

President's Letter September 2020



As I write this, August is just ending, I am reflecting on all the new things we tried so far this year, and we have so much happening still ahead of us!

When COVID-19 hit, and the world around us started shutting down, FLWT was ready to move operations online. Our

monthly meetings – the third Thursday of every month – are run through Zoom conferencing and feature demonstrations from near and far. The Board has committed to bringing in world-class turners for at least half of our meetings in the 2020-21 season, in addition to the Professional turners that are members of FLWT. Our upcoming season schedule is [here](#).

This year we added the Super Show and Share (S3) on the first Thursday of each month, and we regularly see attendance at least as good as our monthly meetings! We have seen a lot of great work – some turnings, some techniques, and even a new and innovative visual hollowing tool.

We brought back the auctions in a virtual format. We will continue to make them available in rough alignment with our monthly meetings – meaning we will start the auctions the weekend before the monthly meeting, with a close time Wednesday evening.

Earlier this year, we surveyed the membership – thank you to all that responded. In short, the survey suggested we not restart large-in-person meetings for 2020, and continue to plan for IRDs for an indefinite time – at least until there is some viable solution to COVID-19 and large gatherings. Also, the membership thinks we should hold off on public settings, such as Greece, Perinton, and Byron-Bergen workshops, for the foreseeable future. Many members are anxious to restart smaller get-togethers such as mentoring, but others commented on the need to stay safe. Among the many comments were suggestions to bring in more national turners, if the budget allows. The Board is looking closely at

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the results, and you will see many new things happening to help address the membership desires. A special shout-out: thank you to Denis Caysinger for running the survey and compiling the results!

In September, we will start a new raffle – something Terry Lund experienced at one of his former clubs. We are calling it the “Win One Bring One”. The rough idea of the (free) raffle is that someone attending an S3 or regular monthly meeting will win a turned piece and will be responsible for bringing one to be given away at the next S3 or regular monthly meeting. The raffles will be a great way to build your collection, share turnings among members, and continue to stay in touch.

This fall, as the weather turns colder, we are looking to start a virtual group turning event series that we are sure will be fun and exciting, and another opportunity to try something new. Look for more information soon.

For all of you that have renewed your membership, thank you! For those that haven't, now is the time. Please visit our web site, [www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com](http://fingerlakeswoodturners.com), or send a check payable to Finger Lakes Woodturners. Jim Byron at 131 Chelsea Meadows Drive, West Henrietta, NY 14586.

As the weather turns colder, I will be spending more time in my shop trying out all of the new things I've discovered from all of the virtual IRDs we have experience in the last few months. What new thing will you try?

Phil

Spiraling into Control with Jeff Salter

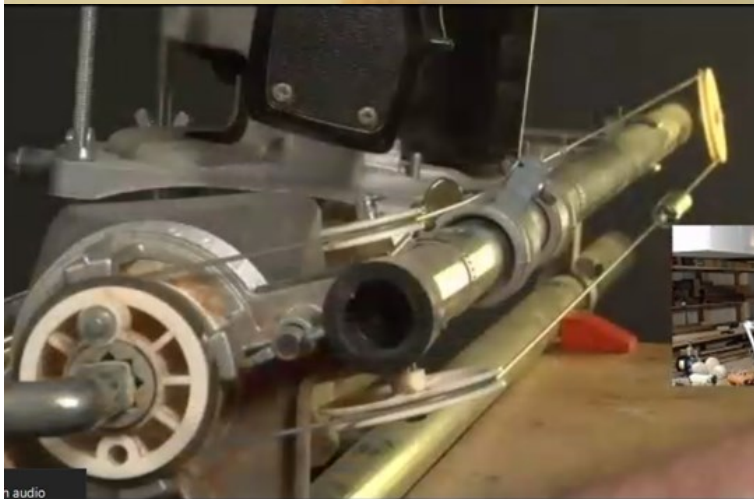
by Bruce Impey

At our August club meeting IRD, Jeff joined us from Ann Arbor to show us how his cable driven router system allows him to cut spirals on turnings. In addition to the cable system, Jim uses a DIY cable spool paired with an indexing wheel, which can be acquired from Ironfire, VM Woodworks or Leesom Engineering. One subtle point is that the spool circumference determines the tool travel distance. Jim uses a Harbor Freight laminate router. Attention must be paid to slack in the cable and the resultant backlash by only cutting in one direction of the tool travel. A DVD can be bought at Packard Woodworks or simply borrowed from the FLWT library.



This isn't as elegantly simple as Jim Hotaling's fluted bowl technique, but it isn't as complicated as a modern 4th axis CNC setup. Plenty of sanding required. Jeff omitted actually operating the jig, but should return with a segment on that possibly at one of our S3 Zoom meetings.

Jeff hasn't made any of these spiral turnings in a while. His current passion is drum sets turned from whole cherry log sections.



Shared Work



Gary Russell—Wormy Bowl



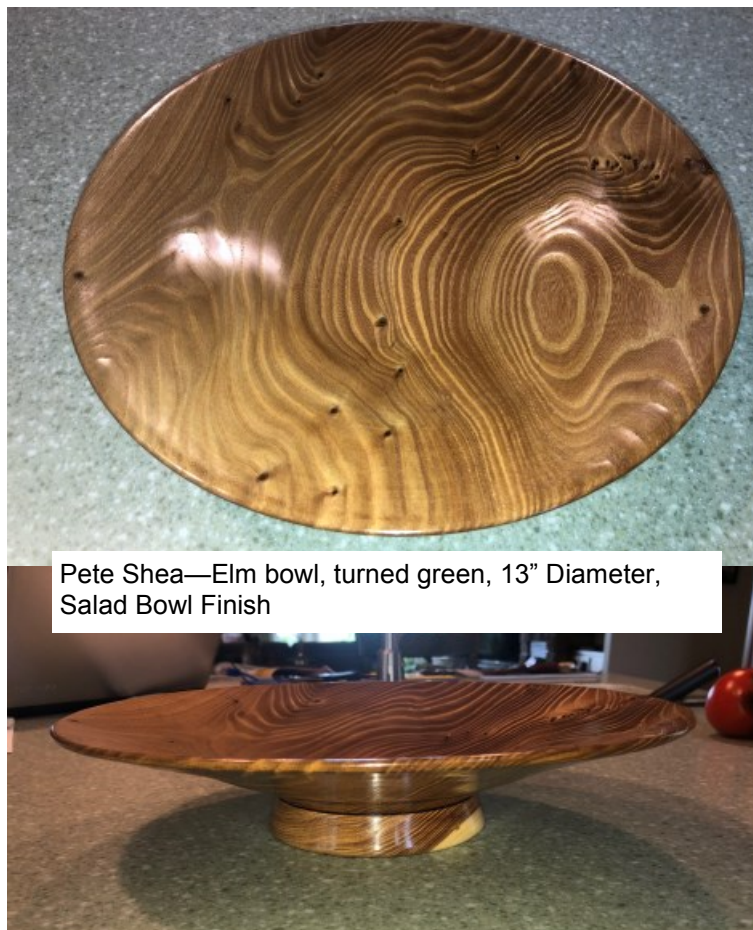
Gary Russell



Gary Russell—Necklaces



Pete Shea—Apple Bowl, no finish



Pete Shea—Elm bowl, turned green, 13" Diameter, Salad Bowl Finish

Club Kind Turn Challenge

By Gary Russell

Recently I had a routine doctors appointment. Prior to going in I thought it would be nice to give the nurses and staff a small token of appreciation. So I made a bunch of small vases (weed pots) one afternoon before my appointment. I handed them out and told them that I appreciated their work during this stressful time. I made 7 and as it so happened that was the correct number. Lucky me. I also gave my doctor a larger vase from my stock on hand.

Thinking about this I thought I would challenge everyone to show their appreciation and make your doctors and staff a small gift and take them in and hand them out. This is a great project for us to do. It not only shows our appreciation but it hones our skills and uses up some of that scrap wood you have hanging around. It takes practically no time to do and really doesn't cost us anything but our time, which we have a lot of these days.

The ones I made were all different types of wood from my scrap bin and finished with an oil finish. You don't need to spend a lot of time on each piece or fret about the shapes. I let each nurse pick out the one they liked although the last nurse in didn't get any choice. Don't do what I did though and just guess at the number needed, call the office and ask how many work there.

Let's do this by the next meeting, if possible. I would love to see a number of us do this. By the way, it's not tops. Something new.



Editors note: It's not tops Gary says, but he also tells me that he is always turning tops. We haven't talked to Jim Hotaling in a while, but I am pretty sure he would ask all of you to keep turning tops for a fall donation to the children in hospital.

Library Update

by Denis Caysinger

Reminder, the FLWT Library is open. Members can see the items that we have in the Library by going to the following link on the FLWT page:
<https://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/resources/library/>

Since last month the Library has added the Joyner jig to the tools you can check out. We purchased both the 1" x 8tpi and 1 1/4" x 8tpi mandrels, which should fit the majority of lathes members have.

If you see an item you want, please email Denis with the item number at: library@fingerlakeswoodturners.com

Denis will let you know if the item is in stock or checked out. If the item is in stock, you can pick it up at his house in Hilton, or you can pay for him to mail it out to you.

For returns there are a number of people who have signed up to be "return sites" for you to drop off items. The names and addresses of the "return sites" will be included in the emails

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that Denis will send out to get checked-out items returned.

All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours per CDC guidelines before being put back into stock.

If you have spare time on your hands, don't hesitate to take advantage of this important member benefit.

Gary Tveit & Denis Caysinger

S3: Super Show & Share

by Jeffery Cheramie

For those of you that have been participating in the Super Show and Share I wanted to thank you for your time preparing the pictures and emailing them to me. At the beginning of our 2020 quarantine when we were no longer able to meet as a group, the Board and Advisors were thinking about ways that we could possibly use our technology to better the club. The suggestion for bringing back our Show and Share portion of the meeting was discussed, and it was suggested that we try to figure out a way for us to continue this aspect of the meeting.

With the virtual meetings beginning to take hold, we decided that it might be best to have the Show and Share on a different day, hence the First Thursday of every month. As a result, I personally feel that the S3 event has become very successful. Each month that we have people participating and showing their turnings everyone has an opportunity to learn something new. Even our presenters have the ability to learn something when they show off their work. If you have something that you would like help figuring out, something you want to show others, something that is your first try, no matter how good or how bad you might think it is, let us see your work. We can help you make it better, or just let you know that you really did an awesome job.

The next time you are turning something, take a few photos with the most readily available camera you have in your shop and send the pictures to me. I can take care of the rest. I look forward to hearing from some of the other people that have not yet presented in the S3.

If you have any questions or need help you can always email me at demo@fingerlakeswoodturners.com and I will help as much as I can.

Thank you,

Jeffery

2020 –21 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

Sept 17	Trent Bosch – Remote Demo - Decorative Utility Bowls.
Oct 15	Cindy Drozda – Remote Demo – Topic(s) TBD
Nov 19	Joe Wiesnet – Remote Demo – Bottoms Up – Foot First
Dec 17	Rudy Lopez – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Jan 21, 2021	Phil Rose – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Feb 18	Jim Echter – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Mar 18	Tod Raines – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Apr 15	TBD
May 20-23	David Ellsworth – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Jun 17	Larry Lobel – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Jul 15	Dave Landers – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Aug 19	Jeffrey Cheramie – Remote Demo – Topic TBD
Sep 16	Jimmy Clewes – IRD or local demo is TBD

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