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## November, 2005 “Turnings”

President Mike Murray opened a short meeting at the large workshop of Ken Dubay in Columbia CT.

Larry Dunklee announced that the **Pen Ceremony for the members of the RI National Guard who have died in battle has been cancelled.** This is an unfortunate occurrence. However, Larry is working on getting a special meeting with the families at the State Legislature on some Saturday yet to be agreed upon. At this ceremony, every person involved in making the pens for the wounded or killed in action will be awarded a Legislative Citation inscribed with his/her name. You will hear more about this later when we know the date. Also, every person who worked on making these pens should contact Larry Dunklee 401-295-1151 or by e-mail at [lunkadunk@hotmail.com](mailto:lunkadunk@hotmail.com).

**Attendance:** There were 28 Ocean Woodturners and about 5 turners from other clubs at the workshop of **Ken Dubay**. **Ken's** specialty is turning natural edged bowls. He had a great many pieces on display at the demonstration for all of us to inspect. It was obvious that Ken Dubay has a close relationship with most of the “old timers” in our club.

**Demonstration: Ken Dubay** is an instructor of woodturning, so he had quite a few lathes, the most prominent being two large Oneway lathes. Ken began by telling us about himself. He retired 8 years ago from the Iron Workers Union in Connecticut. He built the log home that he and his wife Mary occupy on the property. He also offers one-on-one lessons for woodturners. These sessions are one, two, or three day courses which include unbelievable lunches.

Ken started his demonstration by showing us how he roughed out the round shape on a log with his huge antique band saw. He nailed a round wooden disc on the log which he used as a guide while band sawing it. He then mounted the rough-shaped log on the lathe. Soon the long, wet shavings were really flying through the air! Ken is an accomplished turner as well as teacher, who kept our attention with his skill and his humor. Later, he had some of our members working on the other Oneway. Most of us wanted to see things “up close”, so we often surrounded the two lathes. Angelo Iafrate also participated in the teaching session.

When noontime arrived, Ken's wife, Mary, brought out a wonderful, sumptuous meal with more variety than any of us could have imagined. The Dubays are superb hosts.

In the afternoon we were able to see Ken use his vacuum chucking device, which held the bowl so forcefully that it was impossible to pry the bowl from the chuck. This was a fast and easy way to turn the bottom of a bowl. It is something that I have read about, but had never actually seen in action.

Since I had to make a 5 o'clock Mass in Cumberland, I left at 2:00 PM. My roving reporter, Bernie Feinerman, e-mailed me the news that after most of our members had left, Corey Anderson, the president of the Central Connecticut Woodturners stopped by and proceeded to give a detailed demonstration and review of coring using the Oneway coring device.

All in all, it was a great day for all those who attended. Ken Dubay is a delightful man who enjoys life to its fullest. His affectionate nature can be felt by all who are around him.

**Master Woodturner, Ken Dubay, offers one, two or three day courses  
(860-228-2695)**

**Lunch and all materials are included**

**Take it from those who have taken his course, the lunch alone is well worth it**

**Ken specializes in natural-edge turnings**

**Kenneth Dubay**

**Overhill Turnings**

**154 Route 6**

**Columbia, CT 06237**



**Ken Dubay's "French" chain saw – A testament to his sense of humor**



**The inside of Ken's large, free-standing workshop. Notice the turnings in the back**



**Some of our interested members getting "up close"**



**Ken Dubay turning his natural-edged bowl wit plenty of light on the subject**

## **Next Meeting**

**Thursday, November 17, 2005  
7:00 PM at Woodcraft**

**1000 Division St East Greenwich, RI**

**We will start the meeting with the appointment of a 3 member  
nominating committee for next year's officers**

## **Demonstration**

**We will have set up lathes for hands-on turning of wooden  
spindles for tool handles, rolling pins and other spindle objects  
Bring your favorite spindle tools or use those from Woodcraft**