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### *Minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting*

Wayne opened the meeting at 7 PM at with about 25 people present. Gil Blais was a guest at the meeting



#### Old Business

Bob Hopkins reported that we have \$2900.61 in our treasury. Our website is up and working but our Paypal account was deactivated by Paypal with uncollected funds transferred to the state. Bob is working on reactivating the Paypal account and getting our money (about \$177.67) back from the state. We have 55 members in the club. *Dues are \$25 for members (and access newsletter on website) and \$30 for members who get newsletter mailed to them. Mail your dues to: Bob Hopkins, 48 Tilbury Dr, Bristol, RI 02809 and include your AAW membership if you are a member.*

**Club shirts** – The latest batch of shirts were delayed and may be available at our next meeting. Embroidered polo shirts are \$15 and fleece's are \$40.

**2014 AAW Chapter collaborative** – The club is collecting ideas for a collaborative project to make for the 2014 AAW Symposium. The first idea submitted is based on Rhode Island being the home to many carousels with the C.F. Loeff Carousels in East Providence specifically referenced. The AAW rules for the project may be found at <http://woodturner.org/sym/sym2013/ccc.pdf>. Angelo suggested that we could make the carousel animals by turning a wooden ring and then cutting the individual animals out of the ring. Donna subsequently suggested that, if we go forward with the carousel we consider making sea animals along with pony's.

An article from an old issue of Popular Mechanics on ring turning can be found at :

[http://books.google.com/books?id=VSEDAAAAMBAJ&pg=PA130&lpg=PA130&dq=ring+turning+animals&source=bl&ots=4iniBXc2d\\_&sig=dhvuLnfJ0EIHeI6V-U7623Ls3Hg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=JTatUMSpO9Gy0QHc-oHABQ&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=ring%20turning%20animals&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=VSEDAAAAMBAJ&pg=PA130&lpg=PA130&dq=ring+turning+animals&source=bl&ots=4iniBXc2d_&sig=dhvuLnfJ0EIHeI6V-U7623Ls3Hg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=JTatUMSpO9Gy0QHc-oHABQ&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=ring%20turning%20animals&f=false)

Two catalogs of ring turned animals can be found at :

<http://www.manufactum.com/set-farmyard-ring-turned-animals-p1453623/>

[http://www.reifentiere.de/uploads/media/complete\\_catalogue\\_in\\_englisch\\_2011.pdf](http://www.reifentiere.de/uploads/media/complete_catalogue_in_englisch_2011.pdf)

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Nominating committee** has found 6 defective email addresses in our membership listing. Gail suggested that the club consider staggering the terms of the club officers so that all are not up for election at the same time. This will require a change to the clubs by-laws which need to be updated anyway to accommodate the AAW requirements that all club officers be members of the AAW. The present club officers have said that they are willing to stay on for next year. Elections will take place at the next meeting.

**Tree cutting** – Jeff Mee and Chuck Petitbon will be milling trees at Chuck’s home in Lincoln, RI on Saturday December 15th. It may also extend into Sunday. Chuck has had a neighbor stack all the logs with a backhoe so the real heavy work is already done. Any one interested should contact Jeff Mee for directions and start times. We will be milling both lumber and turning blanks. There is one hickory tree and several oak trees, both red and white oak.

Alex (a local source for blanks) is moving out of the area and offered to sell his lumber stock at very low prices. Wayne will organize a trip to collect some wood (perhaps the 8000 pound burl) for later in November.

Jim Duxberry sent the club a thank you for the demo that he did. He did not think it possible to organize a kaleidoscope project to fit within the constraints of a 2 day workshop so that proposal is not going anywhere.

North Figured Woods is offering a “flat rate priority” box of wood blanks to AAW clubs for charitable projects for the cost of shipping (\$15.45). After some discussion the club decided to make and donate pens to the Woman and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island with the hospital collecting all the proceeds. Bernie will contact North Figured Woods to get a box of pen blanks to get started. The pen style and mechanisms still need to be gotten.

## Challenge –

Chuck Petitbon and Jeff Mee brought in a number of freshly cut blanks.

The Oak blanks are nominally 7”+ square x 3” thick.

The challenge is for anyone to take a “green” oak block, turn something, and bring it to the January meeting

If you missed picking up a block of wood, then turn something out of your comfort zone for the challenge.



## Show and Tell



Earl Randall - Box Elder bowl, a segmented vessel of Lacewood and Maple.



Craig Verrastro – segmented vessel - Cherry and Walnut finished with 4 coats

of salad bowl finish.

*Craig had used Titebond 3 because it was waterproof and found that the vessel had glue creep lines.. Most people felt that Titebond 1 is Ok, Titebond 2 is weatherproof, but Titebond 3, while water proof has a longer cure time, and a tendency to creep. Marine epoxy could also be used.*



David Hannsen – Ikebana set in a rotted Birch log and a metal “chuck” for turning it.

*To stabilize the Birch log which had started decomposing, David applied many coats of lacquer (possibly 60) to stabilize the wood together. To hold the wood while turning the section for the Ikebana he made a “chuck” using standard 1” metal plumbing fittings. The center T section was tapped to fit on his 1/4” headstock spindle. To secure the wood he cut sections of allthreaded rod and drilled then to convert the ends into “dead centers”. He had no problem turning the wood at 600 rpm. Git-Rot was suggested as an alternative to 60 coats of lacquer for stabilizing the wood.*

## Demonstration



Vin Difrenna explaining the action of the marbles



Marble toy machine



Test rack for checking the action of a marble leaving its bowl



Vin Difrenna has made a dozen, or more, marble machines. The marble machine can have several levels so Vin brought along an adjustable test rack so that different bowl and height combinations can be tried out before final assembly. The inner curve of the bowl that the marble runs around in can affect the way that the marble exits the bowl – whether it drops straight down or flies out at an angle.

Basic steps- cut a blank, use a Forstner bit to drill hole for an expansion chuck, make a tenon, round the blank,

Reverse the blank, and put an inner lip on the bowl to restrain the marbles from flying out.

Hollow the bowl paying attention to the inside slope and decide how big an exit hole to make in the bottom.

Try it in a test rack to see where the marbles go when they fall through each level.

Apply a finish and then mount it in a suitable frame.

### Wood 'swap'

Angelo brought in a box of assorted pieces, Jeff Mee & Chuck Petitbon brought in some Oak planks & a hand truck with large Oak and Catalpa blanks.



### Next Month Meeting -7 PM, Thursday, December 20, 2012



David Hannsen will demonstrate metal spinning at his studio located at Parker Mill in Warren, RI, on the second floor, Entrance C.

*“Enter the address 100 Elm St., Warren, RI into Google and you will be directed to the entrance to the parking lot behind the Parker Mill building. Go to the left around the white building and then drive to the right toward the brick building. Entrance C is in the narrow way between parts of the brick building the the right of the loading dock. Go up the stairs to the second floor. I will have signs out to help people find their way. I would be grateful if people could bring a few chairs since I only have a few”.*

### Coming events

MSSW(Abington, MA) will host a set of 6 – 1 hour demos on Jan 26, 2013

David Ellsworth's will be at MSSW (Abington, MA) April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

***Oceanwoodturners group on Yahoo :*** *Our club has its own group on Yahoo that we use to exchange information, ask questions, and sometimes to distribute the newsletter. Membership to the Yahoo Group is NOT automatic upon joining the club - becoming a member of the Yahoo Group requires one to either request membership online from the group site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OceanWoodturners/>) or to send an email to Jeff Mee at [jmee@hotmail.com](mailto:jmee@hotmail.com)*