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October, 2007 “Turnings”

President Jeff Mee opened the September meeting by asking Larry Dunklee to bring us up to date on the plans for having Richard Raffin as our demonstrator next year. Larry indicated that Richard Raffin will be demonstrating for the Ocean Woodturners on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at the Cold Spring House at the North Kingstown beach. The fee for the use of the facility will be \$125.00. This is not too bad, since we donated \$100 for the use of then room we used at the North Kingstown Library. Larry also stated that the actual fee for this event has not been determined yet.

Larry also reminded us that The RI Forest Conservators Organization (RIFCO) is holding their annual gathering at The Crowne Plaza (the former Inn at the Crossings) in Warwick) on Sunday, October 14, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Since Larry will be unable to attend this event because of a family commitment, Bob O'Connor volunteered to coordinate this event. Members who attend should bring bowls and vases they have turned for display at this event. These are the people who harvest trees in RI, and it is to our benefit to keep close ties with them.

On a sadder but eventually wonderful note, Bob O'Connor related that he had an internal bacterial infection for about a month that endangered his life. He thanked all of the members who visited him at the hospital. He stressed to the new members, that the Ocean Woodturners are a great group of compassionate people, a fact that he has learned over his 3 years of membership. I, your editor and secretary, was not notified about Bob's condition. If I had been notified, I would have sent out an E-mail notice to all of the members. Bob has been a very active and productive member since the first day he joined us. Fortunately, Bob survived and appears to be thriving.

Jeff Mee received a plea for financial help from a couple, Tucker Houlihan and his wife, who lost their entire shop in a fire. The Ocean Woodturners voted to send this couple a donation of \$300.00.

Bob O'Connor talked about a camp for 33 youngsters who need a fundraiser to buy some mini lathes. It was suggested that Woodcraft be contacted to see whether they could assist this group. Also anyone who can donate to this fundraiser, contact Bob O'Connor at roconnor8@cox.net or by his cell phone at 401-419-6632.

Wayne Collins reported that all 38 tables are sold for the Craft Show to benefit the Jr. Ocean Woodturners at the Tiverton Middle School. They hope to net \$1000 from this event.

Rich Lemieux stated that his school, Ocean Tides, is opening a drop-in-center after school from 4:00 -5:30 one day a week (probably Wednesday) where volunteers can work one-on-one with a youngster. Anyone interested can contact Rich at richlem1@cox.net or call him at 401-667-7393.

Treasurer's report: Bob Hopkins reported a balance of \$2,714.92 which includes the \$1000 returned to us from the Yankee Symposium group.

Show and Tell

Chris Horn- an extremely attractive mallet of Markor with an Ash handle.

Angelo Iafrate-three round boxes exquisitely turned. One was of Red Sucupira.

Bill Smith- a spalted Birch Bow land a Cherry bowl

Rick Sousa- A Cocobolo small bowl, a Bubinga lidded box and a Wenge lidded box

Mike Murray- Two maple bowls colored so they looked like plastic and pierced.

Matt Ames- Two Bowls and one top.

John Chakuroff- John brought an assortment of older turnings and a beautifully carved Blue Jay.

Dick Rinkaus- three wooden scoops.

Jeff Mee a round hollow turning.

Anthony Scuncio- 3 stubby pens and a long bracelet assist.



Demonstration on Sharpening

We again had old faithful, Angelo Iafrate, share his expert skills with us. He demonstrated the various grinding methods of Sorbey, Glazer and Ellsworth, as well as explaining the different types of gouges. Long handles are relatively new (the last 10-12 years). Originally, they were much shorter.

Different manufacturers have different names for the same gouges. The AAW has met with the various manufacturers and is attempting to standardize the nomenclature.

A valuable lesson I personally learned from this informative demonstration is that you first grind the profile of the gouge BEFORE you sharpen to the profile.



Next Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2007 7:00 PM
Woodcraft 1000 Division St E. Greenwich

Demonstration

**A few lathes will be set up
for turning Christmas ornaments**

A Special Announcement

Jeff Mee, our President, now has the club's Midi lathe. This lathe can be borrowed by members who do not as yet have a lathe. Just call Jeff before the next meeting, and if it is available, Jeff will bring it to the next meeting for you.