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# October, 2006 “Turnings”

The meeting was started promptly at 7:30 by President **Mike Murray**

Two guests were present: **Ben Walker from Portsmouth and Mark Blanchette from North Smithfield**

There were approximately 40 members present.

A request was made for volunteers for the **Symposium** next year.

Two of our members indicated that they were planning to attend the **Totally Turning** program Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Albany, NY. This is the same date as our presentation by Mike Allison.

Saturday, October 14, 2006 is the Ocean Woodturners' presentation by **Mike Allison** at the North Kingstown Public Library. Mike will be demonstrating hollow turnings with piercing and coloring. The program is from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Members should let Mike Murray know that you are coming. The \$10 fee includes the demonstration and your lunch. [Mikemurray816@comcast.net](mailto:Mikemurray816@comcast.net)

**Rudi Hempe** spoke on behalf of the **URI College of Plant & Life Sciences**. They are building a new facility, and Rudi raised the possibility of the **Ocean Woodturners** making an official mace for the College. It would be used on special occasions such as at graduations, and the induction of a new president for the University. Made from Rhode Island woods, it might encompass areas of interest of the **College of Plant and Life Sciences and the State of Rhode Island**.

A motion was made to form a committee to research making this mace for URI. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The committee will be comprised of **Henry Allsworth, George Nazareth, Angelo Iafrate, Randy Jorgenson, John Chakuroff, Wayne Collins, Bernie Feinerman, Richard Lemieux, Rudi Hempe, and Bill Smith**.

A Planning meeting is to be held before the Holidays. **Rudi Hempe** will organize the effort and scrounge for materials. **Angelo**, with the help of others, will come up with a design. Other members are welcome to get involved. We have two years to complete this project.

**Treasurer, Bob Hopkins**, reported that the club presently has **\$1450.56** in its accounts with **130** paid members.

At the October 19 meeting, **Katherine Spock, Director of the RI Division of Forestry**, will attend our meeting to discuss the use of **Rhode Island woods**. Members were asked to bring their prized pieces made from Rhode Island woods. (See notice on the last page)

The main speaker at the October meeting will be **George Nazareth** who will discuss his method of photographing turnings with a digital camera. (see notice on the last page)

**Wayne Collins** said that he and his students would be at the **Swansea Mall , Columbus Day Weekend, Oct 8.**

His students will be working on lathes and displaying their work. **Wayne** encouraged members to stop by to support the students and to help them on the lathes.

Last Tuesday night at the **Tiverton Middle School Open House**, **Wayne** ran into a problem: too many students. One 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, who is 10 years old, and may have a particular potential will be in the program. Tuesday night classes start next week. **Wayne**, without compensation, will be teaching two classes. The first has ten advanced students, and the second is made up of less advanced students. These woodturning classes are being taught after school. Wayne has even gotten their new vice principal to take the course.

## Demonstration

### ↓ Rick Sousa's simple vacuum chuck powered by his shop vacuum



**Mike Murray** discussed his purchased One Way vacuum chuck. His vacuum chuck was set up on a **Woodcraft** lathe for use during the presentation.

**Mickey Goodman** described his homemade vacuum chucking system. He had sent out an extensive description of his system to the membership via e-mail. Mickey said the major expense was the pump. The pump should be able to pull a vacuum of at least 25 inches of mercury and move 5 cubic feet per minute (CFM). Exclusive of the pump, parts can be purchased at a hardware store for under \$50.

It was pointed out that porous woods might lose a vacuum and need a finish or sanding sealer on their surface so they can be held on the lathe. It was strongly recommended that the tail stock be used right up until the last nub is removed. A simple catch can break the vacuum and allow the piece to fly off the lathe.

**Mike** demonstrated the finishing of the foot of a bowl. The inclusion of a filtering system was discussed because any dirt or sawdust drawn into the vacuum pump may well ruin it.

**Rick Sousa** had his homemade vacuum chuck system. It operated off of a shop vacuum.. Ten dollars worth of parts for PVC pipe, bearings, and neoprene and Rick was in business.

**Rick Sousa** used Mike's One Way vacuum chuck to finish the bottom of a Walnut bowl that had gone oval.

The demonstration portion of the meeting concluded with Mickey pointing out that a vacuum chuck is great for finishing a natural edge bowl and odd shaped objects. Rick felt that there are different ways to finish the turning of the bottom of a bowl. Vacuum chucks are just one technique and that he does not always use the same method.

## Show and Tell



**Rick Sousa's 2 piece hollowed vessel  
Each piece is of a different wood**



**Rich's Lemieux's segmented bowl and Tom  
Marshall's Iroko Bowl**



**Mickey Goodman-2 Ambrosia Maple bowls  
and 1 Box Elder Bowl**



**Bill Smith-a Smoke wood Natural edge  
Bowl (naturally yellow)**



**Bernie Feinerman-Pine Goblet  
w/interlocking rings**



**Wayne Collins-Black Walnut nat. edge  
Bowl and Spalted Maple Bowl**



**Rick Sousa- 7 assorted bowls-2 Nat. edged  
Maple, 1 Walnut, 2 Cherry Bowls, 1Maple Burl**



**Anthony Scuncio-2 Cherry Bowls  
and a Koa Pen**

**Next Meeting  
Thursday, October 19, 2006  
Katherine Spock, Director of the RI Forestry Div.  
Will discuss the use of Rhode Island woods.  
George Nazareth will demonstrate how he  
takes digital photos of his turnings.  
Woodcraft - - 1000Division St. - - East Greenwich, RI**

**Ocean Woodturners Demonstration  
Mike Allison  
Mike specializes in piercings and coloring of turnings  
Saturday, October 14, 2006  
North Kingstown Library  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM \$10 per person  
Lunch is included in the price of \$10  
Notify Mike Murray if you are coming  
[mikemurray816@comcast.net](mailto:mikemurray816@comcast.net)  
Let's have a great turnout!**