



Finger Lakes Woodturners

A Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners



December 2022 Meeting Annual Holiday Celebration Thursday December 15 @ 6:30 St. Michael's Woodshop

Please Note

This is a Live Event so there will be no Zoom Meeting!

Who: Members, Spouses, Significant Others

What to Bring:

1. A dish to pass (*The Club supplies the utensils, cider, and water*)
2. Your show and share items
3. Your tools and sharpening if desired

This is not our normal monthly meeting, it is our annual **Holiday Party**, and an excellent opportunity to mingle and meet many of your fellow turners. There will be **multiple turning stations**, including gnomes, spheres, hollowing, and more! You can watch the demo and even give it a try. Bring your spouse or significant other along for the fun.

We will have **sharpening stations**, so bring your tools and jigs for a tune-up!

The meeting will also feature

1. **Multiple Door Prizes** - receive a raffle ticket when you enter
2. **Show and Share** - Receive a raffle ticket when you share your work
3. **Photo Booth** - Take pictures of your work
4. **Silent Auction** for wood blanks
5. **Sales** on Anchorseal and sandpaper

Members may invite guests to join in the activities. Elevator access is provided.

See email from President Phil Rose for complete details.

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- ◆ Dec 15 Holiday Celebration
- ◆ Dec 17 Open Shop & Small Gifts Workshop
- ◆ Jan 19 Michael Kehs IRD



FLWT President's Message



Happy Holidays!

It is that time of year when people get together for traditional celebrations, and FLWT is no different. On December 15,

we will hold our annual Holiday Celebration. This is traditionally the club's largest meeting of the year, with multiple workstations set up with demonstrations, members bringing spouses to help celebrate, and a host of door prizes and other new items this year.

We will gather at St. Michael's starting at 6:30 PM, and the "meeting" will begin at 7:00 PM. The Woodshop is in the basement of a 6-story office building, on the West side of St Paul Street, just north of the Genesee Brewery. When you arrive, please go to the employee entrance. There will be a sign on the door with a phone number to call if someone isn't monitoring the door when you arrive. Elevator access is available with access through the main entrance.

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Sales on Anchorseal and sandpaper

A big thank you to David Gould, who is stepping down as Vice President, and a big help to Larry Lobel, who will be working to fill David's big shoes. David has led the monthly events, including the unprecedented number of national turners we have seen in IRDs and in person since 2017. He has built relationships with the national turners and has always been able to consistently fill IRDs and in-person workshops, so our members get the best experiences. Please join me in thanking David for his relentless service over the last six years!

We have a big year planned for 2023, continuing our pace of six national turners a year, with two showing up in Rochester for workshops. Right now, Larry is busy, among other things, finalizing the logistics around John Beaver joining us in the spring. Expect to see ticket sales very soon and some Open Shops geared around rough turning bowls – a necessity for the John Beaver workshops.

As we roll through the holiday times and all experience some additional time in the shop, this is a great time to try something new. We will be focusing the Saturday Open Shop program on specific topics. For example, the December 17 Open Shop is focused on creating last-minute gifts. Look for additional topics as we start to announce January and February events.

Happy Holidays!

-Phil



FLWT Board of Directors News

FLWT Board Of Directors 2022/2023

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Is it Santa?

Has Santa Claus set up shop at St. Michael's Woodshop this year?

Or could it be Santa sent one of his Elfs on assignment?

Nope! If you peer through the wood chips hanging off the beard that is our very own Larry Lobel. Larry is our new Vice President elect! See the president's message as Phil Rose highlights this change to The FLWT Board of Directors.

In addition Jim Byron will stay on as our Treasurer for another term!

Thanks to all the Board Members for Volunteering their time, talents, and leadership!



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 (<i>In person only</i>)
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!



Gary Russell



Mike Sullivan



Dave Pollatta

Tom Wirsing Platters by FLWT Members



David Barnett - Soft Maple



David Barnett - Sycamore



Andy Matulewicz



Bruce Bruni



Bruce Bruni



Gary Tveit



Mike Sullivan



Mike Sullivan



Joby Lawson



Joby Lawson

Tom Wirsing Platters by FLWT Members - continued

Three Platters by Pete Shea



Beginner's Corner - Dave Pollatta

Grow Your Skills

This is a new segment intended to help the beginner and novice woodturners. There are many great resources available to help. Starting with small turned projects that require little investment in time and wood. Confidence can be gained quickly since it's easy to toss the smaller pieces in the burn pile if things don't turn out the way you like. I know!

I recently participated in Cindy Drozda's Live Zoom Demo titled "Grow Your Skills - Gifts and Craft Show Projects". Below is a summary of the items Cindy Turned. She is a great resource. This demo was nearly four hours in length so she covers these topics in great detail.

The December 17th St. Michael's Open Shop will feature ***Last Minute Gifts with Phil Rose***. This will be a great great opportunity to grow your skills with Phil!



Bottle Stoppers

- ◆ Cindy used these as training for finials
- ◆ Practice beads, coves, different tools
- ◆ Try different materials & finishes
- ◆ Quickly compare different shapes & features



Door Stops

- ◆ This design requires a pommel cut
- ◆ Can practice pommel cuts using gouge or skew
- ◆ Can also vary the design of the ends
- ◆ Plus this makes a very unique gift!!!



Bud Vases

- ◆ Great project for developing eye for form
- ◆ Practice gouge cuts on a larger scale than Bottle Stoppers or Door Stops
- ◆ Can quickly make several to compare designs



Flower or Candle Vases

- ◆ Another project that develops eye for form
- ◆ Don't have to hollow so they are quick to turn
- ◆ Insert can be used for cut flowers, candles, tea lights, LED lights, etc.

FLWT Mentorship Program

FLWT Mentorship

Here's a great way for you to grow 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

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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
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Terry Lund	455-2517	terry.lund@gmail.com	General Turning; Dust Collection Design and Installation, Sharpening
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News from St. Michael's & Perinton Rec Center

Grow Your Skills

The Zoom Demonstration described in the Beginner's Corner is a good way to expand your skills. Another way is to go to an Open Shop!

Upcoming Open Shop Sessions on Saturday's will have several sessions with a specific goal in mind. The Saturday, December 10 Open Shop highlighted hollow turning techniques. Hollowing Tools were made available with demonstrations and an opportunity to try the tools under the guidance of an experienced FLWT member.

The December 17th Open Shop will feature Phil Rose showing how to turn last minute gifts. This is a chance to make some of those last minute home made gifts. Phil will be doing some offset turning in addition to helping you with your projects.

Take advantage of all the opportunities we have for helping you Grow Your Skills!

Open shop occurs on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

No Charge for FLWT Members!

Current Schedule

Tues, Dec13 6:30PM - 9:00 PM

Wed, Dec14 12:30PM - 5:00 PM

Sat, Dec 17 9:00AM - 1:30 PM

Note: December 17 Phil Rose will be demonstrating offset turning and other last minute gift ideas!

OR

Just come out and see the Shop!

Please check the website for the current link to the Open Shop Schedule and to Sign Up!

The "Shop" at Perinton Recreation Center



FLWT Community Outreach—Mike Sullivan

The Finger Lakes Wood Turning Association has a strong commitment to education. That is readily seen all the programs that are developed monthly for club members to take advantage of and continue to develop their skills in turning. However, our commitment to education is broader than ourselves.

The club has a strong investment in mentoring the students at St. Michael's Woodshop multiple times a week. More members being involved in that basic turning education is always encouraged. Beyond our own club space, we also have a strong commitment to providing education to the community.

Nearly every month club members provide a four-hour workshop at the Perinton Recreation center. Community members curious about wood turning sign up to take this workshop. We teach six beginner students at a time with a mentor assigned to each student. We talk broadly about wood turning, the lathe, the gouges, design, turning safety and share our own experience. Each student turns a simple bowl during the workshop with the guidance of their mentor. Our goal is not to turn individuals new to turning into experienced turns, but only to give them a fun and guided experience of turning that might promote with interest in learning more. We talk about FLWT and encourage

them to join us for a meeting, meet other turners and learn more.

FLWT members can feel intimidated by joining this group of mentors, but they don't need to be. This is a simple project and current mentors will spend time with new folks to help them feel comfortable with this activity. It often starts with attending a Saturday session and seeing how it works.

There are many benefits to this activity. Joining other mentors is great camaraderie, you meet some really interesting students, it is a chance for your own skills to keep developing, you see students get excited about what they accomplished and learned just in this workshop, and you have the satisfaction of providing a valuable educational opportunity to the community. Every month kids and adults alike stick their heads in the door and ask, "Wow! what's going on in here? How do I sign up?" Every month we have a wait list.

So please think about joining this group of mentors. You don't need advanced turner skills. It is a great experience, and more mentors will spread the opportunity. We have workshops planned for January, February, March, and April 2023 and are working on scheduling May and June. Take a risk, Come join us!"

Perinton Recreation Center "Shop"

A big thanks to Jon and Kathy English who donated the materials and fabricated the covers for the three tool carts used to store and transport the lathes and tools used for FLWT Outreach activities. Another big thanks to Dennis Brutsman who made two carts prior to COVID. Dennis recently built a third cart for the remaining set of tools.

Thanks too to Lee Spencer, Ray Marr, and John Francis for working together as a team to take care of fabricating the bowl blanks for each outreach session, cleaning face shields, and monitoring all the supplies to make sure we are ready for the next event.

We have an enclosed cargo trailer available for transporting the carts to and from St Michael's and other outreach events. We are looking for a few members who have a suitable tow vehicle and experience with towing a trailer to help with transport for each of our events.

Let one of the board members know if you might be able to provide transportation and we can answer questions and let you know more specifics for what's involved. Thanks to all for your support!



AAW Virtual Events



Rebecca DeGroot Walking Mushrooms

Saturday, December 17, 2022

3 p.m. Eastern Time



In this demonstration, Rebecca will walk you through the process of creating her signature walking mushrooms! Not a mushroom lover? The skills and techniques taught in this demonstration can be used to bring personality to all sorts of projects!

She will begin by turning a simple mushroom cap, prepared for pyrography texture, followed by turning a body ready to be carved. Each mushroom has at least

three turned legs, which are cut apart, and using spline joinery, reassembled into new forms. Once the lathe work is finished, Rebecca will show you how she carves the body to create a curved neck, use a woodburner to create texture underneath the cap, drill and countersink holes in the body for the legs. Finally, after all the individual pieces have been carved, shaped, burned, and sanded, Rebecca shows you the assembly process and presents the finished piece!

You'll learn:

- Use pyrography for texture and contrast
- Spline joinery techniques
- Design decision-making

**Click here to
Access AAW Site**

Sign up now and watch later! Even if you cannot join us for the live event, your advance registration includes online replay of the event through January 17.

AAW 37th Woodturning Symposium Louisville, KY June 1-4, 2023

Join woodturners from around the world for the valued symposium experience you look forward to. More than 100 compelling presentations and demonstrations over three-and-a-half days. Learn from world-class demonstrators. Evaluate and buy the latest equipment, tools, and supplies in the Trade Show. Make new woodturning friends!

[More information and registration coming soon.](#)



Ask Woody & FLWT Breakfast

Ask Woody



Q. Woody, why does Tom Wirsing use a water-dampened Abralon pad to apply his signature finish on his platters? It would seem that the finish would be incompatible with water, so any water on pad's surface would cause some precipitation at that interface. Or is this part of the "magic" of the finish?

A; In the February 2018 issue of American Woodturner Tom Wirsing wrote an article describing his Platter finishing process. Tom uses a well wrung out piece of 500 grit Abralon to remove the scratch pattern left by the 400 grit. Tom removes the platter and uses the damp abralon to raise the grain on bare wood. Tom applies an initial coat of finish and then subsequent coats are applied with the 500 grit Abralon sanding pad that he leaves soaked in finish. A copy of the article is included with the video reply of Tom's demo. Abralon is very flexible and provides an even scratch pattern. It is also used on bowling balls!

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](#)



Tool Corner & Tool Library

Abralon Sanding Pads

Tom Wirsing discussed using Abralon (a foam-backed abrasive made Mirka) while final sanding and finishing his platters. A number of turners and woodworkers use Abralon. So what's so special?

Open Cell Structure

Foam based Abralon features an open cell structure. The benefit of this is that Abralon retains water and finish exceptionally well during wet/damp sanding operations.

Even Surface Pressure

The Abralon's foam structure provides an even surface pressure to the abrasive fabric regardless of the contours and curvature of the sanded material. This prevents the abrasive from cutting through the paint, clear coat or lacquer, for example when sanding sharp or rounded edges, and it also works for prolonging the life of the abrasive.

Final Finish Sheen Control

See this month's Ask Woody as well. After finish is applied Tom Wirsing uses water-dampened 500 grit pad to reduce the reflectivity of the finish. He then uses 1000 grit to get the final sheen he desires. Check the Mirka site for more information - this is just to wet your appetite!

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

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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](#)