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February, 2004 “Headstock News”

Other names suggested: Turnings, Shavings, Keep Turning, Turning News, Forever in Sawdust, & Your Turn

Attendance this month was extremely good considering it was the most frigid weather in two decades. About 34 members and one guest braved the elements to attend our January meeting.

Exciting times are coming for the Ocean Woodturners. President **Ken D’Ambrosio** announced that he and **Jeff Mee** had a meeting to discuss where the club will be in the next 20 years, and what we need to do to get there. More discussion was held about this concept as the meeting progressed.

A Guest, Mark Broadbent introduced himself to the membership and states he is new to turning. Welcome Mark!

“Twinning Project”: **George Nazareth** stated that the cooperation with the **Hampshire Woodturners** in the UK is increasing. **Chris West**, the twinning coordinator in the UK wrote an interesting article for our January 2004 newsletter and George hopes to write an article about segmented woodturning in their next newsletter. George hopes that this interaction will encourage more of our members to participate in this e-mail partnership. George mentioned that the subjects discussed in the e-mails are not necessarily woodturning related. American politics and other more mundane subjects are also discussed. If you would like to be paired with someone for e-mailing in England see **George** or contact him at 333-

6119 or (georgeanddolores@cox.net). It is a great communication experience!



A beautiful example of George’s segmented turning – a ring holder.

A motion was made and approved to have a \$200 raffle at the end of the year for those members who demonstrated during the year and a \$50 raffle for those people who brought items for the monthly raffles and/or for Show & Tell. **Jeff Mee** will take charge of the Demonstration Program and **Ron Chatterley** will keep a log of raffle and Show & Tell contributors. Thank you Jeff and Ron. Also, on the same subject, much interest was expressed by members that experienced members pair up with inexperienced or intermediate skill level members for hands-on training and for demonstrations. An idea sheet was passed around and many “themes” for learning were submitted and given to Hank. If you have ideas of themes you would like to learn or (more importantly) like to teach, please email **Hank Belanger** or **Jeff Mee**

The Wickford Art Festival is this summer and it was suggested that the club makes items to sell and donate the proceeds to a

favorite charity (or two). People can either “buddy” up by theme (e.g., pen makers) or make individual items to donate. Please email **George Nazareth** if you would like to participate and/or have ideas for this project.

This years AAW 2004 Symposium theme is “From Sea to Odyssey”. It will be held in **Orlando, Florida** in late June of this year. The club is looking for ideas for submission. Ken and Jeff suggested a platter of turned sea items (i.e., shells, fish, etc.). Ideas will be discussed next month and a committee formed to spearhead this project. Please email **Mike Murray** with ideas that he can present.

This month we made a slight change to our monthly \$1.00 **raffle format**. Each raffle item had a bag designated for it, and members put their marked dollar(s) into the item bag(s) they wanted. It was a better opportunity to win what was wanted and was also an incentive to put in money. This system worked very well and the item that no one ‘tried for’ was raffled among the entire group.

Treasurer’s report: Bob Hopkins reported that our treasury has \$2281.98 as of tonight.

It was suggested that we all start wearing nametags at the meetings. **George Nazareth** will buy stick-on paper nametags on which members will write their names at the start of each meeting. In addition, **Tony Bancalari** will demonstrate nametag carving at the February meeting. Bring a sharp knife to participate. Wood will be provided.

Wayne Collins shared his success in obtaining additional equipment for his **Tiverton Middle School Woodturners**. There is a possibility that his group could possibly become Junior **Ocean Woodturners**. He thanked **Angelo Iafrate** for his recent demonstration (Dec 2) and Angelo’s plan to return for another demonstration in the near future. Wayne also brought in an article that appeared in the **Sakonnet Times Newspaper** about his middle school Woodturners. **Ken**

D’Ambrosio and Micky Goodman each contributed a set of turning tools. Good Work Ken and Micky!



Wayne showing off his students!

Rich Lemieux got up and stated that **Wayne Collins’** talk at the last meeting about his Tiverton Middle School woodturning program inspired him to try this concept at his school, “**Ocean Tides**”. Ocean Tides is a special program made up of court- ordered students who have been in trouble. The school is sponsored by the **Christian Brothers**. Rich feels that if these young people build something useful to take home, it will be a source of pride for them and possibly lead to future trade skills. Rich was also hoping to obtain a lathe for the students to use. **Larry Dunklee** said the older Sears lathe that he donated was not being used and the Ocean Woodturners should donate it to the Ocean Tides School. A motion to that effect was made and approved. **Good luck Rich!**

George Snyder of Woodcraft has ordered the mount (per the fire marshals criteria) to hold our 27” monitor. It has not been delivered yet, but they hope to have it up by our next meeting. Here is another example of how generous George from Woodcraft has been to our club. Many of the members present feel it’s important to purchase from Woodcraft whenever possible to repay this kindness— don’t forget your 10% discount **(to be used by club members only)!**

Emilio Iannuccillo again announced that the **Ocean Woodturners** will host a special all day demonstration by **Rick Angus**, on bowl turning. This will be at the **Kingstown Library on February 21, 2004 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The cost is \$10 and includes the lunch (around noon). **Ann**

Danis needs to know how many people will be attending this demonstration in order to provide lunch. Please E-mail Ann at ardtravels@verizon.net or call her at (401) 864-1305 and let her know.

Bernie Feinerman offered to provide “links” for our website where different specialized woodturning information can be obtained. Next month we should see these.

Demonstration: Ken D’Ambrosio and Jeff Mee joined forces and gave a great discussion on sanding tips and tools. Thanks Jeff and Ken!



*Jeff Mee at work
(sorry Ken, no picture!)*

Show and Tell:

Jeff Mee brought 6 bowls to the meeting made of cedar, hickory, maple, and cherry in many shapes to include natural edge bowls inspired by last month’s demonstration!

Ron Chatterley brought an apple bowl (front right) and a beautiful segmented cake dish out of walnut and maple with a solid Corion plate. Ron is giving George a run for his money on segmented woodturnings!

George Nazareth brought a small segmented ladies ring and jewelry holder made out of cherry, purple heart and maple.

(Front left) Mike Murray showed a large round natural-edged bowl of cherry burl (center back). All entries were beautifully done – Thanks for sharing!



The meeting ended with our auction of donated items under our new format. Worked very well!

See you on Feb. 19th and don’t forget the Demo on Feb 21st.

Next Meeting
Thursday, Feb 19, 7 p.m.
Woodcraft, Route 2, East Greenwich
Program: Name Tag Carving
(and other good stuff)