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December, 2006 “Turnings”

President, Mike Murray opened the meeting. There were a few visitors with us this evening, Chuck Dawson, Edward Dowd, Ray and Dianne Huling, Paul Tavares, Aaron Smith, and Richard Rinkaus. Before the meeting was over, all but the first individual had joined our club.

Mike Murray told the membership about our club members who displayed their turnings made from Rhode Island woods at the **100th Anniversary Party of the RI Division of Forest Environment**. Displaying their turnings were members, **Greg Marshall, Larry Dunklee, Angelo Iafrate, Mike Murray, Anthony Scuncio, Rick Sousa, George Nazareth, and Bill Smith**. Also displaying at the party were woodcarvers who carved ducks that looked real enough to fly off the table. There was also a man who salvaged old wood to create items such as benches, a jewelry box and other items, as well as a young man who crafted blocks to create block prints. Our turnings got a great deal of positive attention. A photo of our displayed items are on page 2.

Hors d'oeuvres were served in abundance, so I doubt that anyone had to have dinner after the party.

Nominating Committee: **Mike Murray** named three members as our nominating committee to present to our membership a slate of officers for 2007. **The 3 members selected for the nominating committee were Bob O'Connor, Anthony Scuncio, and Larry Dunklee.** **Mike Murray** indicated that he would not be running again for the office of President.

Mike Murray stated that there will be another meeting of the **Yankee Symposium Committee** in the near future. They will be going to visit the campus of **Wesleyan College in Middletown, CT.**, where the Symposium will be held. The Yankee Symposium is a consortium of seven Southern New England woodturning clubs made up of **the Ocean Woodturners, The Association of Revolutionary Turners, The Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners, The Central New England Woodturners, The Cape Cod Woodturners, The Central Connecticut Woodturners, and the Nutmeg Woodturners League.** **The Yankee Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1 – 3, 2007.** **The Symposium was brought to fruition by the efforts of our own Angelo Iafrate.** **The website for the Symposium is:** www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org .

Rick Sousa announced that he wants to have a **small bowl challenge** for next month's meeting. **Angelo Iafrate** offered the use of his basement workshop which has six lathes. On a Saturday before the December meeting, Angelo will have two separate 3 hour sessions, with 6 members at each session. One session will be in the morning, and the other session will be in the afternoon. **Rick Sousa and Larry Dunklee** will be there to assist the turners. At our December meeting, the membership will critique each bowl. There is no charge for these sessions.

Rich Lemieux announced that **Ocean Tides**, the school where he teaches woodturning, is expanding his program after the first of the year. He is looking for members who are willing to be one-on-one mentors with his students. The school is in Narragansett, RI.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Hopkins reported a balance of \$1041.56 before some outstanding payments are made. **Bob also reported that he is now accepting the \$10 dues from all members for 2007. There will be a notice later in the newsletter telling you where to send your dues.**

New Business: George Nazareth made a motion that the Ocean Woodturners join the Rhode Island Forest Conservator's Organization for dues of \$20 per year. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously. It was then suggested that Larry Dunklee be the contact person who will receive the RIFCO newsletters and attend their meetings. It is our hope that by educating these forest owners of our need for wood, more wood will be made available to us as woodturners and less unwanted timber will be discarded needlessly.



Here is the Ocean Woodturners display of turnings at the 100th Anniversary of the RI. Div. of Forest Environment

Demonstration by Angelo Iafrate

Angelo Iafrate used a slide projector to demonstrate how he turns the elaborate props that magicians use in their “hidden ball tricks”. There are not many woodturners who would be able to create these hidden ball tricks, because of the close tolerances required. **Angelo** had with him many of the actual turned props which he described in detail. Everyone present was impressed with the level of turning experience that is necessary to produce these props.

There were no photos taken at the November meeting because your editor forgot to take his digital camera to the meeting. I used it the previous evening to take photos of our turnings at the 100th anniversary party of the Division of Forest environment and left it near my computer, instead of in the box that I take to the meeting. Sorry !!

Ocean Woodturners 2007 dues are now due

Do not delay !

**Send \$10.00 check made out to
*Ocean Woodturners***

To:

**Bob Hopkins
31 Bethany Road
Wakefield, RI 02879**

December Meeting

Thursday, December 21, 2006 - 7:00 PM

**At: Woodcraft
1000 Division St.
East Greenwich, RI**

**Demonstration will be a critique of the small
bowls turned for the Small Bowl Challenge.**