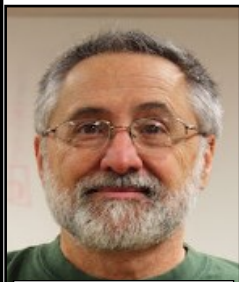


### Presidential Mumblings November 2018



**Gary Russell**

I am back from my Hawaiian vacation and ready to do some turning again. Since I was gone for most of the month, I will not have much to contribute here. Next month I should have more for you. Thank you David Gould for leading last month's meeting while I was gone.

Our regular November meeting, on Thursday November 15, will feature our first national turner of the season, John

Jordan. This visit is also being sponsored by Rochester Woodworker's Society. There is an additional fee for both Saturday and Sunday events. For information on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday events please see our web page. ([www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com](http://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com))

We will begin our regular meeting on Thursday a bit earlier than normal, at 5:45 pm, with Show and Share, and a brief business/info session, including election of Vice President and Treasurer. John's demo will begin by 6:30.

Once again AAW is offering scholarships to either Arrowmont or Campbell Folk school. If you are an AAW member and would like to be considered for a scholarship please let me know. We get to put in one name for consideration so there will be a drawing next month for our submission.

Don't forget to bring in your tops for the kids. See you Thursday.

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Gary

### Library Update By Denis Caysinger

We recently added some new materials to the FLWT Library for loan.

Thanks to donations from Ed Lehman's family, we have added two new books to the library:

- Projects from Woodturning Magazine
- Shop Dust Control, by Sandor Nagyszalanczy

We also received three other duplicate books for the library.

We are currently investigating the future purchase of a full set of Cole jaws that can be loaned out from the library. The Library has an expanded budget for this year and we hope to buy several tools for the library. If you have suggestions for tools that would make sense for the Library, please contact Gary or Denis.

When checking out items from the library please be sure that a Librarian marks the item down on our tracking sheet. Don't hesitate to offer suggestions to Gary or Denis regarding library operations, or new items you would like to see in the library.

Keep in mind there are many books in the library that we cannot bring to meetings. Please contact either Gary or Denis to have these books brought to the meeting. The listing is on the FLWT website under resources.

And lastly, as with anything that members borrow from the library, if you lose it or break it, you're responsible for buying another one for the club.

Gary & Denis

### Show n Share

Pete Shea shared two hollow forms for the challenge project. His first ever.

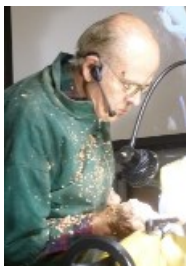


FLWT meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of the month each month. Our meetings are held at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning University classroom, 50 Holleder Parkway, Rochester, NY 14615. For more information, go to <http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/>.

## A Christmas Ornament with Erv Tschanz

by Bruce Impey

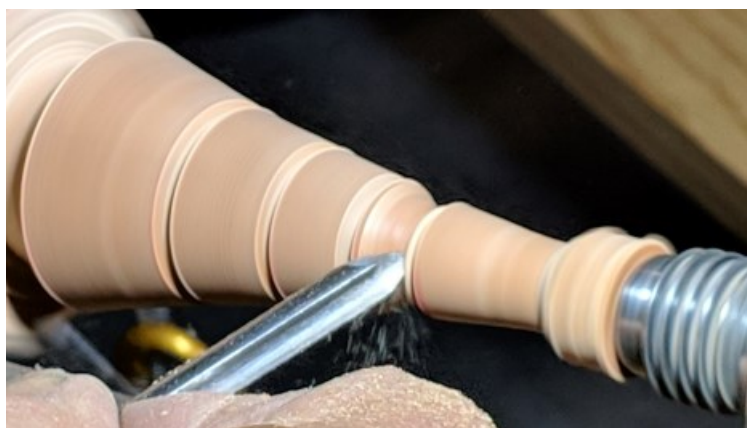
At the regular October meeting of the FLWT Erv Tschanz gave a demonstration of turning a Christmas Tree. Because of Erv's landscaping connection, he has access to Yew. It is a good material for turning the trees, despite having a lot of reaction wood. While many of his trees are from Yew, the demo was on a piece of cherry.



The tree may have 5 tiers more or less and it also may have a natural edge base. The space between tiers increases from top to bottom and the shape is not a straight triangle. The height of the top tier is about the same as the bottom tier. The base is turned slightly offset from the tree. This is accomplished by turning the base and then moving the drive center to turn the tenon for the chuck.

Erv uses a 1/4 in. spindle gouge, a small skew and a spindle roughing gouge. He says the spindle roughing gouge is his best tool. He used a thin diamond parting tool as a tiny skew. Erv used a big three jaw machinist chuck, which he says has a better grip on small tenons.

The tip of the tree is supported by the tailstock while the tiers are cut in with the spindle gouge. The spindle gouge is held left handed with the flute completely open (the flute is facing you and the tip of the tool is headed toward the tailstock).



The slicing cuts are very smooth but the top of the undercut is left with a small flat and a ring of light fuzz. The fuzz cleans off nicely with a piece of 100 or 150 grit sandpaper held flat just touched against it.



After parting the base most of the way off with the tip still held in the tail center, Erv removes the tailstock and takes the tip of the tree down to a point.

At the end of the demo Erv invited the audience to come up to the lathe and try the slicing spindle gouge cut.



photos by Jim Echter and Bruce Impey



## Finger Lakes Woodturners Skill Enhancement Workshops

by Clifford Weatherell

Do you want to learn a new turning skill? Would you like some one-on-one instruction with a master woodturner? Are you having a problem with a cut, and need a little help? Would you like to try out a new tool and work-holding method? If you answered yes to any of these, you should attend one of the Finger Lakes Woodturners Skill Enhancement Workshops at St. Michael's Wood Shop. Some of you know me; I have been turning for 14 years and I still am learning. The first workshop I attended was on September 24th with Ralph Mosher showing how to hollow and turn vases. Our blanks were prepared so we were able to get right to shaping our vases. Ralph, Jim Byron, and Terry Lund helped each participant achieve a pleasing form, then we started hollowing. The workshop provided a few different types of hollowing tools for us to try out and Ralph brought his rig with the laser pointer. It was a very successful time for all who attended. On October 22nd I attended Erv Tschanz's Ornaments workshop, where he taught how he turns an offset holiday tree. Erv gave me one-on-one instruction most of the evening. We started with a "normal" tree then turned an offset tree, which was a challenging concept for me. Erv's patience and instruction were top-notch. I took home a very nice tree and a lot more knowledge. Check out the Finger Lakes Woodturners website and newsletters for more of these wonderful workshops!



Clifford

## Open Shop Program

by Gene McCabe

I would like to share my experience of visiting the St. Michael's open shop program with club members who might be interested in doing the same. I was wary of the location and the parking arrangements, but neither of these presented problems. The location is a busy area with lots of foot traffic and support personnel present. The parking is surprisingly simple and very convenient. Terry was able to guide me to a parking space within steps of the entrance.

The St Michael's shop is an amazing space with a wide range of tools available. My goal was twofold. I had a "challenging" bowl project underway which was heading towards fire pit. I figured why not get a "second opinion" – another set of eyes on the project. This was helpful. I got confirmation of some of my hunches and I got some new ideas for proceeding further. I salvaged the project.

The issue of proper sharpening technique is a perennial challenge for me - with a variety of "solutions" being proposed as correct. U Tube can be helpful up to a point, but it can also confuse the matter. It was nice to have a live interaction with an experienced turner who is open and flexible, not to mention the value of immediate feedback on my efforts.



It was very nice to see the youngsters coming in for mentoring – what a refreshing change to see youth engaged in productive activity. I would recommend at least a visit to this program for everyone.

Gene

Anyone interested in the open shop should talk to Terry Lund for details. Find his contact info in the BOD directory at the end of the newsletter.

## Tops Donations

by Bruce Impey

By his last report Jim has collected 478 tops from members for donation to the Children's Hospitals. There is still quite a bit of year left for our active woodturners to make a few more for the kids. As Jim has schooled us, turning tops is a wonderful way to practice the basic skills of woodturning. It is also a good warmup exercise when first going to the shop. Take a few minutes at the start and turn a top or two each session.



## 2018-19 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

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| Nov 15      | National Turner—John Jordan -               |
| December 20 | Holiday Celebration and Round Robin Turning |
| January 17  | National Turner—Michael Hosaluk             |
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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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