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February, 2008 “Turnings”

President, Jeff Mee, opened the January, 2008 meeting. He stated that our national organization, the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is mailing us our insurance policy coverage for 2008, and has requested that each club reimburse the AAW by paying \$1.00 per member to the AAW. \$1.00 per member would be 10% of our income from dues.

In attendance at the meeting was our member, Angelo Iafate, who also happens to be the national president of the AAW. He was shocked by this news, and stated that he had never heard anything about this request of the member clubs. He advised us to do nothing while he checks this out. As your editor, I stated that I believed that the AAW had never had to pay a claim for an injury to any member of the AAW.

It was also discussed that the AAW insurance covers only local members who belong to the AAW. Your Ocean Woodturner leaders have been promoting joining the AAW to our membership for a long while. The annual dues for AAW membership are \$45.00, and their quarterly magazine is well worth the money. I believe that more than half of our members belong to the AAW. You also must be an AAW member to hold office in your local club.

Jeff mentioned a sawmill called Hull Forest Products of Pomfret Connecticut, which sells direct to the public. He said they have a great reputation for their products and their forestry practices. They are certified 100% sustainable and all of their wood is harvested from the northeast. They are also willing to give a tour of their facilities either on a weekday or on a Saturday. Your editor was curious about this company, so I “Googled” the company, and found a company which is held in very high esteem by all who have used their wood as well as their services. Below is part of their home page.

Practicing Sustainable Forestry and Producing Quality Forest Products for Over 40 Years

A Legacy of Quality Craftsmanship and Service

We have a reverence for wood; we derive our living from the soil and the trees that grow there, and we are committed to practicing sustainable forestry and manufacturing sustainable forest products. For over 40 years, our family-run sawmill has manufactured forest products for use around the globe. From timeless wide plank flooring and paneling, to post and beam timbers, board and batten siding, and green and kiln dried lumber, the 10 million board feet of forest products we mill annually are made to last.

Hull Forest Products offers award-winning forest management services for public and private landowners, and the Hull

Forestlands are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) via the Smartwood Program, a division of the Rainforest Alliance's Sustainable Forestry Division.

Whether you are looking for a forester or need sustainable forest products, let us know what we can do for you.

Their website is www.hullforest.com. If you get on the website, click on "Testimonials" on the lower right side. You will be able to get a clear understanding of this company from reading them. It is obvious that these testimonials are legitimate. One is from the Yale University Forest Manager. As a retired business owner, I enjoy reading about a well run, responsible company that is extremely conscious of going above and beyond to satisfy its customers. I think that a trip to Hull Forest products would be a very worthwhile venture for the Ocean Woodturners.

Guests present at the January, 2008 meeting were: Frank St.Pierre, Tony Carpinski, Jim Craig, Ed Sullivan, and William Beaudoin. Frank St.Pierre, Ed Sullivan, and William Beaudoin joined the Ocean Woodturners at the meeting.

It was decided that our March 20, 2008 meeting would be an "open-shop" meeting, where a number of members would open their shops to other members to view, to turn and discuss turning. We will need at least 6 members to offer to host an open shop meeting at their shop on March 20th. So far Wayne Collins, Paul Heely, and Bill Smith have agreed to host that evening. Jeff Mee wants the members who want to be added to this list, to e-mail me, George Nazareth, at georgeanddolores@cox.net to add you to the list.

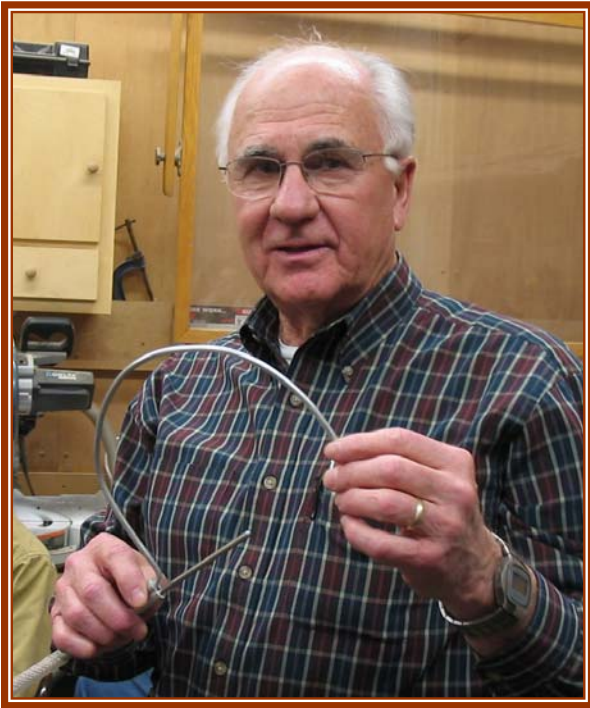
Show and Tell



Jim McGrath: 3 bowls in rear

Mike Murray: 4 vases in front

Paul Heely: 1 natural edged bowl in front and the pen on the right



Ed Dowd with thickness finder



Paul Tavares with segmented bowl



Mike Murray with spalted vase



Paul Heely holding pen

Dues are due. Don't forget to mail your \$10 check made out to Ocean Woodturners to: Bob Hopkins, 31 Bethany Rd, Wakefield, RI 02879

Demonstration

Turning “Green” Wood

Angelo Iafrate shared with us his secrets on turning green wood successfully. You must slow the drying process to avoid cracking. He brought with him a few bowls which dried too fast and had cracked (proving that he really isn't perfect). He puts the wet, partially turned piece into a paper bag and covers it with wet shavings for a month or so. Then he opens up the bag to view the turning, and if it has not cracked, he puts it back into the bag for some more slow drying.

To store a log for future turning, Angelo saws the log in half and lets it stay for a long while in a damp place. He has logs that have been stored for years before he gets around to turning them. He also shared with us rules of turning that he learned from “reading the book”. I'm glad that I use kiln dried wood for my segmented turnings, so I don't have to learn these lessons that come from “Angelo's book”.



Angelo turning without looking at the bowl

Next Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 PM
Woodcraft 1000 Division St.
Demonstration to be announced

Our March 20 meeting will be an Open Shop Meeting