

# **Finger Lakes Woodturners**

# A Chapter of

## The American Association of Woodturners



#### Presidential Mumblings October 2017



Gary Russell

This month we will be hosting Tom Wirsing, a National Turner. This is a joint effort with RWS. We are holding our meeting as usual, on Thursday this week, and then the RWS general meeting is on Friday at St John Fisher. The Saturday demo is at Isaac and you can register

on the web site. The Sunday workshop is full and will also be at Isaac for those of you who are lucky enough to get a spot. Complete information is on our website.

This month is also elections. There is still time to get your name in. At this point I am the only candidate for President and Mike Sullivan for Secretary

The challenge project is to bring in your first turning (or as close as possible) along with a recent turning. This could be fun.

See you at the meeting

Gary

#### **TOPS**

At our last meeting of the 2016 - 2017 season meeting, those present voted to set a goal of 1200 tops for 2017 - 2018 season. We got off to a good start because Don DeBolt and his group (Florida) turned 200 tops. This allowed us to give 190 tops to In Step Orphanage in Kenya in time for Christmas. I now have a total of 267 tops after last month meeting. This means we have a total of 457 tops towards our goal of 1200 tops. Keep in mind that for every 10 tops you turn in you get credit for a raffle next year. But also keep in mind that the donated tops bring a smile to kids who love to spin them - Hillside Children's Center, Golisono Children's Hospital, CP Rochester and The Pieter's Family Life Center, were recipients of tops last year.

Jim Hotaling

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 the month each month. Our meetings are held at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning University classroom, 50 Holleder Parkway, Rochester, NY 14615. For more information, go to <a href="http://fingerlakeswodturners.com/">http://fingerlakeswodturners.com/</a>.

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#### Coring Systems by David Gilbert

by Bruce Impey

At the October FLWT meeting David Gilbert gave his evaluation as a relative beginner and a demonstration of bowl coring systems. Mike Mahoney has probably cored over 10,000 bowls, more than the rest of the world combined. Dale Bonertz perhaps 3,000. David has done about 100 cores. Mike mentioned instructional videos on youtube by Dale and Bob Kiss, and to an article in the Feb 2013 issue of American Woodturner. I've seen David turn cored bowls previously but this was the first time I saw the actual coring operation.

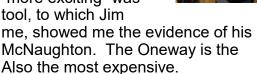
The three types of coring systems are Woodcut Bowl Saver, Oneway Easy Bowl Saver



Kelton McNaughton Bowl each were discussed and demonstrated. The term applied to the McNaughton Hotaling, sitting next to getting beat up by the safest choice of the three.



Saver. The merits of the second two were "more exciting" was tool, to which Jim



from a blank. Centered up the corer adjust the shape somewhat by moving

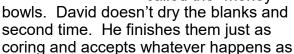
gives a hemispherical shape, and you can the tool post around. A lathe with variable speed is a must as speeds below 600 rpm are required. It takes considerable power and it is possible to rip the blank off its tenon. Dave uses a stronghold chuck, the

largest he has and wishes he had a chain hoist at his lathe. Naturally, wet wood is a better choice than dry and soft is better than hard. I'm going to guess that the cherry core that David did at the demo was about 20%.



David cautioned to only use one cutter blade at a time. After the

chips bunching up but finally the 5 ' out. I believe you small shelf. What is called the "money



You should expect to get three or four bowls

way he I mentioned stuck it in to turn



initial stab he started using a support bar. There were cherry and there was a jam

core broke off and fell

could display many such bowls on a very at the bottom of this process is what David bowl". He made this big blank into two thin

then turn them a they come from the bowl dries.



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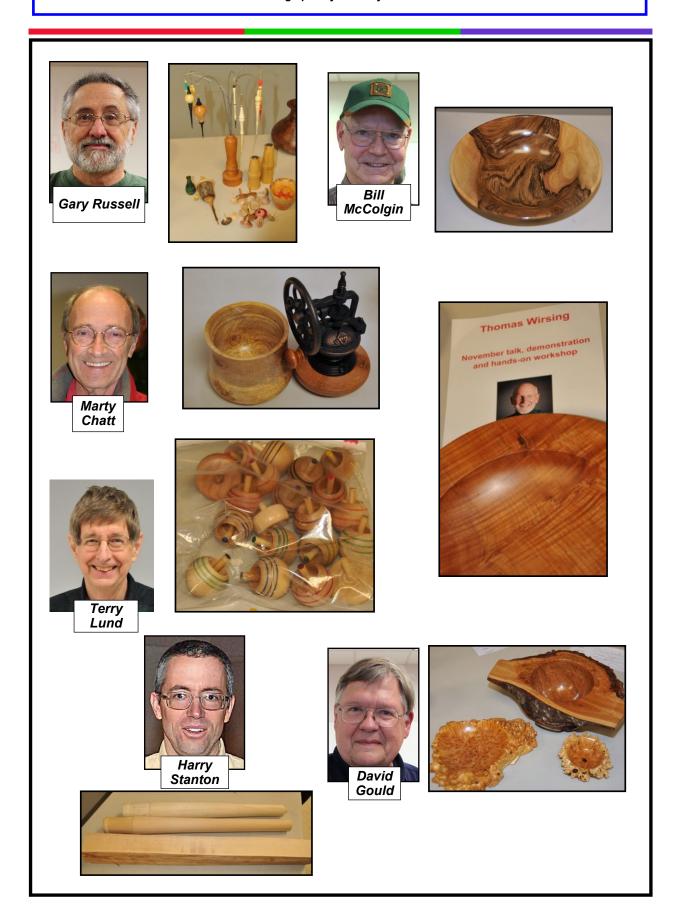
and forget

doesn't waste away very much wood. that I was sitting next to Jim. He wrote a note my journal and here I pass it onto you. "Don't some tops."



# **Members Show and Share**

Photographs by Dan Meyerhoefer



# Members Show and Share (con't)



#### 2017-18 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

September 21	Mark Mazzo—Airbrush Embellishment		
October 19	David Gilbert—Bowl Coring Systems Comparisons		
November 16—19	Thomas Wirsing—National Speaker/Workshop		
December 21	Scott Grove—Inlays and Surface Enhancements		
January 18	Bruce Trojan—Dealing with "tear out" + Incorporating Plastics		
February 15	David Barnet—(Rochester Folk Art Guild) Natural Edge Bowl		
March 16—18	Dick Gerard—National Demonstrator		
April 19	Denis Caysinger—Texturing Tools and Uses or Jeffery Cheramie—Bowls of Courage		
May 18—20	Alan Lacer—National Turner		

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<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. •



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