

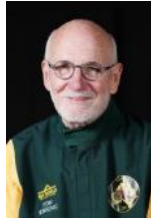


Finger Lakes Woodturners

A Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners



October 2022 Meeting Tom Wirsing Demonstration & Workshops



[There is still time to sign up!!!](#)

Finger Lakes Woodturners is thrilled to host Tom Wirsing as our featured Fall National Turner. During his visit, he will present an all-day demonstration on Saturday, October 22, and will be available for six workshops geared for beginner and more advanced turners from October 23-28.

Tom will also be featured at our monthly FLWT meeting on Thursday, October 20.

Tom will also speak at the monthly RWS meeting on Friday, October 21.

[Tom Wirsing Demo and Workshops](#)

Show & Share!!!

The next Show & Share will be held October 6. If you brought an item to the last meeting remind the Newsletter so you can be entered into the S&S drawing. And as always, send your photos to the newsletter.

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Don't Forget - Ornaments!!!

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Important Dates

- ◆ Now thru T'giving Brawley Strong Exhibit
- ◆ Oct 6 Show & Share
- ◆ Oct 20 Tom Wirsing FLWT Meeting
- ◆ Oct 21 Tom Wirsing RWS Presentation
- ◆ Oct 22 Tom Wirsing FLWT Demo
- ◆ OCT 23 - 28 Tom Wirsing Workshops
- ◆ [Nov 1 St. Michael's Ornaments Due](#)

FLWT President's Message - September 2022



As the weather turns, probably like all of us, I find myself in the shop more often. I have had the opportunity to work on various projects we have seen as demos over the last few months – salt boxes, mortar and pestles, a square edge bowl, and more. I don't always turn the exact thing, but I take away something new from every presenter. As I get ready to see Tom Wirsing later this month, I look forward to more takeaways. Looking around the membership, I am convinced that these lessons have made us better turners.

Last month an anonymous donor gifted FLWT with two new Laguna lathes to replace the Generals we have been using. This donation rounds out our full complement of full-size Laguna lathes for Open Shops, national turners, and other

hands-on events. I am grateful to this donor – thank you!

As we start the holiday season – yes, I am already beginning gift buying – don't forget that FLWT gets donations when you shop at Amazon Smile. We know that many of you have your browsers pointed to smile.amazon.com and have chosen Finger Lakes Woodturners as your organization to support – we know that because we are getting checks from Amazon as a result! Last year the club received over \$80 from Amazon. Please keep up the excellent work.

Terry Lund has sent out notice of eight Open Shops in October! These events are an excellent opportunity for all of you still needing to complete five ornaments for our challenge. These ornaments help St. Michael's – please participate. We have everything you need at St. Michael's, but you may bring your own tools. We can even help with tool use techniques and sharpening tips. The sessions are all listed on the Open Shop Page – sign up today.

We have restarted the outreach program at Perinton Rec. Although we have a few

instructors, we can always use more. I learn much more when I teach someone else – it improves my techniques. If you are interested, please reach out to Mike Sullivan at mpsullivan52@gmail.com.

One excellent opportunity to try something new is our upcoming workshops with Tom Wirsing – learn to turn a platter from the premiere platter maker. There is still time to register.

With so many offerings at FLWT, I hope you can all take advantage of some opportunity to try something new. If you need help and Open Shop isn't an option, there is a complete list of mentors on the website and in the newsletter who you can contact.

- Phil



Ornament Ideas....

FLWT Board of Directors News

This November two club officer positions are up for election, **Vice President**, and **Treasurer**.

Nominations and elections will take place at the monthly meeting on November 17. The board of directors meet once a month, the Tuesday after the monthly meeting. The board discusses issues, plans for future events, and guides the overall direction of the club.

From our Bylaws "The **Vice President** shall undertake all those functions of the President, which the President is unable to undertake, or those, which the President requests that the Vice President undertake or that the Board of Directors assigns the Vice President to undertake." Our vice president is tasked with lining up the talent for all member meetings. This means reaching out to both national turners and FLWT members to plan the monthly demonstrations and IRDs. The vice president also arranges for workshops. This is a forward-looking position planning a year or two out.

The **Treasurer** position is a multi-faceted position and often goes unnoticed. From our Bylaws "The Treasurer shall be responsible for developing and recommending to the Board of Directors policies for the care, custody, and disbursement of corporate funds, for maintenance of the Corporation's financial books and records and for all accounting matters. The Treasurer shall report the financial condition of the Corporation at regular meetings of the Board or whenever the Board may so require." Aside from preparing the yearly budget and handling the club funds, the treasurer also is instrumental in membership renewal and new member welcoming.

Members are always welcome to attend the board meetings. If anyone is interested in a position or wants more information, they should contact any Board member prior to the November meeting.

FLWT Board Of Directors 2022/2023

Board Position	Name	Phone	Email
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AAW Virtual Events



Woodturning Fundamentals LIVE!

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16, 2022

Noon to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Tailored to Beginner and Intermediate Woodturners

Our instructors will focus on foundational skills by teaching the basics and refining fundamentals through projects.

Who should attend?

- ♦ Beginner woodturners.
- ♦ Early intermediate turners who want to brush up on the basics.
- ♦ Turners who want to strengthen or refresh foundational woodturning skills.
- ♦ Experienced turners who want to try new techniques!

[Check here for Complete Information!!!](#)

Women In Turning Presents

Helga Winter

Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:00 PM Eastern Time

[Click here to register.](#)



FLWT Meeting Schedule

Sep 15	Dave Gilbert FLWT, Salt Box Design & Construction, In Person
Oct 20	Tom Wirsing National Turner, Turning/Finishing a Platter, In Person
Oct 21	Tom Wirsing Lecture with RWS at Basil Hall @ SJFU Campus
Nov 17	Mike Mahoney National Turner, Drinking Cup with Handle, IRD
Dec 15	Round Robin Holiday Celebration at St. Michael's (In person only)
Jan 19	Michael Kehs National Turner, Enhancing Forms with Burning, IRD
Feb 16	Larry Lobel FLWT, Three Leg Stool, In Person
Mar 16	Michael Gibson National Turner, Two-Part Tea Pot, IRD
Apr 20	Bruce Trojan FLWT, Multi-Axis Turning, In Person
May 18	John Beaver, Wave Related Bowls/Forms, In-Person w/Workshops
Jun 15	David Barnet FLWT, Simple Salt Shakers, In Person
Jul 20	Trent Bosch National Turner, Mountain Bowl, IRD
Aug 17	David Gould FLWT, Coloring w/Alcohol Based Dyes, In Person

More Information will be available on Remaining Schedule as details become available so keep watch for future Newsletter installments, email, and the FLWT Website! It looks to be a great year!



Witch One Do You Like?

Gary Russell's Show & Share

Here is my Halloween show and share.

The taller one is made of cherry and is 6 1/2 inches tall. The shorter one is about 6 inches tall and made of colored birch plywood.

Both consist of 4 separate turned pieces (body, hat, nose and broom). The broom is made of rose-of-sharon. The nose and hat also consist of some hand carving to get the curves but start out as a turning. The skirt is hollow to make it lighter.

FLWT News

Monthly Meeting December 15 **Round Robin @ St. Michael's**

Our December Holiday meeting is of a round robin format and will be **in person only** at St Michaels. We will have multiple lathes stations setup with members demonstrating different projects.

Members will be able to move around, socialize, and look at various projects, techniques, and tools. In the past there were sharpening, ornaments, tops, and pen demonstrations to name a few.

We hope to have some new projects to show this year, we already have a few things planned but would like a few more.

If there is something you would like to demonstrate contact the newsletter. We always look forward to member participation. This is a great time to get to know other members. Did I also mention there will be snacks to share.

Open Shop Dates!

Open shop occurs on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at the times noted here:

Here is the current Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct 11, 6 to 9

Wednesday, Oct 12, 12:30 to 4

Saturday Oct 29, 9 to 1

In addition to the above schedule the shop will be open on the following dates:

October 4, 5, 15, 18, 19

November 1, 5, 15, 16, 19

These dates are subject to change. Please check the website at the link below for the latest information

www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/open-shop/

About St. Michael's Facility



Finger Lakes Woodturners runs workshops at St. Michaels Workshop, [691 St. Paul St., Rochester, NY](http://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/691-St-Paul-St.-Rochester-NY), a not-for-profit organization that offers life skills to urban youth through the art of woodworking. The skills and character traits the students develop at St. Michael's give them a sense of self-worth and helps them establish habits essential to productive living. Several of our members volunteer at St. Michael's to teach woodturning skills to the students.

We are thrilled to have a location to set up our ten full-size lathes, along with an assortment of chucks and turning tools, for national turner workshops, and member-only events. The combination of the St. Michael's space and the FLWT lathes and equipment lets us present a world-class facility for woodturning training.

FLWT Volunteer Opportunities

As you know FLWT is completely run by volunteers. We are fortunate as a club to be able to attract premier international turners, hold hybrid meetings, offer workshops, hold open shops, support multiple community outreach programs and much more.

Often it is the same people that organize and run these events. It is a lot of work and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Please consider helping with some of these tasks. Some are minimal time commitment such as setting up chairs for our monthly meeting or cleaning up after the meeting. Or consider helping with an outreach program. It is a very rewarding experience.

Below are a few opportunities you may want to consider. We will list these volunteer opportunities and others on our website in the future. It is a work in process.

Outreach Programs

St. Michaels Outreach

We are also always looking for volunteers to help with the after-school program to help the students with turning. The program is Monday–Friday, 5pm – 6:30pm.

The students are fun to work with and it is a great way to give back to the community. It is always best if we can have two volunteers for each day. No teaching experience is required, and you do not need to be an expert turner. Contact Terry Lund or Larry Lobel if you have interest in volunteering.

Perinton and Greece Continuing Ed

This program meets monthly. This is helping a student 1 on 1 to turn a bowl. It is a fun time, and everyone walks away with a finished bowl. The turning session is 4 hours. We also must transport 6 mini lathes to and from the class and prepare bowl blanks.

Byron Bergen Woodturning Class

This is a daily turning class offered in the spring to high school students taught by FLWT members.

Newsletter Contributor

Plenty of opportunities to help provide content for our newsletter. Some examples are Report on monthly meetings, write up a member profile, create a monthly column, take over woody.

Volunteer at Open Shop

We are also always looking for volunteers to help with the Open Shop Program (See page 6 for Schedule)

This is a great way for FLWT club members to help out other members. The club is fortunate to have many highly experienced members available to provide mentoring and help to those members wishing to advance their skills and possibly try something new.

Currently volunteers talk of the satisfaction they get from using their experience to help out.

Audio Visual Squad

We are looking for a few people to help with running the AV system used for our hybrid meetings. This includes running the camera system and creating the video recordings.

Fund Raising

Help grow the future of FLWT with fund raising and writing grants for funding

Social Media Admin

Help maintain and post to our Facebook and Instagram accounts.



FLWT Members Behind the Scenes

Blank Preparation for Stuart Batty Workshop

This past June we held a Stuart Batty workshop for our club members. It was a complete success with every ticket sold. Have you ever wondered what it takes to organize an event of this magnitude?

Starting with contacting the instructor and designing a program that the membership will desire, organizing ticket sales, preparing the woodshop, cleaning the woodshop, hauling the shavings (50+ contractor bags of great mulch), providing lunch.... I could go on, but you get the idea, all of this done by club volunteers.

One major task for this event was providing wood blanks for each student. Specifically, 6 bowl and 4 spindle blanks for each student. This equated to 200+ bowl blanks, and lots of 4x4 spindle blanks.

Thanks to Gary Tveit and his willingness to provide the ash and maple, and his trusty sawmill to cut the trees into cants. Once the cants were cut Gary called in the recruits to help cut the cants into bowl blank length and then chop the corners off the blank to form an octagon to Stuart's specification.

The work didn't stop there, several loads were then delivered to St. Michaels woodshop and hauled to the basement. Thanks again to Gary Tveit for his generosity of supplying and cutting the wood. Also thanks to the other volunteers who help process the wood, Cliff Weatherell, David Gilbert, Dick Kosbab, and Larry Lobel.





PERSONAL REMOTE DEMONSTRATION *by Tod Raines*

TURN A PUMPKIN BOX



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I signed up for the "Turn A Pumpkin Box" with Tod Raines in response to Cindy Drozda's periodic emails on upcoming demos. I purchased my "ticket" for this via Tod's website: Woodworking Tool Store:

(<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/>).

The zoom demonstration was broadcast live on Saturday, September 24. For 3 ½ hours Tod provided great instruction on how he turns, carves, and colors his Pumpkin Box.

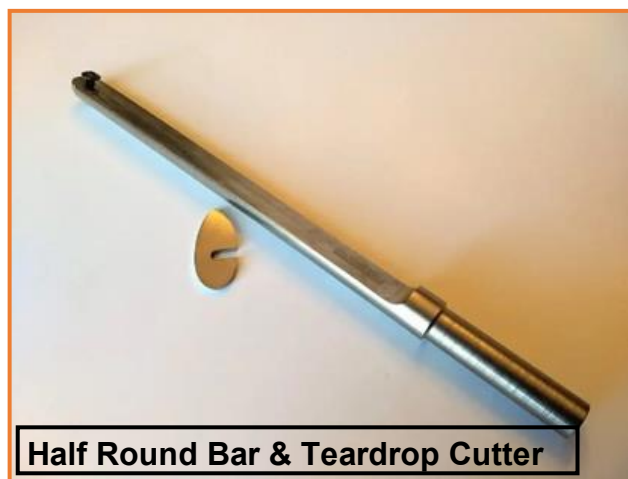
Tod turned an end grain box and said a face grain blank can be used. He started with a cylinder approximately 4 ¾" diameter by 5" long. Using a bowl gouge and parting tool the basic form of the pumpkin was formed.

Several tools were used for hollowing. First a half round bar with a Large HSS teardrop cutter formed the initial hollow. Tod switched to the Jimmy Clewes Mate #1 Undercutter Hollowing Tool to show how this could be used to hollow as well.

After the initial hollowing was complete Tod set up the Lyle Jamieson Hollowing System (a link to Lyle's website is on Tod's site) on his Powermatic Lathe. A laser measuring system helped maintain a consistent wall thickness. The Jamieson hollowing tool is articulated to

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By Dave Pollatta



Half Round Bar & Teardrop Cutter



Jimmy Clewes Mate #1 Hollowing Tool



allow an optimum cutting angle of the tool.

A Cindy Drozda Signature Square Recessed Scraper (available on Cindy's website) was used to form a parallel edge on the lid opening.

Tod used the chuck end of the blank to jam fit the box and finish the bottom of the hollowed-out box. At this point the lathe indexing system would be used to add carving lines on the box.

He then used the tenon formed for the jam chuck as the tenon for the leafy box lid. Again, the lathe indexing system would be used to locate the leaf separations on the lid.

With the box complete it was time to start carving. Tod has a simple table set up he locks on to his lathe bed. He used a series of small carving motors and an assortment of power carving bits to shape the pumpkin body and leafy lid. For this demo he carved 3 sections of each. Tod did say a Dremel tool could be used as well. He likes the smaller micromotors since they fit better and allow him better control.

A participant asked how long it took Tod to completely carve the box and lid - about 12 hours. Sounds like a nice winter project to snuggle up in your favorite chair while the snow flies.

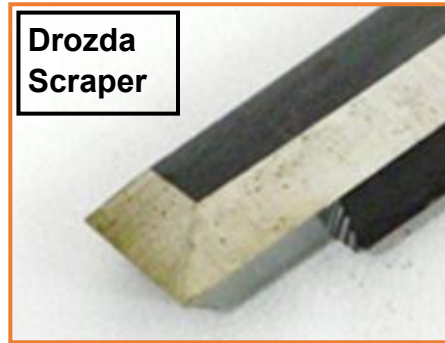
Air spraying alcohol-based dye is Tod's main method for coloring. Wiping or brushing on are also good methods if you don't have an air sprayer. Acrylic paint is another option.

For a \$15 ticket price this demo was a wealth of information. A PDF file with instructions for completing the project as well as a list of tools and links for many of the products he used was sent. The video is be available to participants for 60 days. In addition, Tod offered a 10% discount on tools off his website through the following Sunday.

Lyle Jamieson Hollowing System



Drozda Scraper



Tod Turned the Piece in the Foreground during the Demo. Two Pieces on the side he used to demonstrate Carving and Coloring. The piece in the back was one of his original pieces.



Where are all the Spindle Turners?

In the August 2022 (vol 37, no.4) issue of American Woodturner Mike Darlow discusses a statistic Michael Hosaluk stated. Michael claims only 5%- 10% of the turners he knows are spindle turners.

This is covered on page 11 in the Woodturners Chatter column. Here's a quick summary of Darlow's comments.

1. Few turners have machinery needed to prepare spindle blanks.
2. Bowls are typically designed on the lathe whereas spindle turned articles are designed on paper first.
3. Availability of quality teaching is lacking.
4. Spindle turning is less fun? More difficult to become competent?
5. Declining interest in spindle turning has resulted in shorter turned pieces and therefore tools for larger turning are in decline.

Darlow poses the question: "Is the decline in spindle turning good or bad?" He makes the case that spindle turned woodware items are still greatly welcomed. He points out that unless a turner has a reasonable competency these items will unlikely be made.

Hmmm. There are plenty of competent spindle turners in the ranks of the Finger Lakes Woodturners. In fact, many members are competent at both. It seems our club is a statistical outlier. - Dave Pollatta

David Barnett Pieces Inspired by Stuart Batty



FLWT Mentorship Program

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 to determine if they are match and available. It may be possible to schedule a mentoring session over zoom.

The members of FLWT are eager to share what they know and love! So take advantage of this great and varied wealth of knowledge!

FLWT is also always looking for mentor volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in sharing your knowledge, experience, and passion for WOODTURNING!

Mentor Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Turning Skills / Specialty
Mike Brawley	755-2714	mbrawley@rochester.rr.com	Design Principles, Spindles; Bowls and Platters; Sharpening
Jim Byron	478-9911	jimbyronhome@yahoo.com	General Turning; Bowls, Spindles; Hollowing; Sharpening
Jim Echter	704-7610	jim@tcturning.com	Spindles; Sharpening; Faceplate turning
David Gould	245-1212	d2sGould@aol.com	Bowls; Plates; Hollow-Forms
Jim Hotaling	223-4877	jhotal2198@aol.com	Christmas Ornaments
Terry Lund	455-2517	terry.lund@gmail.com	General Turning; Dust Collection Design and Installation, Sharpening
Ralph Mosher	359-0986	2mosher@rochester.rr.com	Bowls; Faceplate Turning, Sharpening
Erwin Tschanz	271-5263	eitschanz@gmail.com	Historical; Bowls; Plates; Goblets; Boxes; Bone; Antler
Gary Russell	353-3148	cngrussell@gmail.com	General turning, bowls, ornaments, finials
David Gilbert	703-4424	dpgilbert501@gmail.com	General turning, Boxes, Bowls, Tools making, Finishing
Larry Lobel	233-8951	newsletter@fingerlakeswoodturners.com	Hollow forms, General turning

Tool Feature - Hunter Badger Series

The **Badger Straight Tool** was designed for the box makers and the turners who like to work on smaller but deep vessels. The 5/8" shank with a turned taper to hold the # 3 Cutter provides the woodturner the right tool to smooth out those deep vessels and boxes.

The **Badger Full Swan Neck Tool** is 5/8" bar stock with a turned taper to hold the # 3 Cutter. The shaft is about 10 1/2" long. This tool is especially useful for turning the undercut areas in boxes and the insides of hollow forms such as a Southwest style hollowed form. It is a variation of the standard Badger Straight Tool, with the only difference being the distinctive swan-neck.

This tool is not currently in the FLWT Tool Library



The **Badger Series** of tools are real problem solvers. The box makers, vase makers, and those that turn small hollow forms find the Badger Tools useful "go to" finishing tools.



The following tools are available through the FLWT Library

Contact library@fingerlakeswoodturners.com

- ◆ Beall 1" x 8 TPI Lathe Spindle Tap and Beall 1 1/4" x 8 TPI Lathe Spindle Tap
- ◆ Powermatic Left Hand (outboard) S-Curved tool rest
- ◆ Powermatic Right Hand (inboard) S-Curved tool rest
- ◆ #2 Morse Taper Finishing Reamer
- ◆ Thread Chasing - Set of 2
- ◆ Apprentice Collet Chuck set - 9 pieces in carrying case
- ◆ Vicmarc 120 chuck, 2 adapters, 2 sets of Cole Jaws, 2 sets reg. jaws
- ◆ Hollowing Tool Set - John Jordan Set
- ◆ Hosaluk End Grain Tool
- ◆ Hamlet 1/4 inch captive ring tool
- ◆ Joyner jig including 1 x 8tpi and 1 1/4 x 8 tpi mandrels
- ◆ 3/4 inch x 10 tap, drill, and bolt set. Make chucks for live centers. Making live center chucks
- ◆ Sorby mini texturing tool and handle. Set of 7 pieces Texturing
- ◆ Decorating "elf". Includes handle, 3 texturing bits, 1 brush. 5 pcs. Texturing
- ◆ D-way beading tools 1/8" and 3/16, used for basket illusion or embellishment
- ◆ Basket of Illusion 1/16" and 3/16" beading tools
- ◆ Stuart Batty Angle Gauge One (20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70) , 2 available
- ◆ Stuart Batty Angle Gauge Two (15, 22.5, 35, 45, 55, 67.5, 75)
- ◆ Sorby Texturing Tool

Stump Woody



Q. Woody, With the great weather we've had, I haven't been in the shop at all this summer. Now, when I look at my lathe, I feel like I've forgotten everything I knew. I'm almost afraid to start. What do I do?

Thanks,
- Rusty

A: Dear Rusty,

Start simple. Don't try to "make" anything. Instead throw a piece of green limb or old firewood between centers and practice your spindle turning. Cut coves and beads until there's nothing left, then toss it all and do it again. Your old skills will soon return and maybe even improve. And, because it's not a "project," you're not committing yourself to hours of work and concern for design and finish. Just get started, play, and have fun. Time enough for that other stuff later. And next summer, you'll find this practice makes a great rust inhibitor.

Ask Woody a question If they don't know the answer you win a prize.

Submit your questions for Woody by sending them to: newsletter@fingerlakeswoodturners.com

Breakfast in the Restaurant

We have been doing various forms of a monthly Breakfast on each side of the city, with Breakfast on the **West Side** being held on the second Tuesday of each month, and Breakfast on the **East Side** on the last Tuesday of each month.

Now that the weather has cooled down, Breakfast in the Park is now moved to Breakfast in the Restaurant.

The **West Side** folks will meet at Long Pond Family Restaurant.

The **East Side** folks will meet at the Landmark Family Restaurant in Fairport.

The restaurant gatherings start at 8:00 AM.

You can always get the details on the Upcoming Events page under Member Info when they are

logged in to the FLWT website.

Notes in your email also show up occasionally with last minute information. Keep up to date by checking the website by clicking below.

[Upcoming Events](#)

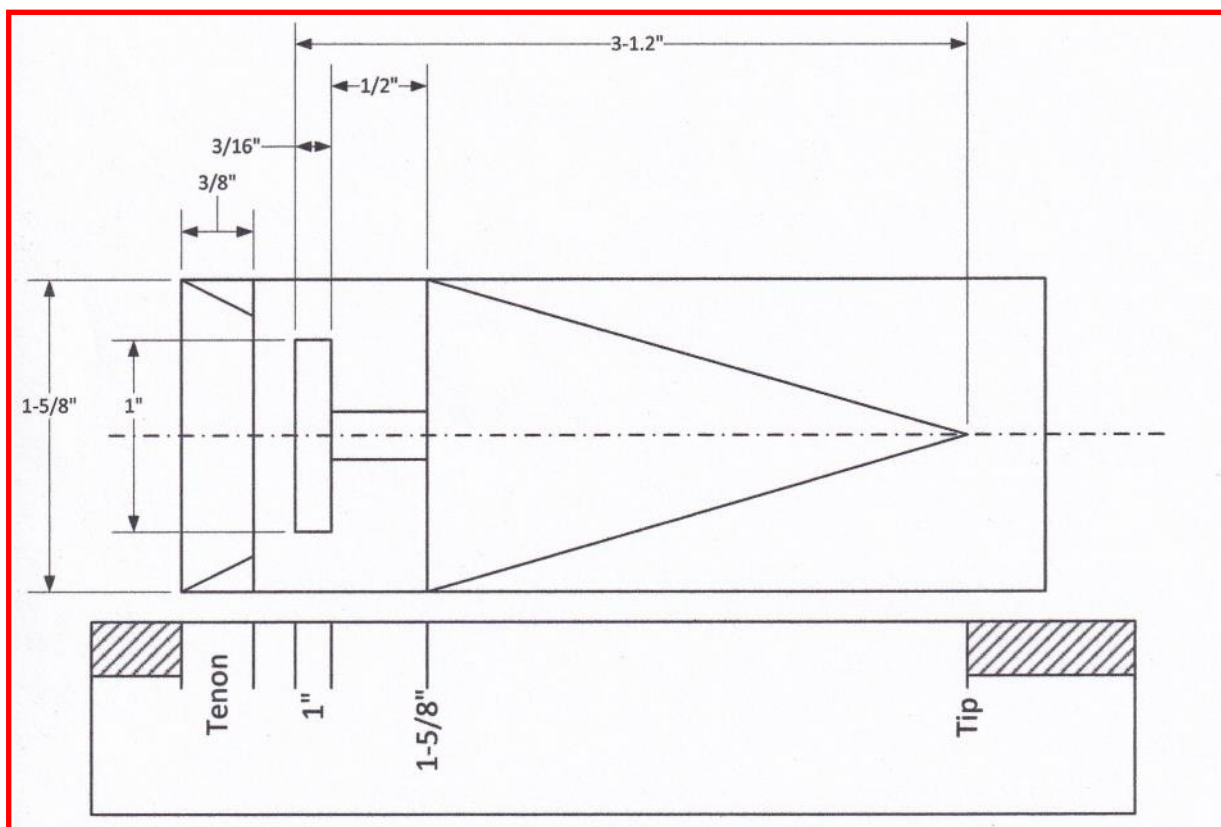




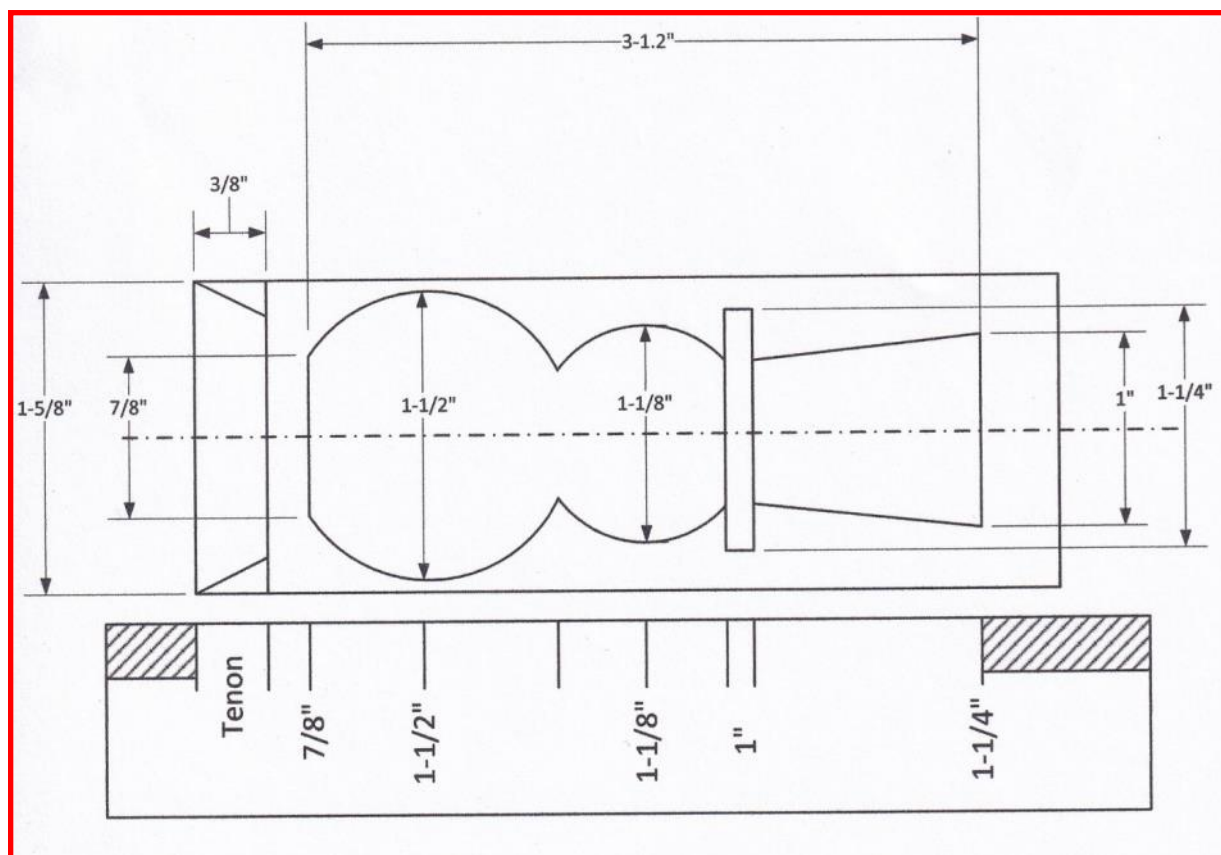
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Become A Member

FLWT Meetings are held every month on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., except for special occasions which will be announced in advance on the web site. The club also meets virtually the first Thursday of every month for a show and share. Other membership benefits include vendor discounts, library lending, wood auctions, and group buys to name a few.

Dues: \$25.00/year Single; \$35.00/year Couple

Students free

If you are interested in becoming a member, you can complete an online application and submit your dues payment via PayPal, or you can fill out an application and mail it with your payment to the address on the application form.

Membership information may be found [HERE](#)