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Newsletter and Minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting



Sawdust & Shavings:

Gene Amaral

Story about a tree:

“Every tree in the forest has a story to tell. Some of them were burnt but they endured the fire and got revived; some of them were cut, their barks injured, some people pick up their leaves to make medicines for their sicknesses, birds used their leaves to make their nests, etc. Upon all these, the tree is still tree!”

-Gene

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April Meeting

April 21st, 2016, 7:00 PM

Studio Dunn

310 Bourne Ave, Rumford, RI, 02916

Secretary's Notes

Garet Holcomb

We would like to get member input on the content of the newsletter. If there's anything you'd like to see in the form of articles, features, tip and tricks, or anything else, please let me know. If you'd be willing to contribute content, we'd be glad to have the support!

Treasurer's Report

Bob Hopkins

Current total is **\$1767.03**, which includes \$223 in the camera fund.

You can pay your dues directly from the website at <http://www.oceanwoodturners.com/dues.cfm>

Dues: Club dues are \$25 annually. For members who wish to have a printed Newsletter mailed to them monthly, there is an annual charge of \$5 to cover postage, payable with club dues.

All payments should be mailed to:

***Bob Hopkins
48 Tilbury Drive,
Bristol, RI 02809***

Meeting Minutes – Old Business

Gene opened the meeting with 24 members present

Treasurer's Report – Acceptance of Bob's report was moved and seconded, and carried by the group unanimously.

Committee Reports. All committees are looking for help from the membership. Please contact the committee chairs for more info.

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| Program Committee: | Susan remind everyone to get your nametags made, and show off your creativity! Blank tags are still available at the meetings for those who need them. |
| Outreach Committee: | Chuck is looking for idea or media contacts. Also, invite your friends or family to a meeting to help us get more people involved. |
| Fundraising Committee: | No report |

Sea Urchins – Bob H has received the large sea urchin order we placed. We have a large stock of urchins in the Club Store, so please let us know if you're interested!

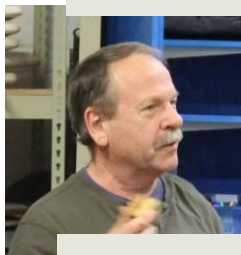
Dues/Membership cards – Dues for 2016 are due. The membership card tool on the Ocean Woodturner website is up and running, so members can print their own cards. The PayPal account is now linked to the Club's bank account, to make things even easier.

Meeting Minutes – New Business

Wood – Bob H. knows a gentleman with a spalted maple trunk, not yet cut down. Located in Palmer, MA, if you're interested and willing to drive for it, contact Bob.

Show and Tell

Roland Lavoie



Roland brought in a large assortment of flower turnings and live edge bowls, of various species and finishes.



Dan Dragon



Dyed Ash vessel with gold flake, with Ambrosia lid with Walnut finial. Also, dyed-rim bowl, and a Walnut bowl with gold rim

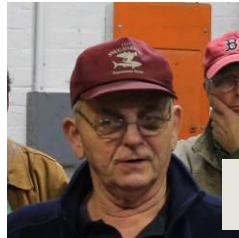


Show and Tell (Cont.)



Christmas ornament with the "sputnik" shell body.

Bob Hopkins



Richard Gadoury

Tangentially turned Fir bowl, made from reclaimed wainscoting

Craig Verrastro



Lego Man, made from a single 2x4 from Home Depot

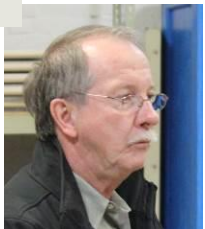


Gene Amaral

Gene's "vacation bowl"



Tom Powell

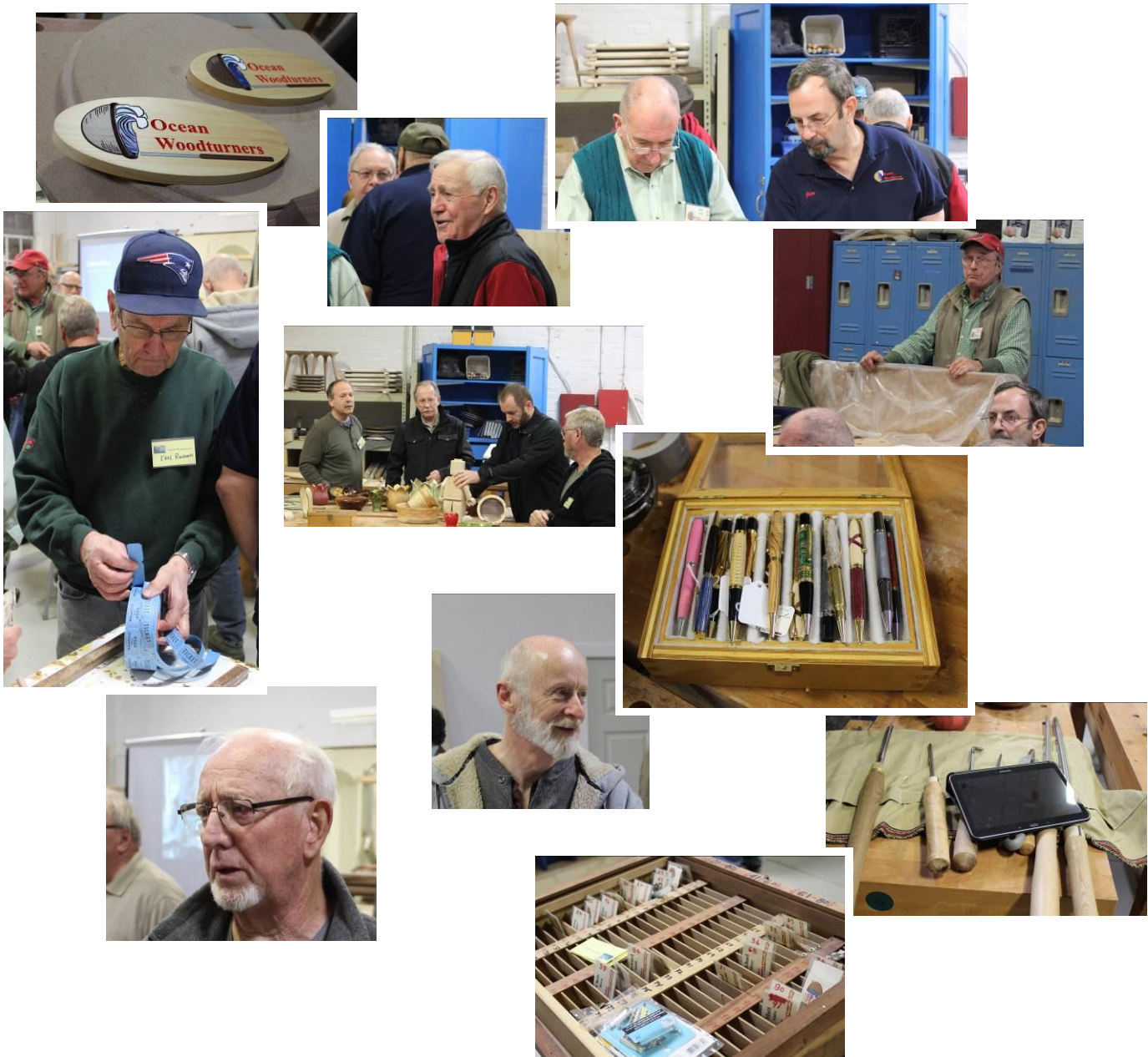


Three segmented pine bowls

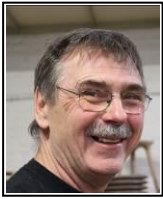
Membership Cards:

Craig has implemented a tool on the Club website to allow members to print their own membership cards. Club members, current on their dues, can go to www.oceanwoodturners.com and click the Member Login link at the top. Once logged, in click “Membership Card” from the left hand column, and click the button. Your membership card will generate as a PDF file, properly sized ready to be printed on any printer.

If you do not currently have a login name and password for the Ocean Woodturners website, please contact Craig right away to set one up.



Demonstration



Nigel Howe Demonstrates A different Approach to Turning a Crotch

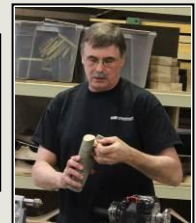
Nigel Howe, past President of the Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners (<http://www.msswt.org/>) visited us to demonstrate his approach to turning a crotch, the area of a tree where limbs fork.



Before turning his sample piece, Nigel gave us a rundown of the different ways he's experimented with mounting and turning large crotches. In this example, he's mounted the piece from the side, which results in a large winged bowl similar to the one in the slide shown here.



Nigel shows his blank crotch along with a couple of example turnings from similar crotches he's done in the past. The thin walls of the long wings require special support and careful turning to prevent damage. He begins with a small brace cut from scrap, that slips between the limbs of the crotch, supporting them and also giving a place for the tailstock to contact and support the turning piece.



Using a shop made tenon gauge, Nigel begins by turning the chuck tenon on the solid base of the crotch. Part off the tenon and remount in the chuck, bringing up the tailstock for support.



Turn the outside of the piece to the desired shape. Nigel adds a narrower "waist" between the wings and the base. Sharp tools are critical, as always.





While turning the outside, Nigel uses sections of a pipe to form rings of different diameters. Selecting one of these rings, turn the outside of the piece to accept the ring, fitting tightly. This will prevent the wings from flying outward due to centrifugal force. Supporting them in this way helps prevent breaking the wings, or resulting in uneven wing wall thicknesses.

Nigel backs out the tailstock and carefully hollows out the piece, using typical hollowing cuts. The difference here is all the empty space between the wings, and special care must be taken to prevent a catch on the wing edge, which may result in failure of the piece. Sand and finish the piece as desired for a beautiful piece of art!



Check out the new Ocean Woodturners Facebook page! It's brand new so we'll be adding content as time passes. Make sure to Like and Share, and help bring much-needed public exposure to our Club!

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanWoodturners/>

NEXT MEETING:

April 21st, 2016, 7:00 PM
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Ocean Woodturners Group on Yahoo!: Our club has its own Yahoo! Group that we use to exchange information, ask questions, and sometimes to distribute our Newsletter. Membership to the Yahoo! Group is not automatic upon joining the club. If you would like to join the Yahoo! Group, please either request membership directly from the group site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OceanWoodturners/>) or send an email to Jeff Mee at jmee@hotmail.com

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