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## September, 2007 “Turnings”

President Jeff Mee opened the meeting by asking Mike Murray to discuss a matter regarding the Yankee Symposium group. We are one of the seven local woodturning groups which comprise the Yankee Symposium. Mike Murray and Angelo Iafate have been very active in the leadership of the Yankee Symposium. Mike stated that the Yankee Symposium group would like to keep the “seed” money of \$1000, which each of the seven member groups loaned to get the Symposium started. The money will again be used as “seed” money for the next Yankee Symposium in 2011. The membership agreed to allow the Yankee Symposium to hold the \$1000 as “seed” money for the 2007 Yankee Symposium, unless we run into financial difficulties and need the money beforehand.

Paul Heely was introduced as a guest this evening, and he joined the Ocean Woodturners just before the meeting started.

Larry Dunklee, who is our liaison with the RIFCO (RI Forest Conservators Organization), related how he and about 25 other members of RIFCO went on an outdoor meeting in West Greenwich on 24 acres of White Pine. He also stated that another gathering of this group will be on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at the Inn at the Crossings. Larry stressed how important it is for us to meet and know these people who harvest wood.

### **In Rhode Island, forest covers 3 out of every 5 acres of land**

**The information below was taken directly from the RI Div of Forest Mgt. website.**

“In view of its long history and advanced state of economic development, the current amount of forests in Rhode Island is remarkable. Forests cover 59 percent of Rhode Island, or 393,000 acres. But the state wasn’t always this heavily forested. Rhode Island’s early settlers cleared about two-thirds of the original forest for agriculture. Farming peaked in the early 1800s; subsequently, farmers began abandoning their farms and moving west to better farmland. Much of the abandoned land was reclaimed by forests through natural regeneration. Old stonewalls and cellar holes from farmsteads can be found throughout today’s forest, evidence of Rhode Island’s agricultural history. Forest land increased until the 1950s but then began declining. These declines likely will continue because development pressures continue to increase on forest as well as farmland. To slow the loss of forest land, state, federal, and nongovernmental organizations are working to maintain forest land.”

Angelo lafrate has invited Richard Raffin to come to Rhode Island in June of 2008 for an all day hands-on session with paying members at his home workshop. If we also want to have him for a Saturday demonstration that same weekend, we will use the North Kingstown Community Center. We would also ask him to donate his turnings produced that day to our club for us to auction off.

Wayne Collins announced that the Tiverton Middle School turning group will have another Craft show in the Tiverton Middle School cafeteria area on Saturday, November 10, this year from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

## Demonstration

Angelo lafrate brought every chuck he owns for this comprehensive demonstration, which is more chucks than anyone could imagine. Some were screw chucks from years ago as well as more recent ones. He also had some that he made himself for specific purposes, as well as a few vacuum chucks. Angelo explained the workings of each chuck in specific detail, as only he can do. It was a very interesting demonstration, especially for a guy like me, who uses one chuck for all his turnings.

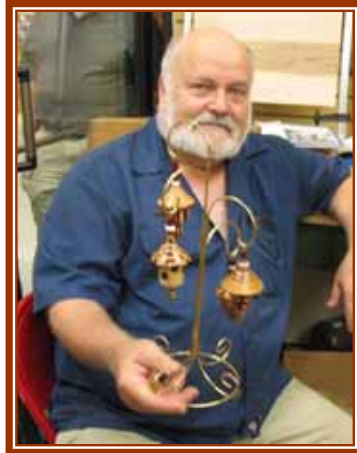


**Angelo lafrate demonstrating with his vast array of chucks**

## Show and Tell



**George**  
**Segmented Bowl**



**Dick Rinkaus**  
**Bird Houses**



**Ed Dowd**  
**Bottle Stoppers**



**Richard Murphy**  
**2 Apple Bowls**

## **Our first Learn and Turn, Saturday, Aug. 25 At Jeff Mee's workshop**

In attendance were Earl Randall, Robert Otto, Paul Tavares, Gene Amaral, Chuck Dawson, Jack Daly, Fred Parker, Paul Heely, Frank Iafrate, Angelo Iafrate and Jeff Mee. Jeff reported that the event was a great success, and everyone had a good time and all appeared very enthusiastic.

Angelo did most of the instruction. Jeff said that the event left him so inspired to turn something that, after everyone left at 4:00 PM, he took a piece of spalted maple that one of the members had given him, and he turned a wide-mouth vessel. Hopefully he will have this vessel at the Show and Tell at the September 20th meeting.

Below are 4 of the photos taken at the Learn and Turn



## **Next Meeting**

**Thursday, September 20, 2007 7:00 PM**

**Woodcraft 1000 Division St. East Greenwich**

### **Demonstration**

**Angelo Iafrate will demonstrate the sharpening of gouges. Members are requested to bring their gouges to the meeting, so that Angelo can show members how to sharpen on the grinder.**