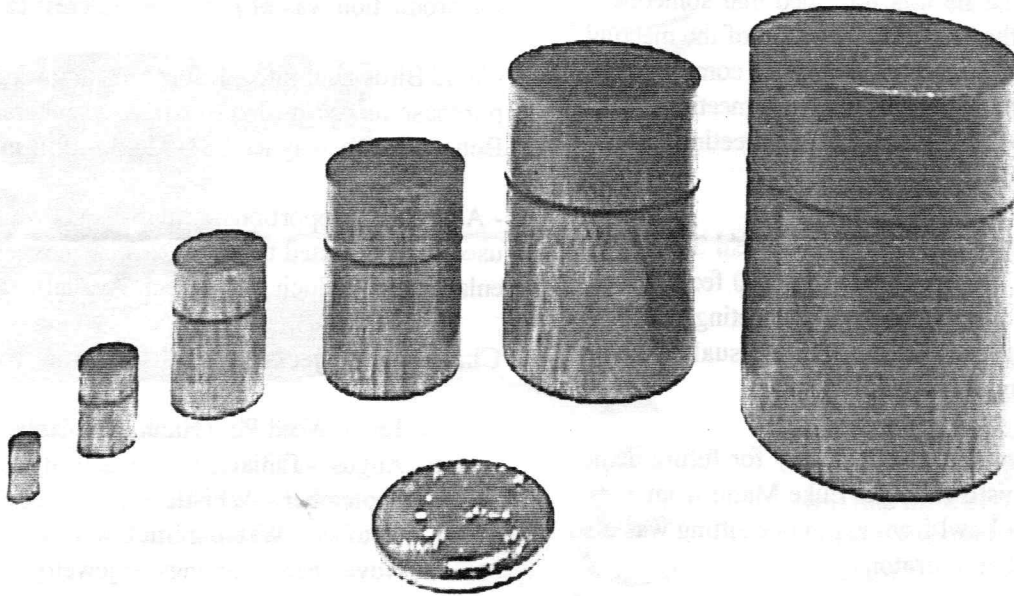
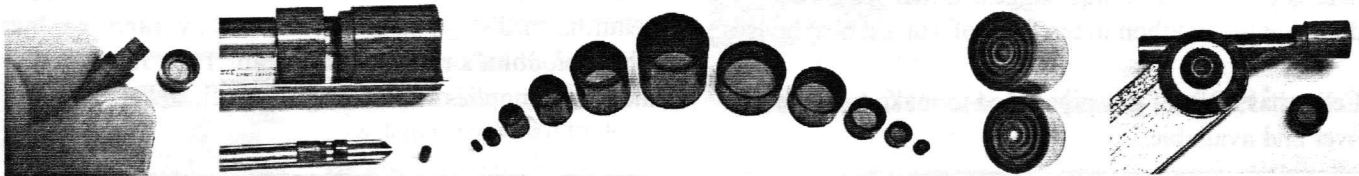

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Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was called to order at 7:11 at Hank Cahill's Dust Bowl

President's Report

Hank reported that he was informed that someone complained that the "business" portion of the meeting was too long. **Mal** suggested that those complaining should put on demonstrations at future meetings. (Naturally the business portion of the meeting lasted longer than usual!)

The demonstration by **Al Stirt** will be held Saturday, September 25th, 10am to 4pm. A \$20.00 fee will be charged to cover costs. Our regular meeting will be held the following Tuesday the 28th as usual. Hank will check on obtaining a Video/TV setup.

Hank will be contacting Jack Vesery for future demo date. He brings his own lathe. Luke Mann from Vermont who turns a bowl from log in one sitting was also mentioned as a demonstrator.

Treasurer **Wally Kemp** reported \$1020.35 in treasury.

Librarian **John Murphy** reported that **Charlie Rosen** still has two books checked out. **Wally** contributed a video "Beyond Wood, Portrait of an Artist".

Old & New Business

Our demonstration at Audubon Daniel Webster Farm Day will be Saturday, October 2nd, 10am to 4pm. Rain date is on the 3rd. It was suggested that we give a donation to Audubon in the form of Turned bird houses.

Felix has 18ft. of gas pipe, used to make tools, left over and available.

Wally proposed a 5 gallon group purchase of Emulsified Wax for sealing green logs. See notice in this issue.

Mal reported on a number of items:

- Woodcraft, Woburn has a new manager, Greg Plum. He said they plan to have Mike Darlow at the store in October for four days of demos and classes. He will keep us informed of details.

- Catalogs from Robert Sorby were made available to members thanks to Peter Gill, and well received.

- Literature was received from Leon Nadeau of E & R System Technik, Inc., Springfield, MA., the exclusive distributor for *Hapfo* lathes, and other woodworking and stairbuilding equipment manufacturers. The wood lathe literature which featured automatic machines used for production was of particular interest to members.

- Wild Birds Unlimited, Route 53, Hanover, MA will purchase turned birdhouses from members. Contact Bob or Donna Wagner, 781-826-1640, if interested.

- A circular proportional scale was shown that was used to size nested turned boxes. A inexpensive tool for enlarging or reducing a project. Available at Charrettes.

Challenge Projects selected for future meetings:

July - Weed Pot (Hank has plastic vials)

August - Finials

September - Whistle

October - Walking Stick

November - Earrings or jewelry

Hank reported on the trip to AAW Tacoma Symposium which was attended by a some of our members. The instant gallery was spectacular and the trade show great. Collaborative turnings included a Ferris wheel with bowls as seats and spindle turnings as structure, a Merry Go-round, Croquet sets, Men at lathes, Steam engine, Locomotive (\$5500 bid), Bowl filled with turned marbles, Segmented bowl, carved, black outside with gold inside, and a Hand drill 3 times size.

John Shooshan won the Turned Object Lottery, the beautiful bird's eye maple dish turned by **Janet Collins** who won **John's** turning last month! Then Janet won the Craft Supplies USA \$25 gift certificate!

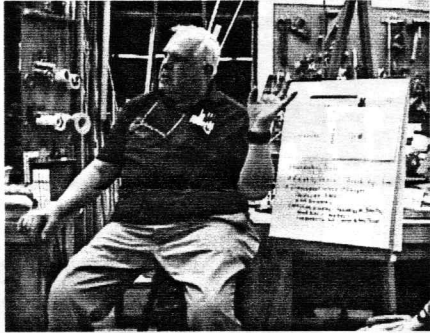
Special Bribe to Members

Want your turnings featured on the front page of the MSSW newsletter in all their glory, with complimentary comments you can compose yourself? It's simple, just submit an article about woodturning for publication. Your newsletter editor looks forward to a tremendous response to this offer. First come, first served!

Hank Cahill Discusses Finishing

Hank presented a comprehensive talk on finishing based on Bob Flexner's seminar at Tacoma. "Finishing is like religion - everyone has the right one".

The basic finishes discussed were Oil, Oil/Varnish, Varnish, Shellac, Lacquer-Nitrocellulose, Water based, Two part paints, and Epoxies (2 part).

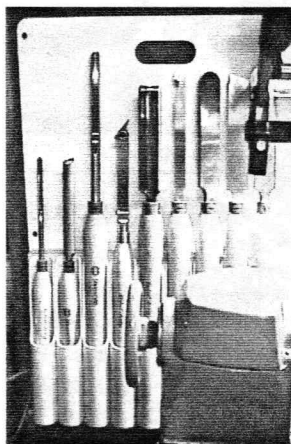


Hank, using a flip chart, outlined the various curing processes, where to use each type of finish, the characteristics of finishes and application, including after finishing with wax or wet sand and rub.

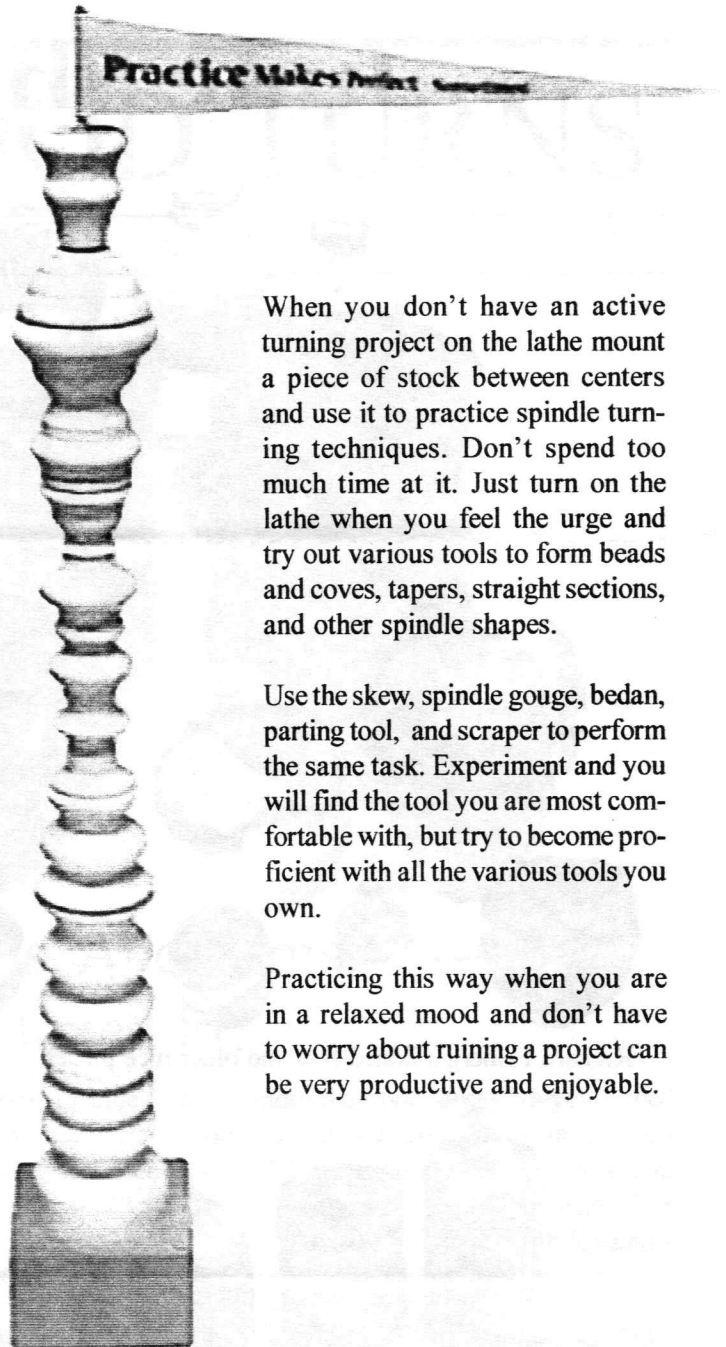
Bob Flexner says that all finishes are food safe when fully cured. There are other opinions however.

An informative discussion by members followed **Hank's** presentation with favorite finishing methods explained in some detail. **Janet** emphasized prefinishing as a critical element in obtaining optimum results from the finish of choice.

Note: See Popular Woodworking, September 1999, Page 70, for an article by Bob Flexner on Oil Finishes: Their History and Use.



Mal showed his tool rack, featured in last month's newsletter, for small tools. He also showed his tool rack for large tools shown at left. Construction is similar but the holders are larger and are held with two screws to two parallel wood strips cut at a slight angle so tools tip back in holders. Dowel at bottom as in other tool rack.



When you don't have an active turning project on the lathe mount a piece of stock between centers and use it to practice spindle turning techniques. Don't spend too much time at it. Just turn on the lathe when you feel the urge and try out various tools to form beads and coves, tapers, straight sections, and other spindle shapes.

Use the skew, spindle gouge, bedan, parting tool, and scraper to perform the same task. Experiment and you will find the tool you are most comfortable with, but try to become proficient with all the various tools you own.

Practicing this way when you are in a relaxed mood and don't have to worry about ruining a project can be very productive and enjoyable.

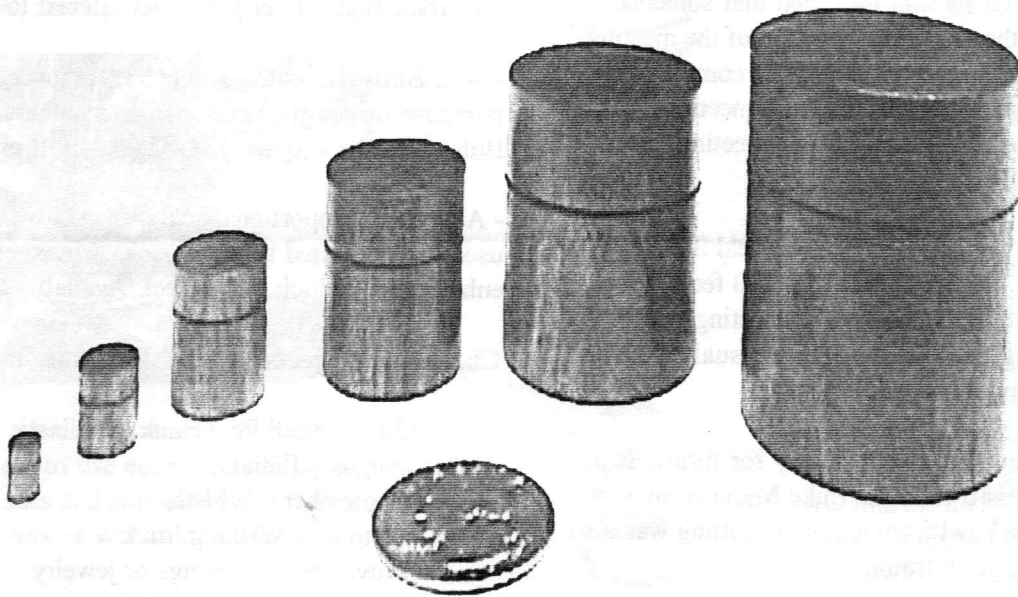
Practice Makes Perfect - Sometimes

Notice

Wally has received 5 gallons of Emulsified Wax for sealing green wood. He has filled three one gallon bottles, which are available now, but needs two more empty one gallon bottles. The price per gallon is \$9.00. Contact Wally at meeting or give him a call.

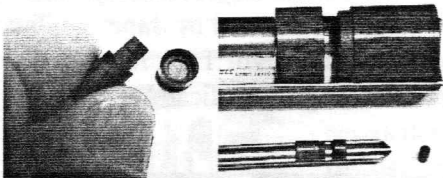
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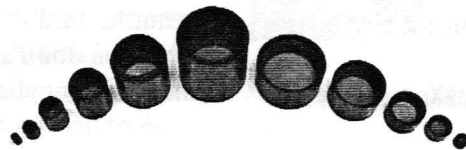


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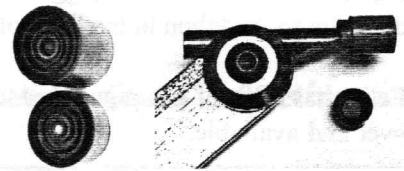
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