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Minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting

Ian Manley had a collection of different size Sea Urchin shells for sale before the meeting.

Large shells were 2\$ and small ones were 1\$ each







Wayne opened the meeting with 22 people and several guests -

Marc Stimpson of Pawtucket, who came to the meeting because of a posting on Facebook that mentioned our club meeting, marc@hopeswoodshop.org

Sylvia Stamm of Providence (Originally of Austria) who was taking a course in turning with Angelo Iafrate at Keeseh Studios,



Also present were Rich Kremsdorf from San Diego, CA, visiting his grandchildren in the area for 2 months and has joined our club, John Pietrella of the RI woodworkers Guild, and Roland ??, of Greene (West Coventry) RI, new to woodturning and anxious to get started turning.

Bob reported that the club has \$1432.68 in our treasury. *Dues -* \$25 for members (read newsletter on website), \$30 for members who get their newsletter by way of the post office. Mail your dues to: Bob Hopkins, 48 Tilbury Dr, Bristol, RI 02809

Lincoln Park Roller Coaster wood - Wayne reported that he had about 12 of the Lincoln Park pen blanks made from Southern Pine available for turning. Jay Williams, property developer, will auction or sell donated pens for the Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford, Ma. Wayne discussed about the use of a stamp, or something to mark business cards, with club or member info, looking for someone to help with that project.

Pen Kits - He also reported that the club had available an assortment of Slimline pen kits in stock from www.woodturningz.com available for \$2/pen kit.

Club Project - George Lough said that he no longer had time available and the club carousel project, or any variation of it, would need stay on hold for the time being. The project can be reactivated if someone wanted to take responsibility for it and could gather a group of dedicated members to work on it.

Club Inventory -The club needs a volunteer to work with Susan to complete the inventory of club items. The club has a Delta mini lathe and 2 Jet mini lathe extensions that are attached to Jet mini's that belong to ???? Susan will get a list of equipment she knows belong to our club and submit to Bernie. We need to sort out what belongs to us, what belongs to the Woodworker's Guild, and what belongs to Keeseh Studios.

Belaying Pins - Wayne reported that Mike Jaret (Chariho Regional School District, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, Rhode Island, USA)sent an email to Bernie:
"We delivered last spring aprx 60 pins to the boat. they need another 80, but are looking to the shipwright to make most of them. I am still committed for the ones in Wayne's possession and several that are "in the works" here at school. It was a great project for the kids; we could not have gotten it done without the support and encouragement of the turning club. Several students have gone on to turn other projects; I would expect that in at least a couple of cases, they will be turning for a long, long time". A formal letter to the club will follow.

Club Library - Gail Connolly is ready to purchase more media (books, videos, etc.) for the club library and is looking for ideas. "Please bring your requests to the next meeting", or send them to Gail: gconnolly@wihri.org

Gail said that the club still had the original VHS tapes, from which the DVD's in our library were made. The VHS tapes were taking up room, and "what did the club want to do about them??" It was decided to first offer the tapes to club members for 1\$ each and then give the remaining VHS tapes to a vocational school.



Craft show – Gene said that he and Cory Jengo will have 2 lathes set up at the West Greenwich Town Hall September 28th craft show. Setup time is 11:30 to noon and the show itself is from noon to 5PM. All are welcome to come, help turn, sell their wares, and help out.

'Free wood'' – North Woods, in Oregon, has been offering a large USPS flat rate box of non-figured Maple to AAW clubs to use for *charitable* projects with the club paying the nominal \$20 shipping charges. The box can be filled with pen blanks, 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, 6x6 blanks, or a mix of sizes. Wayne moved to take advantage of the offer, seconded by Rich Lemieux, with unanimous club approval.

Angelo Iafrate - Susan read the group an email from Angelo Iafrate who is in the process of moving to Pennsylvania and closing his shop located at "560 Mineral Spring Ave Pawtucket - go in the Big Fitness Door - turn right - Angelo's unit is on the left" -Here is Angelo's email -

"I'm closing the mill space and selling off some wood and tools, \$1 to \$25 machinery will be as priced, donations are for my grand daughters cancer fund. Everything to go - I'll be at the mill between 1:00 to 3:00 tomorrow and Monday afternoon - Tuesday is my last day there.

Thank you for your consideration - And help in the past - Angelo"

Show and Tell



Mike Murray brought in a half bowl he turned in David Ellsworth's class and an Ellsworth caliper that he made for a \$3 material cost.

Mike recommends learning how to use the caliper to judge thickness and to cut a bowl or two in half as part of learning how to use calipers.

He said he "never trusted his calipers" so used this as a way to reassure himself.



Bob Hopkins spoke of making a jam chuck for turning off bowl tenons using a block of wood that had been tapped to screw onto the headstock. His experience shows that the Beall tap for ~\$24 makes better threads than an Ebay one for ~\$40.



< Several members examining the Ellsworth style caliper Chuck Petitbon showed a White Oak 9" bowl and a Black Walnut spiraled pen - the bowl had been mostly turned 9 months ago and waited until he made a set of Cole jaws for his chuck to hold the bowl for turning.

The pen was made on an old 7 foot long Legacy Ornamental Mill that someone gave him.







John Chakuroff showed the first vessel in a series of 5 for his daughters. It has over 300 segments and uses Ebony, Rock Maple, and Purpleheart.

The vessel is finished in spray lacquer and has a new penny embedded in the base of the vessel.

John volunteered that he has now turned his 292nd wedding goblet.









Ian Manley had a large display of turned ornaments using Sea Urchins and starfish shells.

Demonstration

Ian Manley reviewed making a Sea Urchin Christmas Ornament

For more examples of turned ornaments. Check out the Woodcentral.com ornament page at : http://www.woodcentral.com/newforum/ornaments

hanging eye finial globe

Shell ornament steps;

- 0. Any DRY wood can be used to make ornaments.
- 1. Start with a piece 1" x 1" x approx. 8" long. Mark the center on both ends.
- 2. Mount in a chuck, and drill a 1/8" hole in one end, 1" deep. On that end turn a 5/8" dia. Tenon 3/4" long.
- 3. Reverse the piece and drill a 1/8" hole "/1" deep. This end is the finial, shape the underside to fit the shell, then turn your finial to shape and size. Sand and part off, leaving a small flat at the tip about 1/32" in dia.
- 4. Using the remainder of the blank turn the icicle, to shape and size. Sand to finish (600). Remember that there is a hole in the end of the icicle 1" deep you need at least part of this hole in your finished icicle.
- 5. Glue a bamboo skewer into the finial, and put one in the icicle (but not glued), dip coat the pieces into a 50/50 mix of lacquer and lacquer thinner. Three dips is usually enough.
- 6. Remount the finial in the lathe held by the skewer and drill a #56 hole about 3/4" deep. Cut a #2 fish hook and glue into the hole. NOTE: jewelry findings can also be used, but drill a #65 hole.
- 7. Cut bamboo skewer to length for shell, remove skewer from icicle, and glue the two pieces to together trapping the shell in between.



Turning the icicle using a skew and backing up the icicle with fingers



Finishing the icicle



Fitting the ornament together before gluing with CA



The completed ornament was given to the club, raffled off, and was won by Chuck Petitbon.



Finial mounted on 1/8" skewer and held in a wood collet jaws



Small set of wood jaws held in chuck by magnets embedded in wood.



The hole in the urchin shell is not usually uniform so Ian made shell sander using 80 grit sandpaper glued onto a small wooden cone.

Sources for Sea Urchin shells

Online; http://www.seashellworld.com/sea-urchins.html

Or from -Craftsupplies http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/search?term=sea+urchins+shells

Ian buys his shells locally from Surf -N-Turf, Shells and Plants, 161 Main street, Lakeville, MA 02347 Contact: Pam Levine 508-947-7964 email: surfnturf@shellcraft.net. http://www.shellcraft.net

Next Month Meeting -7 PM, October 16, 2014

John Chakuroff will "Turn a wedding goblet with 2 captured rings"

In November Alex Amoruso will demonstrate: "Stave segmented bowl making"

Future (but not yet scheduled) demo's -

Nigel Howe: "Turning something different from a crotch" sometime after January,

Jim Silva: "Hollowing using free hand tools and captured tools"

Let Wayne, Gene, Bernie, &/or Bob know what type of woodturning you want to learn or see demonstrated.

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