

AS THE WOOD TURNS

February 2003

Only the Wood Got Steamed at the Meeting

Bob Francis, Master chair maker, demonstrated steam bending for his Windsor chairs



Green wood is placed in steamer



Bob removes the steamed wood



After 1/2 hour the wood is ready



The final bend around the form



The bent stock on form



Turned legs with taper fit to seat



The propane steamer



One of Bob's Windsor chairs

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February, 25th, 2003, 7:00 P.M.

At Hank Cahill's *Dust Bowl*

Refreshments by: Philip Todd

Member Challenge: Light Pulls

Demonstration:

Philip Lowe, Master Furniture Maker

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hank Cahill's Dust Bowl

President's Report and General Business

Hank introduced guests David Gillette, Donna Bandfield and Pete Teubel, President of Association of Revolutionary Turners.

Correspondence: 10th Annual Bird House Auction by Habitat for Humanity, April 25-27, South Shore Plaza, Ten \$15 Gift Certificates received from Craft Supplies, and AAW insurance policy for third party coverage.

Mal presented to the membership a SuperNova chuck donated by Bill Smith, Manager of Woodcraft, Woburn. A letter of thanks was forwarded to Bill. Also a letter was sent to Rhode Island Senator Bates thanking him for allowing us to display our Dome at the Capitol.

Treasurer **Wally** reported \$928 in the treasury and reviewed expenses for the year 2002.

Librarian **Lenny Mandeville** reported a book on Turning Goblets was donated and 6 additional videos are available. Delinquent checkouts: Jeff Gilman, Dell Stubbs video and Greg Lawton, Craftsman Woodturner book. It would be appreciated if these items are returned. It was agreed that the Craft Supplies gift certificates be given to the Librarian for purchasing additions to the library.

Member **Frank Movitz** is teaching at Marblehead.

Wally Kemp will conduct a 1 hour demo the 28th of February, 7PM at the Curtis Free Library, Hanover. "Bowling When It Isn't Round" is the title and he will be using our Jet Mini Lathe.

Members are reminded that the **dues for 2003** are now due. Send or give your \$20 dues to **Wally**. New members should seriously consider joining The American Association of Woodturners - application forms are available from Hank.

Members were asked to suggest member challenges. As no suggestions were forthcoming the list for future meetings was selected from one of our library books.

Caramelized Almond Rosettes

Enjoyed at the MSSW 2002 Christmas Party

In a skillet or shallow sauce pan mix the following:

2/3 cup finely ground almonds (use a food processor)

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1-1/2 tbsp flour

Then add: 2 tbsp milk

3/8 cup butter cubed (or pieced to assist in melting)

Heat skillet over medium heat, mixing constantly, until 1 minute after butter melts.

Allow mixture to cool in fridge for 1-1/2 to 2 hrs.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

On a parchment lined cookie tray place ~ 1/2 tsp drops min. 3" apart. (Cookies will spread to ~ 3")

Bake 1 sheet at a time 5-7 minutes (oven dependent) till edges are golden.

Watch carefully as these can overcook quite quickly.

Remove from oven and carefully (these cookies are hotter than most and can burn you very badly) slide parchment off of cookie sheet onto clean countertop till cookies set up. Then lift off with spatula onto a cooling rack.

Tips:

*Use top quality ingredients - especially butter.

*Fold baking parchment to create ~ 3" x 3" squares then flatten it out. Put drops into middle of squares.

*Parchment can be reused for entire baking session & use 2 sheets and load one up while other is cooking.

*Chilled Mix can be rolled into a 3/4" log and then cut into pieces for cookie portions

Happy cooking, **Mike Veno**

Future Member Challenges

Challenges are from Keith Rowley's book

Woodturning Projects in our library for reference:

March 2003 - Gavel and Anvil

April 2003 - Wooden eggs using wooden chuck

May 2003 - Earring stand

June 2003 - Toadstools

July 2003 - Cheeseboard with ceramic insert

Guest Speaker Philip C. Lowe Master Furniture Maker



Philip Lowe has been involved with woodworking since 1968 and is the author of many articles in “Fine Woodworking Magazine”. He is featured in the “Time Life” series on woodworking and in videos with The Taunton Press on “Carve a Ball and Claw Foot”, “Making a Sheraton Bed” and most recently, “Measuring Furniture for Reproduction”. His teaching experience includes ten years (1975 -1985) as an instructor at Boston’s North Bennett Street School, where he was positioned as department head for the latter five. In 1997 Phil introduced a series of furniture workshops that run annually from June through August. Full time study is also given full consideration. Phil has been a visiting instructor, seminar speaker and demonstrator at various trade schools, private schools, and woodworking organizations throughout the United States and Canada. He holds a teaching certificate in two areas of vocational education in the state of Massachusetts. Since 1985 Phil has operated a furniture making and restoration shop in Beverly, MA, producing work for the private sector and museums throughout North America.

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More Show & Tell



Ron Robertson’s leg for coffee table which will have four different legs



Wally surprised us when he pulled his magic long wand from a pvc tube where it was hiding. It was turned feeding the stock through the headstock using a collet chuck, shown, and pvc tube as support. See detail of a section of the really long wand.

Show & Tell

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Guest Pete Teubel's vases - polyurethane finish



Jim Flannery's magic wand & bowl



Wally's cherry burl bowl & "Profile of Woman"



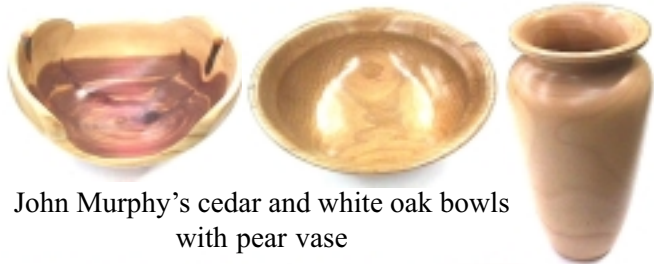
Dave Fountain's bud vases one off center turned



Bob Sutter's English Oak and walnut box and spoons



Embelished Magic wands by Andy Osborne



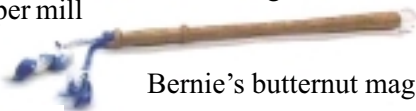
John Murphy's cedar and white oak bowls with pear vase



Hank's punky beech plate & black magic wand



Frank's white ash pepper mill



Bernie's butternut magic wand



Jeff's cherry burl bowl, padauk magic wand from Art of the Lathe book, birdseye maple salt & peppers



Jean's maple piece with stained ring, maple bowl, carved black bowl and unique box



Emilio's 2 center turning timepiece