

Presidential Mumblings March 2018



Gary Russell

Our next meeting is on Thursday March 15, beginning at 6:00pm with a show and share of members work, followed by a short business meeting that will commence at 6:30pm. Last month David Barnett, from the Rochester Folk Art Guild demonstrated turning a natural edge bowl. The challenge project for this month then is a Natural Edge bowl. Good luck everyone.

As to this month's demo, it will be our own Jeffery Cheramie who will demonstrate how to make a Beads of Courage lidded bowl or box. If you don't already know, children get a bead for each treatment they receive. These bowls provide a safe place to keep those hard earned Beads of Courage and can bring a sense of comfort to their hearts. This is a beautiful way to honor the strength and courage of these children battling serious illness. Hopefully we can make a few bowls and donate them to this worthy cause.

This will be the last meeting to bring in items for the Isaac United Way/Community Chest breakfast auction. We will be setting up a table at our meeting to collect your donations, **so please bring them in now**. If you haven't started making something for them yet, please do so. Remember they have been very generous to us by providing free space for our meetings and events. Last year we raised a lot of money for the United Way/Community Chest. Let's show them what we can do and do even better this year.

Our tops donations will be distributed shortly. Our goal of 1200 tops has been reached with a grand total of 1234 donated. Thank all of you who have participated. These kids surely do appreciate it. Next year thanks to Jim Echter our goal will be 1400 tops. This is a lot of tops, so you might want to get started early. The monthly drawings for tops donations has ended for this year and will begin again in September assuming you all want to continue doing this. Congratulations to all the winners. That being said, is the monthly drawing something you want us to continue? Let me know what you think. People are beginning to tell me we spend too much time talking about tops. This is a worthy cause and teaches us some valuable skills. So let me know your feelings.

This month the Board will be preparing the budget for next year. This outlines our expected costs and income for the year as well as being the basis for our demonstration/workshop programs. Not only do we need this to maintain our 401c3 status, but it keeps us transparent to all of you. Jim Byron is the lead person and has already done a considerable amount of work on it. If there is something you want us to include please let Jim know. Remember we are now doing 12 monthly meetings a year and there will be added expenses compared to last year. When the Board has agreed to a draft budget, we will be bringing it to the members for review and vote. As an aside, discussion is being had on possibly increasing dues. We have not increased the yearly dues (\$20) since I've been here, and that is well over ten years. At the moment we have a strong treasury and are not in any desperate need of cash, however, if we bring in a third national speaker or change programs we may need to be prepared.

We are still participating in the Perinton and Greece workshops since they have been such a great success. The next one will be Saturday March 17th from 9 till 1 at the Perinton Community Center. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. Both, we are looking forward to putting you to work.

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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 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 <http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/>.

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President's Mumbblings (cont)

We have two new Board advisers - Jim Echter and Mark Kraska. Most of us know Jim since he has been very active in the Club since the beginning and was a past president for several years. Welcome back Jim. Mark has been turning for only a year, and it will be extremely nice to have a fresh perspective on the Board. Thank you both, we are looking forward to putting you to work. In addition, we now have a back-up newsletter editor, Bruce Impey, to help out Dave Banister. Bruce will be primarily proofing and ensuring people get articles in on time to be included in the newsletter. He will also be learning the ropes in case of David's absence. When you send in information to be included in the newsletter, please send a copy to Bruce as well as David. We have been trying to get back-ups for all the major positions in the Club and this one step closer to that. Thanks Bruce.

This year the Board has decided not to do the Club picnic in June but to have it in September, possibly the 9th. This would be in addition to the monthly meeting. Mark Kraska will be taking the lead on this. More to come as we proceed. As usual we are seeking a volunteers; and if you have questions and suggestions, please contact Mark. If you like food and camaraderie, then please help us.

Thanks to all of you who have been volunteering and thereby continuing to keep this Club viable and healthy.

See you at the meeting.

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David Barnett Demo

by Bruce Impey

At the FLWT February meeting David Barnett gave a demonstration on turning a natural edge bowl. David is a local craftsman who has been part of the Rochester Folk Art Guild since 1975. He lives there, not far from me in Middlesex. I'm a bit jealous I guess. I took up woodturning around then but decided to live in chemical plants for the next four decades. I wanted to do woodturning all the time but there was something about having a family and earning a regular paycheck that distracted me. Now that I'm a retired guy I hope I can make up for this unfortunate turn.

I'll just note here that Jim Hotaling said in the meeting that we made our goal for the number of tops donated by members this season. Naturally the goal is going up, to 1400 next year. Member Mark Crasket encouraged us all by swearing that he will turn 100 himself! Thanks Mark and I hope I spelled your name correctly.

I enjoyed David's demonstration. He was easy to listen to and somehow I only jotted down a few short notes for this report. He commented that he gave David Gould his first turning lesson. It was a gift from David's wonderful wife. I think that is one of those most expensive gifts ever kind of thing.

David demonstrated turning a natural edged bowl. He said he practiced preparing for the demo and that it was a good exercise. David talked of thinking about what wall height



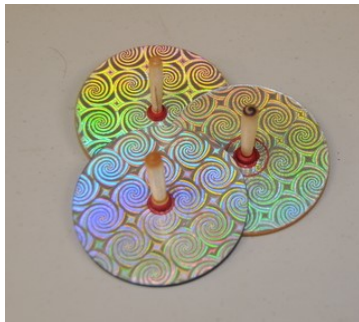
you want for the bowl and that you have two choices in how to turn the bowl. You can turn to final thickness at the beginning or take the thick and let it dry route.

If you take the thick option then it's an anchor seal, saw dust or a bag for the controlled drying process. The last two options might give trouble with mold.

David holds Apple and Pear in a class by themselves. I tend to agree. Lucky for him, he tends an orchard. He uses padded PVC as a jam chuck although he didn't call it that. One tip; sanding green wood can cause checking. A spray bottle helps.



Members Show and Share



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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	David Gilbert—Yarn Bowl
February 15	David Barnett—(Rochester Folk Art Guild) Natural Edge Bowl
March 16	Jeff Cheramie—Beads of Courage
April 19	Bruce Trojan—Dealing with tearout and adding plastics
May 18—20	Alan Lacer—National Turner

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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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