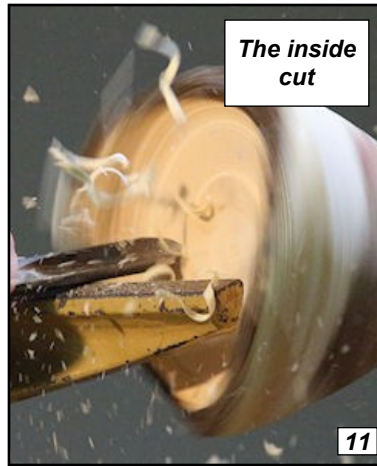
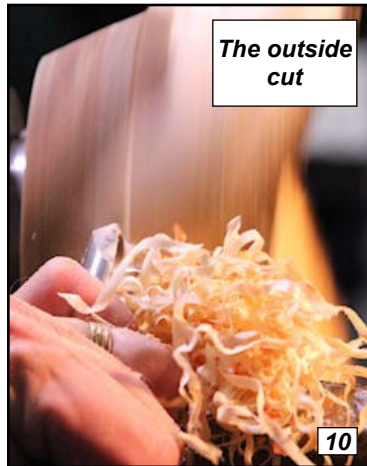


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Turning a natural edge bowl with the side grind gouge



## Pittsford Seniors Men's Group

Pittsford Seniors Had A Lot of Questions -

On Nov. 9, 2012, Jim Hotaling talked to the Pittsford Seniors Men's Group about turning and what FLWT's is all about. While it was billed as a Men's Breakfast meeting, four brave women showed up. Total attendance was 25 plus.

Jim showed forty or so different items that he had turned over the past fifteen years and then concluded the program by turning a couple of cherry napkin rings. At the end, he gave each of the women a turned book mark.

As has been the case in many of his past demos, the women asked the majority of the questions.

I wonder why? ♦

Article and Photo by Jim Hotaling



Joi Mulhern modeling one of Jim's cowboy hats

## From the Publisher

By Ralph Mosher

A note of thanks to the contributors of this issue of the *Finger Lakes Woodturners Newsletter*. Mark Mazzo for **From The Chair**, Michael Sullivan for the article covering the November 2012 demo: **Spindling to Better Bowls – Jim Echter**, Jim

Hotaling for his write up on the **Pittsford Seniors Men's Group**, Bruce Trojan for **Do Not Pass This Opportunity Up** and Gary Russell for **Library News and Views**. Thanks again to all of you for your input! ♦

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December 2012



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## Do Not Pass This Opportunity Up

By Bruce Trojan



**Bruce Trojan**

Fellow Woodturners-

**DO NOT PASS THIS OPPORTUNITY UP!**

It is already time to begin thinking about next season and setting up the schedule of demonstrations, workshops and regional or national

presenters. The Board of Directors and I would very much like your input in all of these areas. I am setting a deadline for responses of January 1. Contact me if you have questions. Here is what we are looking for:

1. Presenting Demos - We encourage any member to present a demo. There are, however, some parameters that we must work within. First, it is possible that there will be more people interested than we have meetings so we may have to pick and choose. I want you to know up front that what gets chosen will depend solely on the various topics that we are looking at for the **entire** season. Also, with the emergency experience that we just had with Bob Rosand, the board thought it a good idea that each demonstrator be pre-

pared one month early so there is always a back up. In other words, if you are scheduled for October, you have to be ready to present in September (and so on for each month). If you are interested in demoing, please contact me.

2. Demo Topic Suggestions - If you have a particular topic that you would like to suggest but are not interested in presenting it we welcome and encourage your input. There may be another member who would be comfortable and interested in demoing your topic. Please send your suggestions to me.

3. Workshops - If you would like to present a weekend workshop for eight or so turners and have a topic, we would like to include it in our schedule. Again, contact me.

4. Regional or National Presenters - Now is the time to schedule nationally known presenters for next season and **we want and need your input**. If you have a national presenter that you would like the board to consider, please contact me via e-mail.

I hope you will take advantage and give your input on these items

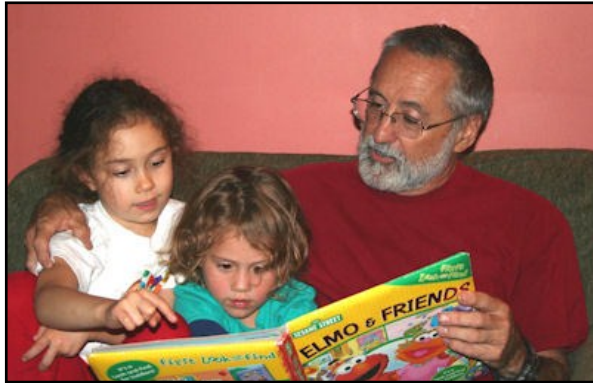
Happy spinning!

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# Library News and Views

By Gary Russell



Grandpa with Cassie and Cecilia

At the last meeting I came home with significantly more items than I brought. This doesn't mean to say that everyone brought back their Library materials, because they didn't. That would be a first. Anyway, Doug Crittenden donated five new turning books and a boatload of turning magazines. The new books are: **Illustrated Woodturning Techniques** by John Hunnex, **Woodturning Masterclass** by Tony Boase, **Decorating Turned Wood** by Liz & Michael O'Donnell, **Master Woodturners** by Dale Nish, and **Woodturning Methods** by Mike Darlow. The magazines won't be listed either here or in the list of Library items on the website because it would take days to log them in and people would fall asleep

reading through the list. I will also be removing the previous list of magazines from the database. Instead I will just bring a handful or more to the meetings and people can borrow them and return them for new a magazine. This will be an honor system because I won't be keeping track of them.

New DVD's are lent out for a month at a time and older DVD's and books can be renewed by e-mail, although nobody's bothered to contact me yet. That would be another first. I still have items out longer than two meetings. If this keeps up without people contacting me, we may have to initiate fines. We really don't want to do this, so please bring them back on time. I hope to update the website database with the new books soon.

I will continue to bring in the entire DVD Library and a handful of books and magazines to the meetings for lending out. If there is a particular book you would like, please contact me and I will be sure to bring it in.

That's it for now; keep on learning.

Gary ♦

## Local and National Woodturning Events of Interest

Year/Date		Event	For More Information
March 2013	23rd 24th	Totally Turning Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY	<a href="http://www.totallyturning.com/">http://www.totallyturning.com/</a>
May 2013	18th 19th	The CNY Woodturners Present Brad Sears Demonstration and Workshop	<a href="http://www.cnywoodturners.org/">http://www.cnywoodturners.org/</a>
June 2013	28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	2013 AAW Symposium Tampa Convention Center, Tampa FL, June 28-30.	<a href="http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2013/index.htm">http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2013/index.htm</a>

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## Calendar of FLWT Woodturning-Events 2012/2013

Date		Event	Location / Time	Pre-Mtg. Show & Share	Challenge	Demo / Topic
Dec 2012	20th	FLWT Turning Mtg.	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	Spindle Turned Object	Bob Ireland (Syracuse) – Turn a “Creature”
		FLWT BOD Mtg.	No BOD Meeting			
Jan 2013	17th	FLWT Turning Mtg.	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	Turn a Creature	Mark Mazzo Two Piece Hollow Vessel
	22nd	FLWT BOD Mtg.	Ralph Mosher 715 Telephone Road, West Henrietta, NY 7:00 - 9:00			

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

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Dale Osborne	(315) 524-7212	(315) 524-7212	<a href="mailto:dborn3@rochester.rr.com">dborn3@rochester.rr.com</a>	General turning
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. ♦**

# November Challenge Project...Finials

Photos by Ralph Mosher



**Dan Meyerhoefer**



**Harry Stanton**



**Roger Coleman**



**Don DeBolt**



**Jerry Sheridan**



**Ralph Mosher**



**Gary Russell**



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# November Show and Share

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**Albert  
Filo**



**Clifford  
Weatherell**



**Ed  
Lehman**



**Bill  
McColgin**



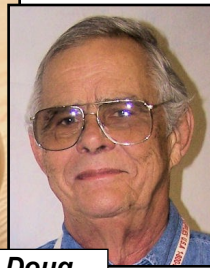
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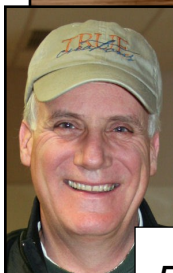
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detail**



**Doug  
Crittenden**



**Jerry  
Sheridan**



**Jim  
Echter**



**Plenty of  
tops**

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# November Show and Share

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