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August, 2008 “Turnings”



Jeff Mee opening the meeting

President Jeff Mee opened the meeting. He asked Wayne Collins to give an update on how his Tiverton Middle School is doing. Wayne Collins stated that there were 33 students in his woodturning program by the end of the school year. He also had 5 Tuesday night sessions before the end of the year where they made bowls, bottle stoppers and pens. Some of the ninth graders came back to mentor the younger students.

Six teachers took classes after school a year before this last school year, taught by Wayne and Gregg Marshall. After being away from turning for this last year, these teachers were very enthusiastic in wanting to do it again in the Fall.

Wayne hopes to start teaching again in the middle of September. He may have an advanced class and a beginners class. He also is planning to write another grant proposal to the AAW.

Plans for the Craft Show have already started.

If they get a good portion of the large Sycamore tree that Bob O'Connor is harvesting, they will be turning green wood also when the school year begins.

Jeff Mee announced that our Raffan Demo went well with 62 people attending. We lost only \$120.00. He also noted that the secretary received many compliments from the members of the other clubs who attended.

Larry Dunklee stated that we auctioned off a Raffan bowl from the Demo for \$47.00. He said that he matched that amount and donated it to the Hershey Medical Center of Penn State College of Medicine.

Larry Dunklee announced that there is still more room for turnings to be displayed at the North Kingstown Free Library.

Bob O'Connor brought to the meeting a huge, about 12 inch thick cross section, of that Sycamore tree taken from quite high up on the trunk. It is hard to imagine just how big this tree really was. The following Saturday, July 19th, a group of our members is going to collect a great quantity of pieces from this large Sycamore. Most of this wood will be donated to the two school woodturning programs we support, so Wayne Collins' group will be receiving some. See the two pictures on the bottom of the last page of the newsletter.

Jeff said there was no demonstration planned for this evening, so the rest of the meeting would be devoted to a general discussion with the members in attendance.

Jeff thought that we should be thinking about how we can help Woodcraft for all the benefits they give us. Nothing was decided, but we all should be thinking about this subject.

Larry Dunklee suggested that we could turn some small bowls for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Angelo Iafrate said that the past AAW Symposium did not meet expectations. They were hoping for 2200 people and only 1600 showed up, so the event was a financial loss. Angelo also said that Bill Hunter gave a talk on how he became successful. This talk was given in an auditorium, and was very well received by those in attendance. Angelo also noted that a National Symposium should be more than just a place where you watch woodturners make woodchips.

Peter Sylvestre mentioned that the Hamilton House in Providence wants to resurrect its woodworking and woodturning programs which have been inactive for quite a few years. He was wondering if the Ocean Woodturners could assist in bringing this program back, even if it was on a part-time basis.

John Chakuroff brought a copy of the Smithfield Magazine where he was featured in a 2 page article, with photos, about his woodworking and woodturning skills.

A discussion was held about whether the Ocean Woodturners should offer local demonstrators coming to demonstrate at our club, an honorarium to cover their gasoline costs to get to our meeting.

A motion was made and passed that the “President will decide whether an honorarium is offered to demonstrators”

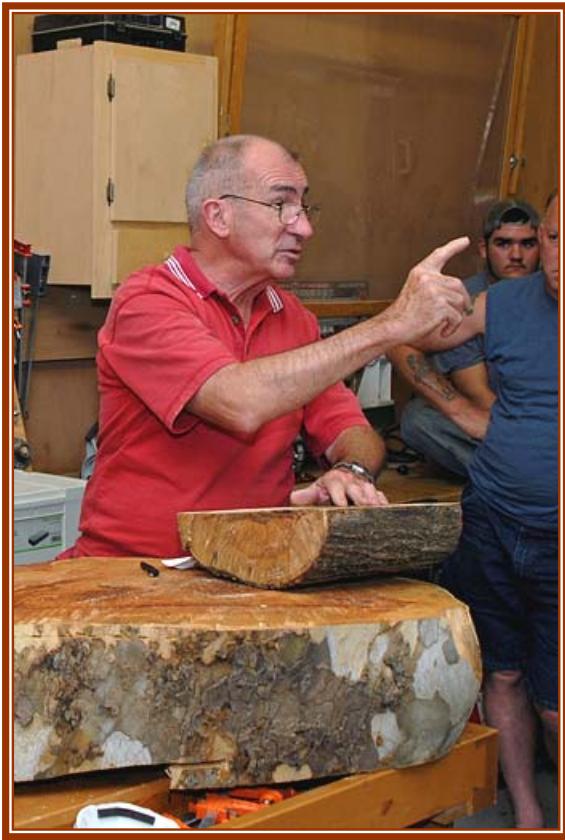
Angelo Iafrate ran a \$5.00 raffle for 2 lidded boxes, followed by a wood raffle.

A new member, Sky Snedeker, joined the Ocean Woodturners this evening.



Bob O'Connor discussing the Sycamore slab

Bill Smith auctioned off a lesson on bowl-turning he will give at his workshop to the highest bidder. The highest bid was \$65.00 by Jack Carney.



Bill Smith the auctioneer



Bill Smith's Show and Tell

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2008
Woodcraft, 1000 Division St.
East Greenwich, RI
Demonstration
Dave Eaton of CNEW will be demonstrating



Logs being loaded.



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