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April, 2007 “Turnings”

President, **Jeff Mee**, opened the meeting by asking the names of the guests who were present. **Mark Nadeau, Dennis Hanley, Craig Arthur, Mike Peters, Ray Alexandre, Ryan Lutrario,** and **John Sharkey** introduced themselves. The 5 guests mentioned first joined our club that night.

Jeff Mee mentioned that Cristina from the RI State Council on the Arts was scheduled to visit us at this meeting to tell about her organization, but she was ill and unable to attend. She may visit us at our May meeting.

Mike Murray reported that the Yankee Woodturning Symposium still needs a few more volunteers.

Wayne Collins reported that all 30 tables had been taken for the Tiverton Middle School Craft Fair which was held on Saturday, March 24 th. Jeff Mee asked Wayne to give a quick description of his woodturning group at the Tiverton Middle School for the benefit of our new members.

Treasurer **Bob Hopkins** reported a balance of \$1692.48 in the treasury. We also raised \$33 on the raffle.

President, Jeff Mee, asked for a volunteer to head the demonstration committee which lines up demonstrators from the membership for each meeting. No one volunteered, so Jeff will start recruiting.

President Jeff Mee said the challenge for the meeting on May 17, 2007 is for members to make whatever type of turning they learned how to make at the April 19, 2007 “Open Shop Meetings”.

Old Business--It was decided, after a few motions by **Larry Dunklee**, that the Melvyn Firmager Demonstration will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at the North Kingstown Library. The cost will be \$30 for adults and anyone under the age of 21 can enter free, if accompanied by a paying member (this was to encourage student participation). Larry Dunklee said that in the past, we have donated \$50 to the N. Kingstown Library for demonstrations, even though there is no charge. He made a motion, which was passed, that we donate \$50 for the Firmager Demo.

Member, **Rich Lemieux**, stated that his Ocean Tide School’s new shop is up and running.

Larry Dunklee stated that the North Kingstown Library has locked display cases where we can exhibit our turnings. We will be displaying our turnings from June 1 to June 30, 2007. You will be hearing more about this before June.

Rudi Hempe wants to assure everyone that he has not forgotten about the Mace Project for the University of Rhode Island. He has been waiting for feedback from the university to no avail, so he has decided that we will come up with our own design. We still have about 3 years to complete this project.

Demonstration

Member, **Mickey Goodman**, demonstrated how he can transform an ordinary turning into something spectacular by putting a row of piercing around the upper edge. He used a transformer into which he plugged in a Dremel Tool and a small saw. The Dremel tool was used to make the initial holes, and the small saw was used to cut the drawn random pattern. After cutting the pattern he uses a fine round file to clean up the piercings and then finally sands the area lightly to clean all fuzzy edges. I am sure that many of us will try this in the future.



Mickey Goodman piercing his bowl

Show and Tell



L to R. Jeff Mee: an Oak bowl in back (on left side)

Rich Lemieux: a Spalted Maple lidded Bowl; an arm ring and a wood mushroom from school

Mark Nadeau: a pen

Anthony Scuncio: five assorted Pepper mills.

George Nazareth: a segmented Bowl

Bob O'Connor: five assorted turnings (on the right side)

Tiverton Middle School Craft Fair

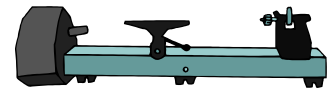
8 Ocean Woodturners attended the Craft Fair at the Tiverton Middle School. They were: Wayne Collins, Bob O'Connor, Rick Sousa, Anthony Scuncio, Larry Dunklee, Greg Marshall, Tom Marshall, and Kevin Kempf. Thanks to Kevin, we have the photo below.

Wayne Collins' woodturning program depends on outside sources for funding. The final figures were not in yet, but it is hoped that they would make \$1000 on this event. Wayne may have a similar Craft Fair in November.



Anthony Scuncio, Bob O'Connor, and Greg Marshall at the Craft Fair

President's Corner



Spring is here! The Crocus' and Daffodils are popping up everywhere.

For most woodturners that means they will begin spending less time in their shop and more time outdoors and I am no exception. The garden awaits along with the lawn, the beach, the mountains, the kayak and the BBQ.

This summer there will be a few exceptions. We have the Yankee Symposium scheduled for June 1-3 and it will be right here in our "side yard", Connecticut. On June 29-July 1 there is the 2007 Symposium of the AAW in Portland, Oregon. And we are hosting Melvin Fermager right here in North Kingstown, for a demo on July 7.

All of these events offer the opportunity for each of us to learn something new about the hobby (or trade) that we love or share. Additionally, our April meeting, which is an Open Shop event, will allow us to view inside some of our members shops, to see some of their skills, tricks and secrets. It is also their way of showing us that most of what they do should not be as intimidating as some of us might think. You will find in this newsletter the list of members who are opening up their shop for this event. I know we discussed this at our last meeting, but I would like to remind everyone that some of the shops have a limit on the number of people they can hold, so please be considerate and contact them beforehand to let them know you will be attending.

Jeff

Meeting for April 19, 2007 - Open Shop

In place of the April 19th meeting, we will be having open shop meetings at members' shops. Select one of the hosts listed below to insure that there is sufficient room available in that particular shop. If there is not any room at one shop, call another. Angelo Iafrate's shop is very large, as is Jeff Mee's. Your challenge for the May 17th meeting will be to turn a bowl or vase using the skill learned at these open shop meetings.

Hosts for Open Shop Meetings:

- Angelo Iafrate Johnston, RI 401-934-1175
- Jeff Mee Danielson, CT 860-710-0715
- Bill Smith Warwick, RI 401-934-1349
- Larry Dunklee N. Kingsown, RI 401-295-1151
- Jim McGrath Foster, RI 401-647-0648
- Bob O'Connor Hopkinton, RI 401-419-6632

Yankee Woodturning Symposium

<http://www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org/>



June 1-3, 2007

**Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center,
Middletown, CT**

Demonstrators

**Mark St.Leger, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Jimmy Clews,
Bob Rosand, Mark Sifiri, Johannes Michaelson, Beth
Ireland, Angelo Iafrate, and Michael Hosaluk.**

**Also local turners Al Czelec and Norm Mancuso.
Graham Oaks of NH will demonstrate for the youth group**