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August, 2007 “Turnings”

President Jeff Mee opened the July meeting by asking Larry Dunklee to give an overview of the Melvyn Firmager Demonstration on Saturday, July 7, 2007. Larry explained that the North Kingstown Free Library allowed us to set up for the Saturday demonstration from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday evening, which saved us from having to rush setting up on Saturday morning. This is the way we plan to handle setting up in the future. The Library was very pleased to host our demonstration, and will welcome us back any time. The use of the library is free, but we did give them a \$50 donation as we did last year.

Because we frequently notified and encouraged the members of the other area woodturning organizations about this demonstration, there were almost 50 in attendance. This almost covered the entire costs of the Firmager Demonstration. (Demo photos later in this newsletter)

The Library also welcomed us to display our turnings again in the future.

Mike Murray supplied the cookies for the demonstration, and Anthony Scuncio handled buying the sandwiches and refreshments for the lunch. All involved got a round of applause for their work in making this demonstration a great success. It was agreed by all, that Melvyn Firmager gave a very informative demonstration.

Fred Parker, explained about the one-on-one demonstration with Firmager for three of our members at Angelo Iafrate’s workshop.

Bill Smith and Larry Dunklee took Melvyn Firmager out to dinner after the demonstration. They both agreed that he is a “ball buster”.

Some members wondered whether Angelo Iafrate would be teaching woodturning again in the future. When Angelo arrived a few minutes later, he said that he would be teaching again after his busy season is over.

Angelo was asked by a member to give his opinion on bowl-savers. He thought the Oneway Bowl-Saver was very good. He also thought that the McNaughton Center-Saver system was easier to use. However, once the Oneway system is set up, it is also easy to use. The other consideration is that the McNaughton system costs about \$600, and the Oneway system costs about \$1500.

Angelo was also asked what nut oils would not go rancid. The answer was only Walnut oil will not go rancid.

Bob Hopkins, our treasurer, had information about getting T-shirts with our Ocean Woodturners logo. The initial set-up would cost from \$50 - \$100. Light colored T-shirts run

about \$8.50 and darker ones \$9.50. Polo shirts would run from \$17.00 - \$23.00. There seemed to be interest in getting these shirts.

Two guests introduce themselves at the meeting, Anthony Potenza of Rehoboth MA and Adrian Hamblin of Riverside, RI. At the end of the meeting, both guests joined the Ocean Woodturners. We now have 124 members. When I joined, there were about 18 members. We are growing fast because we are an interesting group of giving and talented people.

The next Learn & Turn will be at Jeff Mee's shop and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 25. More about this at the next meeting.

Due to popular demand, Show and Tell is now before the demo. Show and Tell



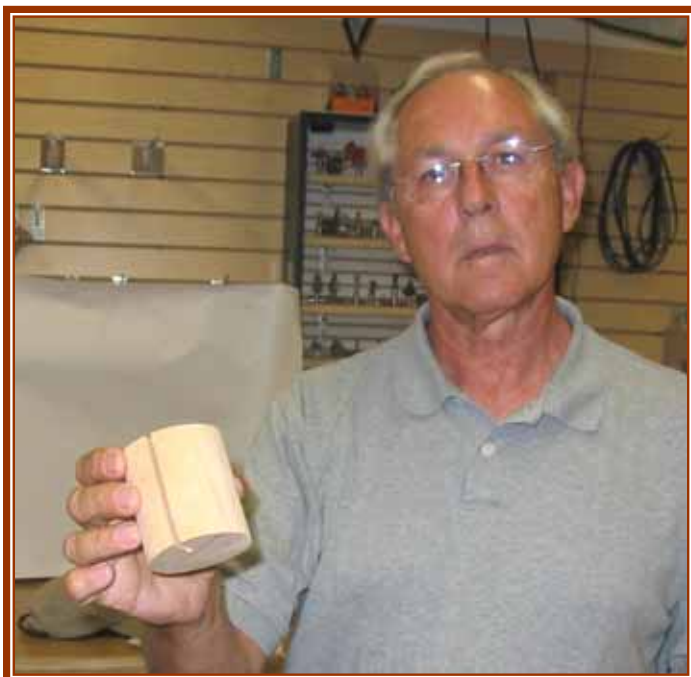
George Nazareth holding his segmented bowl



Bill Smith and two White Cedar Bowls from same log



Jeff Mee holding two Poplar bowls



Demonstration of Chucking

Rich Lemieux started the demonstration by showing a round wooden dowel that he rips half-way through on his table saw. He then places a small wooden piece that he wants to turn in the slot. When the dowel and the protruding wooden piece are tightened in a jam chuck, the small piece of wood can then be turned.

Rich Lemieux and his wood chuck



Bernie Feinerman displayed a round wooden cylinder which had been drilled out to take a threaded nut, which was epoxied in the hole

Various methods or reverse chucking to finish the bottom of a turning were explained. Angelo Iafrate suggested that you should always bring the tail stock up to the bottom of the turning to apply gentle pressure to hold the turning in place. At the same time, take light touches with your lathe tool.

Angelo also suggested that new turners should start off by using a face plate with screws before trying any of the metal chucks, which can cost from \$250 - \$300.

The demo proved to be very informative.

On another matter, our librarian, Fred Parker, explained that the library is in the process of being upgraded by copying videotapes onto DVD's.

Angelo Iafrate brought to the meeting a number of turnings that Firmager had used in his demo on July 7, as well as videos that he donated to the club. It was suggested that we auction these items off to the highest bidder, instead of our usual raffle. This auction netted the club \$174.00.



The many items Angelo Iafrate brought for the auction

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 2007 7:00 PM

Woodcraft 1000 Division St.
East Greenwich, RI

Demonstration

Lathes will be set up for
hands-on use of jam chucks