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September, 2006 “Turnings”

President, Mike Murray opened the August meeting by noticing two new people who were at the meeting. They were guests, **Louise and Frank O’Neill**, who said that they have bought a lathe and want to learn how to turn. We hope they will return to our next meeting and join our club.

Mike Murray explained to the membership that we will need a great many volunteers from our membership for the **Yankee Woodturning Symposium which will be held June 1, 2 and 3, 2007 at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. All 7 Southern NE Chapters are committed to fully supporting this woodturning venture.**

Subject: Helpers for the Yankee Symposium

Hello Gents:

The purpose of this message is to solicit your help in obtaining members of your individual clubs to help on the various sub-committees of the Yankee Symposium Steering Committee. We would like to have at least one member from each club serving on each of the committees, of which there are twelve.

The committees are: Budget and Finance, Facility, Theme and Logo, Demonstrators, Registration, Machinery, Audio Visual, Gallery & Trade Show, PR and Publicity, Cleanup and finally, Auction.

As you can see, we are looking for 12 people, each one of which is to serve on one of these committees.

Also, we want to thank each affiliated club for their generous contribution of \$1000 in seed money to front this undertaking. Without your help, we would not be able to undertake this worthwhile task.

Finally, I would like to ask that you maintain contact with the person from your particular club who is responsible for writing the EOG Grant proposal, and see that they stay on track and on schedule.

Gratefully yours, **Norm Mancuso, Yankee Steering Committee**

So, members, start thinking about what Committee you want to join. President Mike Murray is now asking for volunteers.

Wayne Collins announced that on October 7, 8, and 9th, his Tiverton Middle School Junior Ocean Woodturners will have a demonstration of woodturning in the center court of Swansea Mall along with students from Rich Lemieux's Ocean Tides program. It is great that these two student woodturning programs are cooperating so well.

Wayne Collins also announced that a local bank has offered to display students' turnings in the lobby of their bank.

We need a head count on how many members will be attending the Mike Allison Demonstration on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the North Kingstown Library from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. See notice near end of newsletter.

August Demonstration

Rick Sousa and Larry Dunklee demonstrated how to remove moisture from "green" rough-turned pieces by the use of a microwave, eliminating the long wait when placing them in paper bags for many months.

Rick found that rough-turned green wood turnings should be placed in the microwave for short periods (like 45 seconds) and then removed and allowed to cool before placing the piece back in the microwave for another 45 seconds. This can be done many times, as long as you wait for it to cool before placing it back into the microwave. The moisture leaving the wood is very evident on the bottom of the partially turned piece. If you have an accurate scale, you can weigh the piece each time you take it out. When the weight has stabilized, the piece is dry. Otherwise, just tell by the dry "feel" of the piece.

When you think that the piece is dry, you can then finish turning the piece to its final thickness.

The microwave can be used on a kiln dried turning by first soaking it thoroughly in water, followed by placing the piece in the microwave for about a minute. Then take it out and use an elastic band to squeeze the upper sides in order to create "funky" shapes. Rick said that he could make the top edge into a round cornered square if he made a wooden jig to hold it in place while it set up.

This was a very interesting demonstration which showed us how we can use the microwave to create very distinctive turnings.



Rick Sousa using the microwave

Show and Tell



From left to right

Left photo:

Mickey Goodman:

1 Box Elder Bowl, 1 Spalted Maple platter, and 1 Maple Bowl (behind the round bird house)

Larry Dunklee:

a round bird house.

Fred Parker:

1 hollow Globe, and 1 round bowl with rope decoration.

Middle photo:

Rick Sousa: (all in back) 1 large Ash Bowl, 1 Spalted maple Dish, and 1

Curly Maple Platter

(exquisite).

George

Nazareth:

3 Segmented Candy dishes

of various

woods.

Bernie

Feinerman:

1 Lidded box

with Mahogany top decorated with a Dragonfly cut-out filled with epoxy, and a "Pig" of Norfolk Pine.



Bottom photo:

Mike Murray: 2 Spalted Cherry crotches.

John Chakuroff: 1 glued up Walnut bowl ready for turning, and 4 Bowls from one glued-up block of Walnut. John only turns kiln dried wood.



Professional Demonstration

Mike Allison

**Who specializes in piercings and adding
coloring to turnings**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

North Kingstown Library

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM \$10 Per person

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Woodcraft

1000 Division St.

East Greenwich, RI

Demonstration for September

Mike Murray and others

will demonstrate the use of

Vacuum Chucking

Katherine Spock

Director of the RI Forestry Division

Will speak to our club at Nov. 19 meeting.

The Forestry Division will have a showing
of turnings made from wood from RI forests.

The turnings will be on display and will be
judged. The Forestry Division will also

publicize this event