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## April, 2005 “Turnings”

**Attendance:** There were 39 in attendance including guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bazakas. Pete joined the **Ocean Woodturners** at the end of the meeting.

**Old Business: President Mike Murray** announced that the **RI National Guard** needs more Purple Heart pens for servicemen who have died in Iraq. Volunteers are needed. Mike Murray has appointed **Rich Lemieux** to head up the drive to produce about 10 more **Purple Heart pens**. (More about this effort later in the newsletter)

**Angelo Iafrate** gave an impassioned talk on the importance of our individual members belonging to the **American Association of Woodturners**. About half of those present indicated that they are members.

**Name tags:** It was hoped that name tags would have been distributed at the meeting, but Treasurer **Bob Hopkins**, who has them, was not in attendance.

**Wayne Collins** announced that the **AAW** funded the two educational grants that our members applied for, his and **Rich Lemieux's**. **Angelo Iafrate** stated that these **AAW** grants are funded from the proceeds of an auction of donated turnings at their annual Symposium.

**Purple Heart Pen Turning**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2005 from Noon to 3:00 PM at**  
**Woodcraft East Greenwich, RI**  
**Rich Lemieux will head this important project**  
**We need many volunteer turners**  
**Lathes will be provided by George Snyder of Woodcraft**

# Demonstration of Hollow Turning by Angelo Iafrate and Mike Murray

**Angelo** started the demonstration by presenting an historical development of hollow turning tools since his start in turning in 1991. Hollow turning is the hollowing out of round turnings through a small hole at the top, preferably cutting away at the end grain to insure that the waste is in small chips rather than long ribbons which could clog up inside the turning. It is amazing how tools have evolved in such a short time. Many of the tools were shown and demonstrated by Mike and Angelo on two separate lathes.

A great deal of torque is developed in hollowing since the cutting is done off center through the small hole, so tools have been developed to minimize this torque and also to help stabilize the tool. Most of these specialty tools were demonstrated by Mike and Angelo. Then all members who wanted to try their hand at hollow turning were invited up to the 2 lathes one at a time.

Some of the hollowing tools, named by their developers and mentioned by Angelo Iafrate were as follows: **Bill Johnson and Al Basham, Melvin Firmager, Bob Rosanne, Kel McNaughton, and Dennis Stewart.** All of these tools can be found in most woodworking catalogs and information on these woodturners and their tools can be found by calling up “Google” on your computer.



**Angelo Iafrate demonstrating hollow turning while Mickey Goodman looks on**



**Mickey Goodman tries his hand at hollow turning**



**Rick Sousa takes his turn on Mike Murray's lathe with Mike taking special interest**

## Show and Tell



**From left to right**

**Mike Murray: a wide bowl with exotic embellishments**

**Mike Murray: a really exotic hollow turning with gold colored leaf and ruby coloring**

**Rich Lemieux: A Cherry burl Bowl**

**Rich Lemieux: (in front) a Maple baby's rattle**

**Mike Murray: a segmented vase of Purple Heart and plywood cut at an angle**

**Carl Priestley: (in back) a Walnut heartwood (light) bowl**

**Mickey Goodman: a Tiger Maple lidded box**

**Mickey Goodman: a segmented small platter of Bloodwood and Tiger Maple**

**Mickey Goodman: (last on right) a Catalpa natural-edged wide-mouthed bowl**



**Rich Lemieux holding his bowl which exploded into pieces on lathe and then were-glued.**

**Next Meeting  
Thursday, April 21, 2005  
Woodcraft, East Greenwich, RI  
Demonstration of End-grained Box Turning  
By Rick Sousa and Larry Dunklee  
George Snyder of Woodcraft  
will also showcase some of his new products**