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# September, 2008 “Turnings”

President Jeff Mee opened the August, 2008 meeting. He wanted to know whether any member would want to take over the job of webmaster for our organization. Dick Larowe has had the job from the early days of our organization and would be willing to give it up if someone else would take it over. Henry Allsworth indicated that he would like to become the webmaster, so Jeff Mee told him to contact Dick Larowe to make the transition.

Jeff asked Wayne Collins how his woodturning group at Tiverton Middle School was doing. Wayne stated that it appears that the students will probably be setting up 38 tables for the next Craft Show. However, if they can use the cafeteria, they may be able to have 50 tables. The more tables they have, the more money the program makes, which is very important since the program is not financially supported by the school.

Mike Murray mentioned that world renowned turner, Al Stirt, does a lot of demonstrations. He will be demonstrating for the Central New England Woodturners (CNEW) on September 4, 2008, 6:30 PM at the Worcester Center for Crafts. Al will also be demonstrating at Cape Cod Woodturners on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

John Chakuroff suggested that we find out who handles the displays at the T.F. Green Airport. He thinks we should be displaying our turnings there. I heartily agree. A great many people pass through the airport every single day, and I am sure that our turnings would create a lot of interest. For example, we recently displayed our turnings at the North Kingstown Free Library, and I received an e-mail from Diana Christie who loved our turnings and would like us to display them at the Wickford Harbor Fest Celebration on the weekend of September 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Bob Hopkins announced that he brought some desirable wood for the raffle. He brought some Kona Wood pieces and a piece of Spalted Maple.

# Show and Tell

**Bill Smith** turned a Sycamore Bowl from some of Bob O'Connor's Sycamore tree, and Bob O'Connor put the finish on it with about 5 or 6 coats of a wipe-on lacquer finish, smoothed out between each coat.

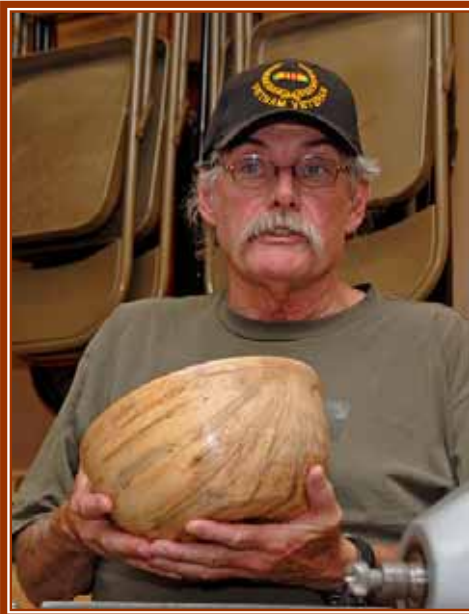
**Mike Murray** turned a thin Bowl which he spray-dyed with a red color, as only he can. This Bowl is in the photo below. He also displayed a Maple turning with a finial which he decorated with a dye and some silver leaf.

**Richard Rinkaus** displayed a very large Bowl which he wet sanded inside and out with linseed oil. He also brought a Maple Bowl and a small Lidded Box.

**Joe Duran** brought three turnings, one was a nice Spalted Maple Bowl which can be seen below, a covered Dish of Walnut with a Spalted Maple cover, and an Apple Wood Bowl.

**Ray Alexandre** displayed an attractive six-sided segmented platter of Maple and Walnut.

**Jack Carney** displayed a Sycamore Bowl, which was his first turning under the tutelage of **Bill Smith**. Bill says that he learned more from Jack than Jack learned from him. Jack was the member who was the highest bidder when Bill Smith auctioned off a one-on-one lesson a few months ago. Jack was so pleased with his lesson that he gave Bill an extra \$100. Bill sent that extra \$100 by check to the Ocean Tides woodturning program.



**Joe Duran**



**Ray Alexandre**



**Jack Carney**

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, I, your editor, George Nazareth, invited 4 members of our club to my home to see the methods I use in designing, and planning in creating my segmented woodturnings. The members attending my demonstration were **Ray Alexandre, Bill Kilcline, Paul Tavares, and Dick Cady**. **Dick Cady** was the only one present who had no experience with segmented woodturning.

I also showed them a jig I made that allows me to safely rip very thin wood pieces all the same thickness for inserts between segments. Prior to making this jig, I was cutting very thin inserts against the fence of the table saw, even though I knew it was dangerous, in spite of using a wood pusher-stick.

The three members who did have some experience with segmented woodturning gave me advice on how I could better mount my turnings on the lathe by making the base piece longer and chucking the elongated base directly in the jaws of my chuck. Then I can cut off the excess wood when I cut the base to size. They also told me how to use brown paper bag pieces glued to a waste piece and the base of the turning which can be knocked off with a chisel and hammer. We all can learn from one another.

## Demonstration

**Dave Eaton** of Natick, MA gave an interesting demonstration of making a square edged bowl. He was very adept at using his bowl gouge (something I would notice, since I have great difficulty using one). As he turned, he bantered back and forth with remarks to the members, who in turn, answered him in kind. All of this back and forth chatter was quite entertaining. All-in-all, it was a delightful demonstration ending in a superb square edged bowl.



**Beginning to take shape**



**Leveling the square edge**



**Almost finished**

**Thanks again for Mark Nadeau's superb photography**

**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2008**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Woodcraft, 1000 Division St.**  
**East Greenwich, RI**

**Demonstration**  
**Cory Anderson**  
**Central CT Woodturners**  
**will demonstrate**  
**Pyrography (wood burning)**  
**techniques in woodturning**