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January, 2007 “Turnings”

President, Mike Murray opened the December meeting. Two visitors were present, **Bill and John Di Marco**. **Bill Di Marco** had previously taken a course on Woodturning taught by **Angelo Iafrate**, and he was ready to take the plunge and learn more by joining the **Ocean Woodturners**.

Treasurer, Bob Hopkins reported a cash balance of \$1,339.00.

Angelo Iafrate told us about a friend of his, Melvyn Firmager, who is a noted woodturner from England. Melvyn will be demonstrating at the 2007 AAW Symposium in Portland Oregon. Angelo showed the membership one of Melvyn Firmager’s turnings. It was somewhat unusual, but extremely difficult to create. Angelo asked the membership whether we would like to have Mr. Firmager demonstrate for us after he arrives from England, and before he flies on to Portland, Oregon. It was decided to delay a decision on this matter until a future date. You can visit Melvyn Firmager’s website is: www.melvynfirmager.co.uk/Index.html .

The Yankee Symposium July 1, 2, and 3, 2007: President Mike Murray related to the membership that the leaders of the Yankee Symposium need the membership rosters of the 7 woodturning clubs which make up the Symposium in order to make one large mailing to all of the members of the 7 clubs. The Ocean Woodturners will supply the Symposium leaders with our membership roster. Any members who do not want their addresses shared with the Yankee Symposium leaders can contact Mike Murray or George Nazareth.

The 3-day cost of attending the Yankee Symposium will be about \$130.00. The cost of attending one day will be \$50.00. There are hotels nearby, and also dorm rooms for \$30 per night on the Wesleyan College campus. Mike has visited the college, and he says that the campus is beautiful.

Election of Officers for 2007: **Larry Dunklee**, representing the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2007: For president, **Jeff Mee** and **John Chakuroff** were both willing to serve. **Wayne Collins**, the present VP agreed to stay in that position as did **George Nazareth** as Secretary, and **Bob Hopkins** as Treasurer. **Jeff Mee** won in the vote for President. **Wayne Collins** was reelected Vice President, **George Nazareth** was reelected Secretary, and **Bob Hopkins** was reelected treasurer. **Mike Murray** was warmly thanked by the members for his 2 years as our president.

Other happenings since the last newsletter: **Rudy Hempe** received a donation of a very large scroll saw from **Stephen Welch**, a neighbor of a member of the **Ocean Woodturners**, **Peter Olsen**, who died three or 4 years ago. Peter was one of the early members of our organization. **Stephen Welch** advised Rudi that he was donating the scroll saw in memory of **Peter Olsen**. Stephen also advised Rudi that we could use this scroll saw as we saw fit, as long as it was acknowledged as in memory of his friend, **Peter Olsen**. Rudi felt that the scroll saw could be put to best use if it was given to either of our school programs, **Wayne Collins' Tiverton Middle School**, or **Rich Lemieux's Ocean Tides School**. Rich felt that the **Tiverton Middle School's** program was more suited to have a scroll saw, so Rudi brought the Scroll saw in his truck to **Rick Sousa**, who delivered it to Wayne's program. **Mike Murray** sent a letter to **Peter Olsen's widow** telling her about the donation made in memory of her late husband. **Stephen Welch** was also happy with the scroll saw going to a school program.

Our founder and past president, **Ken D'Ambrosio**, contacted **Rudi Hempe** by e-mail. Ken has not turned in the last 2 years because of a shoulder rotor cup malfunction and a tennis elbow. He misses the turning very much and hopes to get back to turning when his medical problems have cleared up. Ken and his wife spend most of their time in the Tampa Florida area insuring the continued growth of their business, **Cote and D'Ambrosio Communications**. He does make it back to Wickford for a short time each month to see his grandchildren.

Angelo Iafrate recently sent your editor an e-mail about the possibility of The **Ocean Woodturners** adopting an occasional "**Open Shop Meeting**". It seems that the **Central New England Woodturners** has reserved their February meeting to be an open shop meeting at a member's workshop. The host can either demonstrate some turning methods or even to show a woodturning video for members to view. **Angelo** says that if we adopt this idea, he will be happy to be the first host, and **Angelo's** shop is larger than our Woodcraft meeting room.

On Saturday, December 16th, **Angelo Iafrate** hosted a **Small Bowl Challenge** for 12 members at his home workshop. Bob O'Connor, Bill Smith and Larry Dunklee assisted. Most of the 12 turners were present at the meeting, and displayed their turned bowls.



From L to R , Richard Murphy, Henry Allsworth, Anthony Salera, and Randy Jorgenson

Show and Tell



All of the turnings on the left half of the table are Rick Sousa's

The two rolling pins are Greg Marshall's

The Segmented jewelry box is George Nazareth's

The bowl in a crotch and the pens are Anthony Scuncio's

The other bowls are from the members who attended the Small Bowl Challenge



**Bill Smith holding his large
Spalted Maple Bowl**



**George Nazareth
Segmented Jewelry Box**



**Anthony Scuncio
Bowl in a crotch**

Yankee Woodturning Symposium

<http://www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org/>



June 1-3, 2007

**Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center,
Middletown, CT**

Demonstrators

Mark St.Leger, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Jimmy Clewes, Bob Rosand, Mark Sifiri, Johannes Michaelson, Beth Ireland, Angelo Iafrate, and Michael Hosaluk. Also local turners Al Czelecz, Norm Mancuso, and Ken Dubay. Graham Oaks of NH will demonstrate for the youth group.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2007-- 7:00 PM

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

**Demonstration will be a collaborative event
“Preparing Green Wood for Turning”
Members can bring one piece for preparation**