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June, 2007 “Turnings”

Vice President, Wayne Collins, opened the May meeting. Wayne started by explaining about the Yankee Symposium to the members. Mike Murray and Angelo Iafrate also got into the discussion. It was stated that credit cards would not be accepted at the Yankee Symposium. Hopefully I will have more information on the success of the Yankee Symposium later in this newsletter.

New business: Larry Dunklee reminded the membership that turnings of members will be displayed for the month of June at the North Kingstown Free Library. Anyone wanting to display his or her turnings can get them to Larry Dunklee or bring them to the library on June 2, 2007 at 9:00 AM. The turnings will be in locked glass cases. On June 2, many of our members' turnings were put on display at the library.

Fred Parker, our librarian, asked if he could purchase DVDs for our library. He has \$80 in his kitty from the rentals. Angelo Iafrate made a motion that Fred be authorized to use this \$80 plus \$100 from our treasury to purchase more DVDs. The motion was passed. Other members also offered to transfer our existing video tapes onto DVDs in order to update our library. Fred will handle this project.

Larry Dunklee told about John Chakuroff's problems that resulted in a serious situation from his inhaling wood dust from turning. He was demonstrating lathe turning for a son-in-law on Mother's Day, and failed to use a face mask. He passed out and had to be rushed to the hospital by rescue service with very little pulse. So, all members should make a habit of always using a face mask to keep wood dust out of their lungs. It is much better to have a dust extraction system. The AAW website lists most of the woods that can cause toxic reactions in people, and most of the woods that we use are on that list. Once an allergic reaction occurs, subsequent exposure to these toxins can cause extremely serious problems, including lung damage, asthma, and worse.

Bill Smith, Bob O'Connor and Larry Dunklee went on a tour with RIFCO, the RI Forest Conservators Organization. The Ocean Woodturners are a member of this organization. They toured the area near the Scituate Reservoir, and had a chance to talk to others participants about our need for unwanted trees for turning, as well as Cherry and Walnut burls. They stated that they had a wonderful time on this tour. A photo will appear on the next page with Larry and Bob smiling, as a very large White Pine tree, which is a contender for the largest in the state, is being measured around its girth. It was 11.8 feet in circumference and 45.1 inches in diameter.

Last month's Open Shop meetings were discussed. Three members showed their turnings from the open shop meetings. Wayne Collins expressed the desire to have the open shop meeting as an annual event.

The demonstration for the May meeting was the turning of small tops by members. These will be donated to the AAW for their 2007 Symposium. After the meeting, some members took unused blanks home. It is our hope that these blocks will be turned into more tops to add to those that we already have from the meeting, so bring them to the June 21st meeting.



Larry Dunklee and Bob O'Connor at the RIFCO tour

Show and Tell



L to R Bernie Feinerman: Hackberry Bowl and Cedar Dibble
 George Nazareth; Three similar segmented Bowls
 Peter Bazakas: an Apple-wood Lamp
 David Barwise: 2 spiral Candle Holders



Ed Dowd: a basket of painted Cherry-wood eggs, and three stamp dispensers (behind)

Demonstration



David Michel turning tops at the meeting.



Bill Smith and John Drapala, who turned this complete bowl at Bill's Open Shop meeting.

Yankee Symposium photos



John Lorch, Angelo Iafrate, and Norm Mancuso at the Yankee Symposium



Greg Marshall teaching a student

At the time of this printing, the financial results of the Yankee Symposium have not yet been assessed. It is our hope that it ended in the black, for everyone's sake, especially Angelo Iafrate, who worked so hard to get this off the ground.



A beautiful pierced bird turning by Mike Allison (CCW) displayed at the Yankee Symposium

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007-----7:00 PM

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

Demonstration

We will have lathes on display at the meeting, and we will be discussing the features of each for the benefit of the members, especially the new members, who may not yet have purchased a lathe .