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July, 2006 “Turnings”

The business meeting was suspended this month in order to have Jean Francois Escoulen give as long a demonstration as possible.



Escoulen turning a piece of Cherry off-center on head and tail ends

As many of you know, Escoulen was scheduled to demonstrate for us on Saturday, June 17, 2006, but he had to cancel because his plane was leaving on June 17, and he was unable to change his flight. Since he was staying at Angelo Iafrate's home, he offered to come demonstrate at our regularly scheduled meeting night. Thank you Angelo.

We have never had such a crowd at our regular meetings as we did that night. There had to have been over 50 enthusiastic members present to view a master at work.

Jean Francois Escoulen is from France and is the son of a life-long woodturner who only turned conventionally, on center. His father, even at his present age of 82, doesn't understand where his son "went wrong" with his off-center turning.

Your editor has never seen a person round out a square block for turning in about 10 seconds. It is a remarkable sight to see. Jean Francois goes back and forth at very great speed that only comes with constant practice. It is now just second nature to him.

Some quotes about the Demo from members

Jack Daly—The presentation made me want to see more, and learn more about what he was doing.

David Barwise—The Escoulen presentation was creative, inspiring, and truly amazing.

Richard Murphy—I enjoyed the man and the amount of work it took to develop the system. A great presentation, with a sense of humor.

Jim Mc Grath—Jean-Francois was as entertaining as he was skilled. I learned new techniques that I am eager to try.

Tony Bancalari—Was Great !!

Chuck Beland—Absolutely mesmerizing work. I can't get over how fast he turned them.

Steve Imms—Escoulen's mastery of the lathe is amazing. A very talented individual without a hint of self-consciousness or egotism makes for a very pleasant demonstration.

Anthony Scuncio—Great demo. It's good to see and learn something different, getting away from bowls and pens, etc. I would like to see him come back to give us more training.

Wayne Collins—I thought he was very informative and helpful. He seems genuinely interested in showing how he achieves his desired results, as opposed to demonstrating a certain chuck to get you to purchase it.

Mickey Goodman—Out of the 10 demos I have attended, this has been far above the rest. His form of turning is so different than anything else I have seen, and his explanations were "right on". I felt comfortable in asking questions, and his explanations were very understandable, even with the language differences. I would like to see him come back after I have had some time attempting to turn in his style.

George Nazareth—While I am a segmented woodturner, I would like to glue up a segmented piece to have someone else turn it in the Escoulen style. (after mastery, not to practice on !!)

Next meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2006 7:00 PM

Woodcraft

1000 Division St. East Greenwich, RI



These three turnings were completed at our meeting

+++ The Escoulen



Chuck in Action +++



These three turnings represent Escoulen's quality turnings



Thanks to Dave Eaton for sharing them with us



Junior Ocean Woodturners News



Many Ocean Woodturners attended a demonstration at Tiverton Middle School on Saturday, June 3rd. The photo above shows Wayne Collins, instructor as well as other others watching Bill Grumby at the lathe.

Demonstration At the July 20th meeting Greg Marshall

**Will demonstrate turning a medium-sized
cue stick.**

**He will also show how to use a hollow chisel
mortiser to make a decorative insert.**