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# November, 2007 “Turnings

President Jeff Mee opened the meeting by announcing that we have to elect a nominating committee of 3 members for our annual elections at the November 15, 2007 meeting. Elected at the meeting were: Bob O'Connor, Bill Smith, and Chris Fierro. They will return a slate for consideration at the November meeting. Other nominations for each office can be made from the floor by members at that time.

Bob O'Connor reported that he was the only member present at the RI Forest Conservators (RIFCO) annual meeting in Warwick at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings on Sunday, October 14, 2007. Woodcraft delivered a lathe to the event, and Bob turned a few bowls.

President Jeff Mee attended the Forestry Expo and happened to meet Chris Modisette of the US Department of Agriculture. Chris was coordinating a New England conference of 15 area Resource Conservation and Development councils. He asked Jeff if he could get a turning that they would purchase for an auction at the conference on October 20, 2007. I sent out a notice, but I thought that the turning had to be donated. At any rate, the request came much too late for anyone to sell them a turning.

Bob O'Connor reported that Fred Parker donated a lathe to the youth group that he is associated with. The recipient of the lathe had a great time setting it up, and getting it running.

Jeff Mee reported that the \$300 we donated to Tucker Houlihan and his wife at last month's meeting could not be used as a donation, so Jeff proposed to Tucker that we could hire him for a future demonstration. Jeff asked for a vote on this matter, and it was voted in the affirmative.

There were 3 guests at the October meeting. Two of these guests paid their dues to become members of the Ocean Woodturners. They were Jeff Perry of Narragansett, RI., and Paul Graves of Warwick, RI. Our membership is now at 128 members.

Treasurer, Bob Hopkins reported that our balance is currently \$2161.92.

Bob Hopkins talked about the purchase of T-shirts with the Ocean Woodturners logo from Son of a Stitch on Division St. Nothing was finally decided on this.

# Show and Tell



From left to right.

George Nazareth: a segmented Bowl of Cherry Purpleheart, Maranta, and Oak.

Rick Sousa: a great assortment of Christmas Ornaments.

Paul Heely: four Pens.

Bill Mershon: a large Cherry Bowl.

Alan Gates: a lidded Ginger Jar of Black Walnut.

Jeff Perry: a Mahogany Bowl.

Larry Dunklee: 1 natural-edged Bowl and 1 natural-edged dish.



**Alan Gates and his lidded Ginger Jar**



**Jeff Perry and his Mahogany bowl**

# Demonstration by Rick Sousa

## Turning hollow Christmas Ornaments

Rick Sousa stated that he did not do too much hollow turning, but when he does, he makes his own tools from screw drivers, rods, files, and even medium sized Allen Wrenches. He also demonstrated how he uses a bent wire to measure the thickness of the ornament. You can also determine the thickness by tapping on the turning. A higher pitch means it is thinner and a lower pitch means it is thicker. You can also use calipers to determine the thickness of your turning.

Rick also encouraged the members to train there eyes to recognize when both sides of an ornament are symmetrical.

Rick then proceeded to turn the icicle for the ornament. He started at the end using a spindle gouge, sanding each section before moving to the next section, using your fingers to “cradle” the wood while sanding.



**Rick's home-made hollowing tools**

### Next meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2007 7:00 PM  
Woodcraft 1000 Division St., East Greenwich  
**Demonstration – To Be Determined**