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Minutes of the September 15 2011 meeting

next club meeting is October 20



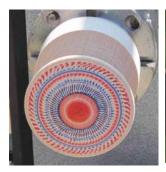
Lorraine Hilton, of Coventry, RI was a guest at the meeting.

Old Business

There is \$1470 in our treasury and we have made \$230 in wood raffles. Membership consists of 63 people, some of whom are lifetime members, or have paid up memberships for several years. Dues are \$30 for members who have a black and white newsletter mailed to them and \$25 for members who get their newsletter via email.

Pawtucket Art Festival- Several members participated at the Slater Mill festival – Rick Souza, Gail Connolly, Donna Parrillo, Mike Murray, Gene Amaral, Wayne Collins.. Mike Murray sold a few items. Many tops were turned and given away. Our group was surprised that most people attending the arts festival had no idea our club existed. Suggestions were made to have literature, business cards available. Shirts with the club logo were also recommended. Gene Amaral took a few pictures











Keeseh Studios There was a site visit to Keeseh Studios on September 7. 14 out of the 34 attendees were members of our club. Cost of renting space at the studio for a meeting is still unknown The RI Woodworkers Guild is thinking of having alternate meetings at the Studio. We may have joint meetings with them at the Studio.

Mentoring - Donna Parrillo and Gail Connolly had a joint mentoring session at Donna's shop. Bill Smith and Rich Lemieux had a bowl coring session at Bill's shop during the summer. Other mentoring sessions are encouraged to take place.

New Business

Club web site Craig Verrastro asked members to review his proposed changes to the web site and contact him with suggestions and comments.. He mentioned that the page with George Nazareth's turnings often gets 25 hits/day on web site. Our 'regular' web site traffic hovers around the area of 15-20 hits per day. On the day of the Festival (Sep. 11th) traffic started to increase and has continued to climb each day since. The day before our club meeting, the site received 39 unique visitors, nearly twice as many as normal.

Craig is trying to build up the member's area with pictures and has offered to take pictures of peoples turnings if asked. Questions were raised about making members contact information available for people who wanted to contact turners whose work was of interest – no conclusion was reached on that topic.

Send any club related photos/ideas of interest to cverrastro@gmail.com

Library - Rich Lemieux resigned as Librarian and Gail Connolly volunteered to be the librarian. DVD's are stored at our meeting place and can be rented for 1\$/DVD/month.

Demonstrators - Paying demonstrators has come up several times and club members were asked for suggestions. Dave Eaton volunteered that CNEW has found that demonstrators get \$100 - \$150 per demonstration. Nigel Howe, a recent demonstrator, refused his fee and was given a several year membership in the club. Ray Johnson, refused his fee, but the club gave a donation to the Eagle Cane project which he accepted. After more discussion, the club agreed to pay club members \$50, and pay \$100 to non club members, for doing a demonstration at a club meeting.

Several suggestions were made for non-demonstrator meetings -

- -Have an open shop studio meeting several times a year at different shops in the membership area
- -Devote a meeting/year to a "round robin" of problems/solutions that people may have.
- -Bring in a batch of mini lathes to the basement and have multiple turnings going on
- -Not meet in July when the Cookie Factory closes for vacation.

Business cards, shirts, etc.. Gene Amaral said he could print up cards on an as needed basis for a low fee using his computer and card stock. He will prepare some samples for review. Bernie Feinerman brought in an

embroidered golf shirt from the Mass. South Shore Woodturners. Anthony Scuncio will check into costs for shirts with embroidered club logo's with, & without, members names. Donna Parrillo will draw up some suggested membership forms

Nominating committee -Jeff Mee reminded the club that it is time to organize a nominating committee for electing officers for next year

Challenge for October – turn anything that is related to Halloween – magic wands, pumpkins, witches hat, etc.

Show and Tell



Bill Smith showed plastic washers, made from a shopping bag, for use between the headstock and a chuck/faceplate



Mike Murray showed a Cherry Bowl

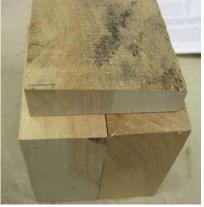


Bernie Feinerman showed a bowl of unknown wood that he was refinishing as part of a challenge for another club.

Demonstration

Dave Eaton demonstrated how to make Streptohedrons and showed many examples. By gluing blocks of wood together, turning them into regular shapes, splitting the joint, twisting and regluing, it is possible to make interesting shapes. You must make sure the cross sectional area, when split, is a regular polygon or star. A scaled drawing and careful measurements are a must. Take two blocks of kiln dry wood of the exact same dimensions hold them together with double stick tape and add a glue block at one end to simplify mounting the object







Dave Eaton

Raw material

Goodies for the club members to try







Starting out

Partially turned

Dead center



Turned shape split apart



One unit rotated 90 degrees and refastened



Turning made at demo

More information about Streptohedrons can be found in David Springett's book "Woodturning Full Circle"

Wood Raffle

No wood raffle was held

Next Meeting is October 20, 2011 at the Cross Country Cookie Factory 112 Warren St., Pawtucket, RI

 ${\bf October~20: John~Chakuroff~demonstrate~making~a~goblet} \\ {\bf Challenge~anything~turned~related~to~Halloween-magic~wands,~pumpkins,~witches~hat,~etc.}$

November 17: Dave Eaton will demonstrate making Rocking Boxes

December 22: Rich Lemieux will demonstrate making Croquet Balls

Please bring in: what you are working on, have a problem completing, or completed.

We still want suggestions for future demonstrations.