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November, 2008 “Turnings”

Jeff Mee opened the October, 2008 meeting. He asked your editor to explain why he has declined to run again as Secretary of the Ocean Woodturners. I have given the reasons a number of times by e-mail to members, and in last month’s newsletter. Essentially it is because I do not hear everything that is being said at the meetings, and I am also running out of steam after 5 years as Secretary.

Jeff brought up the subject of our up-coming demonstration by Jeff Levine on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Jeff asked for volunteers for coordinating the event, buying the food, setting up a coffee urn, setting up the sound system, and collecting the money. Much to the consternation of Jeff Mee, nobody volunteered for any of the roles. Larry Dunklee commented that even the Ocean Woodturners can fail if people do not volunteer. Larry also suggested we collect the admission fee ahead of time. We got burned on our last demonstration when quite a few members who said they were coming, did not show up, resulting in the purchase of too much food and beverages.

George Nazareth mentioned that we should follow up on Bill Smith’s suggestions on assisting activities at our meetings, as we have done for the Secretary’s position. He suggested that we have a person who gets the personal information on guests and new members, and also have a member who assists the Treasurer in collecting dues and handing out membership cards.

Jeff Mee asked for suggestions for the demonstration at the November 20 meeting. Larry Dunklee suggested having a demonstration on turning small Christmas gifts.

Guests at the meeting were Richard Martin, Joseph Flori, and Lee Lapierre. Richard Martin and Joseph Flori joined the Ocean Woodturners at the meeting.

Jeff Mee asked Wayne Collins to bring us up-to-date on his Tiverton Middle School woodturning program. Wayne told us he has already sold out all 38 tables for the next Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2008. He has divided his turning students into groups of 10. They turn every Tuesday night from 5:30 – 9:30. Wayne also stated that even special education students are welcomed into the turning groups. Other schools have heard of their success and are thinking of starting their own turning programs. Ernie Grimes told about a school in

Franklin, MA where parents come to the turning classes with their children. When parents are involved, they are very effective in getting financial support from the school committee.

On Saturday, October 25, Woodcraft had a hands-on demo from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM where Ocean Woodturners members volunteered to assist Woodcraft customers in trying their hand at woodturning. Members who assisted included Rick Sousa, Rich Lemieux, Bill Mershon, Kevin Kempf, and Richard Murphy.

Larry Dunklee volunteered to pick up some “wood logs” that a woman told your editor she had in her garage and had to get rid of. Larry brought the “wood logs” to the meeting in 4 paper bags. Instead of logs, he had assorted scraps of odd-shaped wood remnants which would make great kindling wood. One never knows !

Henry Allsworth visited Garrett Hack at his home workshop in Thetford Center, Vermont. Henry, Walter from Woodcraft and three others took a two-day class on inlay techniques. Ernie Grimes said he is familiar with Garrett Hack who is a master at everything he does.

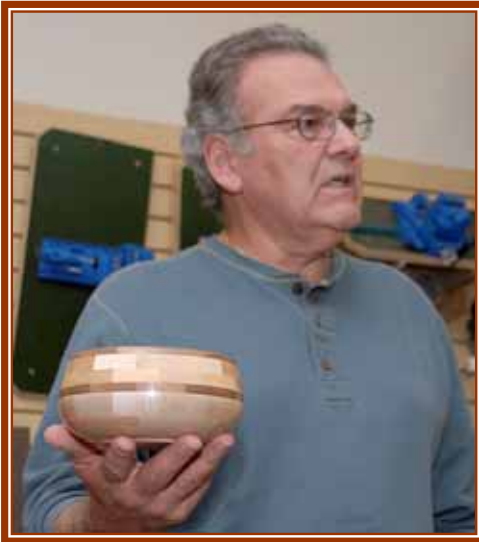
Show and Tell



Kevin Kempf w/ pen holder
Made for son's wedding reception from driftwood



George Nazareth w/segmented goblet

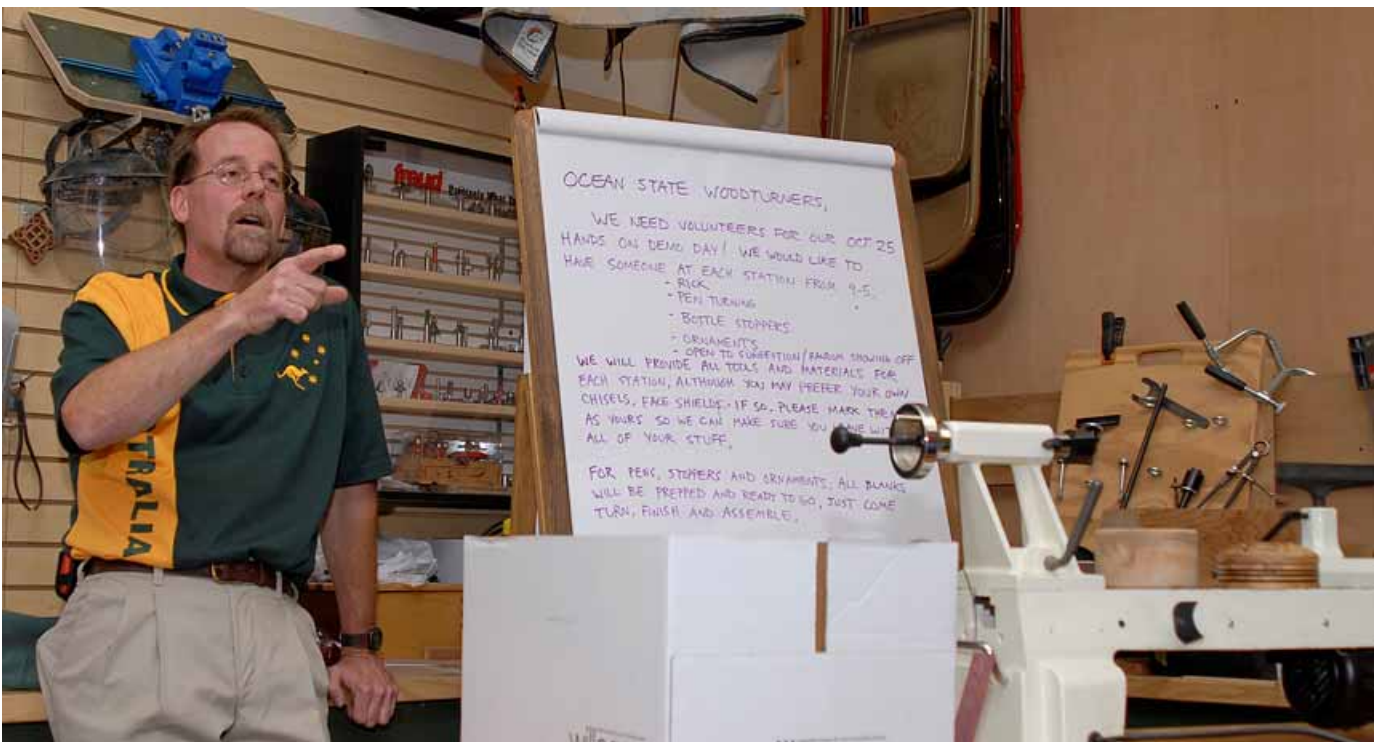


Ray Alexandre w/ segmented bowl



Mark Nadeau w/ small box and goblet

Demonstration Jeff Mee showing Tea Lights



Jeff Mee explaining what tea light candle holders are, and how they were turned

Jeff also showed how to burn grooves into the sides of tea light candle holders to add a dramatic effect. The wire must be flexible, and he cautioned that you attach wood pieces to each end of the wire to avoid burning your hands by the hot wire.

Next Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2008
7:00 PM
Woodcraft, 1000 Division St.
East Greenwich, RI
Demonstration by Marc Blanchette

Jeff Levine Demonstration
How to make snap-lid boxes
Cold Spring Community Center
30 Beach St. N. Kingstown, RI
Saturday November 22, 2008
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$20 per person