

Presidential Mumblings January 2019



Gary Russell

Well, it is the start of a new year. Time to make those New Year's resolutions like make tops for the kids or volunteer for Club activities.

We had a great time at the December holiday meeting. Lots of good stuff to eat and the round robin demos were fun and well attended. The

January challenge is to make either an offset snowman, an angel, a magic wand or pen made with a "Pen Wizard" if you have one or can get your hands on one. All of which you should have learned how to do at one of the round robin stations. I'm sorry, eating candy and cake doesn't fit our challenge objectives so that doesn't count.

We are well below our goal of a thousand tops for the kids. Jim Hotaling said we had just over 700.



We need to get in that shop and make some more. There are no excuses for not doing some after the hands on demo at the December meeting. This will be the last meeting we will be collecting for this year although you can always get a head start for next year. Tops are great fun to make and it really hones ones turning skills. And the kids enjoy them. Remember for every 10 tops you donate you can place your name in for the monthly drawing. This will be the last month for this season to do that.

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Our regular January meeting, on Thursday January 17, will feature our first national turner of 2019, Michael Hosaluk, from Saskatoon Canada. His visit is also being sponsored by Rochester Woodworker's Society (RWS) and is a four day event. Michael is well known for his design and teaching abilities, and he has produced a wide variety of amazing items. We will begin our Thursday meeting a bit earlier than normal, at 5:45 pm, with Show and Share, and a brief business/info session. Michael's demo will begin by 6:30. His talk on Friday will be sponsored by the RWS. More information can be found on our website and the RWS website, along with sign-up sheets for Saturday and Sunday.

Terry Lund and I just got back from Virginia where we picked up the General lathe. After two days of travel and over 770 miles on my truck, it is here and set up at St. Michael's. We lucked out with the weather and had no problems on the road. However, once we got it here and loaded on the freight elevator, Terry got it stuck between floors. We had to abandon it there till they fixed it the next day. Fortunately Terry was able to crawl out; otherwise, we would have had to leave him there

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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 Hollender Parkway, Rochester, NY 14615. For more information, go to <http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com/>.

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overnight too. The two new Laguna lathes are in Rochester and at St. Michael's as well. We now have a full slate of large lathes ready to use at the Hosaluk workshop which will be at St. Michaels.

We are starting to collect your donations for the Isaac United Way Breakfast Auction so please bring them in at any meeting. Isaac has been really good to us for letting us use there facilities for free. Let's show them our appreciation by donating. I do not have a date yet for the event but typically it's been in the Spring. I will give you more information when I get it. This is a great time to clean off your display shelves and make room for new turnings.

I'll see you at the meeting and till then keep on turning.

Gary

Finger Lakes Woodturners December Meeting

by Bruce Trojan



FLWT woodturners gathered for the annual Holiday meeting Thursday, December 20th. It has to be one of the most fun events of the year. Everyone brings cookies or hors d'oeuvres to share.

The format is a round robin of various turning techniques combined with a lot of socializing. Members not only get the benefit of seeing and learning other members turning expertise, but are also afforded time to get to know each other better. Maybe it's the holiday spirit that gives this event so much energy, maybe it's the change in format, but whatever the reason, the true camaraderie of belonging to an organization where members are so willing to share with each other is very special.

This year there were five stations each with it's own theme. Cliff Wetherell had two mini lathes up and running for members to turn tops. What was really nice was those who opted for this exercise had a hands on experience and were learning about top design as well as cutting techniques. Cliff's clear instructions made it easy to grasp the concepts.



Phil Rose demonstrated making angels and snowmen. His eccentric turning approach to the snowmen was especially interesting and very nicely done. For those watching, there were a myriad of turning techniques to be learned at his station.



David Gilbert was turning magic wands that he has made for kids. Dave showed how to make a jig to turn a Morse taper which is invaluable to know as a turner. Thanks Dave!



Terry Lund was tackling the grinder and it seemed like he didn't get a moments' break from helping to answer sharpening questions. Staying sharp is one of those things that we all need to better understand as our skills keep improving and Terry's expertise proved invaluable to those who took advantage.

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David Banister was very kind to bring his Pen Wizard in and showed ways to embellish pens using this unique tool, a set up similar to a rose engine without the thousands of dollars investment. Dave's station was a very nice addition to the round robin and demonstrated yet another technique and tool of the trade.



The Holiday meeting reminds us of how grateful we are to have each other, and a place to share and learn. It is the meeting that brings us into the new year where we will continue to grow and improve our skills. Happy New Year!



Pete Shea



December Show & Share



Jim Byron



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Rose



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Photos by Greg Zaccardo

Michael Hosaluk Coming in January
by David Gilbert

If the terms “fun” and “out of the box creativity” could be used to describe only one woodturner, it would have to be Mike Hosaluk. From his bowls of “Strange Fruit” to his whimsical tea-pots and vessels, his turned pieces are somehow instantly recognizable yet surprising. A self-taught artist and woodturner, Michael Hosaluk was a professional woodworker before becoming a full-time artist and teacher. His work covers a wide range of objects and materials including functional vessels, furniture and sculptural pieces. Many of today’s artists around the world trace their discovery of woodturning’s potential back to one of Mike’s demonstrations. His work covers sculptural pieces, functional vessels and furniture, and has been exhibited worldwide.

Michael Hosaluk’s Rochester schedule is planned as follows: Finger Lakes Woodturners will meet at 6:00 PM, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Isaac Heating, 50 Hollender Parkway, Rochester. Mike will demo how he turns some of his signature objects (more details will be coming soon).

In his RWS presentation on Friday, January 18, 2019, Mike Hosaluk will talk about his work and experiences as turner and artist. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019 in 135 Basil Hall on the campus of St. John Fisher College. FLWA members are welcome to attend this session.

There are two workshops scheduled with Mike Hosaluk on the weekend. The first one will be a demo workshop on Saturday, January 19, 2019 where he will demo the basic skills and techniques that he uses to create his turned objects. On Sunday, January 20, there will be a hands-on workshop where you can attempt to recreate some of his masterpieces (details coming soon).

Here are some photos of Hosaluk’s creative work.



Editor’s note: For the latest info or to register for the Event go [here](http://fingerturners.org)

Key Dates January 2019

Jan 7 - Open Shop at St Michael's 9am-Noon
Jan 9 - Open Shop at St Michael's 6pm-9-9pm
Jan 12 - Perinton Beginning Turning 9am-1pm
Jan 17-20 - Michael Hosaluk National Turner
Jan 22 FLWT Board Meeting - Fairport Library - 7pm-9pm
Jan 26 RWS Bowl Turning Workshop - 8am-4pm
Feb 18 – 22 St Michael's February Break

2018-19 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

January	National Turner—Michael Hosaluk
February	Bruce Impey “Tea Table”
March	David Barnet “Green Bowls”
April	Jim Echter
May	National Turner—Alan Lacer
June	Bruce Trojan “Turning an Off-Center Platter”

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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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