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Minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting

Wayne opened the meeting at 7 PM with 35 people present including 3-4 guests, and 5 women turners. Two people joined the club

Old Business

Treasury report – Bob Hopkins could not attend, so no treasury report. Reminder – the club offers club members \$50 per demonstration. Non-members of the club are offered \$100.

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.

The Elm tree project is on hold while that status of the tree is determined. *On March 3 it was decided that the tree did have a canker and needed to be removed. On March 11, Wayne, George, and Paul went and got several loads of the Elm tree for club use. They were joined by some members of other woodturning clubs. The elm tree trunk had a 38” diameter.*

Liability Insurance – Keeseh Studios has liability insurance to cover activities that occur at events that Asher organizes. The club discussed and decided to take advantage of the \$90 liability insurance that the AAW has started to offer AAW chapters. One “new (to us)” change in the insurance coverage is the requirement that demonstrators at AAW events have a signed contract before the demonstration. Angelo provided some additional information about such contracts.

Pens for Soldiers and Nurses – Jeff Mee donated a box of 20+ pen blanks. Vin DiFrenna donated 25 pen blanks. Joe Sheppard ?? donated 3 - 5 foot lengths of Cherry, Mahogany, and Walnut for use in making pen blanks.

Wayne had ordered some wood from Clay Johnson of Choice Woods and Clay Johnson gave the club a box of pen blanks. Wayne has some 50 kits of hardware to make pens.

Next steps will take place after Gene Amaral returns when the club will organize a pen turning day on a Saturday on the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a general discussion about bringing in a “name” turner for a weekend. Angelo pointed out that there were a number of turners in the country for the AAW Tampa Symposium and one might be available to

demonstrate. It was decided that the club members would check the Internet and their contacts to see who might be available and bring in some suggestions to the March meeting.

Donald Hart of Hart Woodcrafts spoke to the club about the full line of pen kits and accessories that his company has available. His business is at 156 Avery Hill Rd, Ledyard, CT 06339, **Phone:**(860) 964-0075, and website is <http://www.hartwoodcrafts.com/>

Rich Lemieux is having a session of ill health so let's send him our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Show and Tell



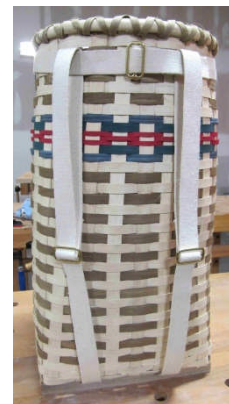
Earl Randal showed a butterfly bowl made from the trunk of a Dogwood tree that the winter snows decided did not belong in his back yard, and a segmented bowl of Cherry and Maple.



Earl Randall also showed a Cherry natural edge bowl



Ken Guarneri showed a display of his assorted pens



Joe Doran showed one of several dozen trapper baskets he has been making over the years. This one is about 2' tall, about 8"x12" cross section and is made out of rattan.



Craig Verrastro showed a segmented bowl of Oak and Padauk with a Salad Bowl finish and a segmented lamp primarily of Cherry, with 3 rings outlined in Mahogany, and a Padauk base, also with a Salad Bowl finish.

Demonstration

There were 3 demonstrations going on

Angelo Iafrate demonstrated aspects of sharpening



Vin Difrenna, and another woodturner demonstrated pen turning.

Members not watching the demonstrations had a chance to catch up with friends.

Wood 'swap' –

Angelo brought in a box of assorted woods- rather than raffle the wood, Wayne asked whoever wanted some wood to chip in a dollar which raised \$15 for the club

Next Month Meeting -7 PM, Thursday, March 21, 2013

Nigel Howe will demonstrate making 8-10" bowls on our Mini lathe and discuss how to go about turning large bowls.

April 18 - Jeff Mee and Chris Horn demonstrate the use of Bees wax for finishing.

Send your requests for demonstration topics to the club officers

Coming events

Totally Turning Show, Saratoga Springs, New York - <http://www.totallyturning.com/information.htm> - March 23rd - 24th, 2013 concurrently with the NWA's 22nd Annual Woodworkers Showcase in Saratoga Springs NY.

David Ellsworth's activities at MSSW (Abington, MA) April 6th and 7th 2013 might be sold out

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*