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Pictured are some of the turned items on display at the Arnold Arboretum's 125th anniversary show that was held October 7th through the 9th in Jamaica Plain.

Meeting Notes— October 25, 2022 by Jeff Keller

Welcome to guest: **Al Molitor** from Sharon and new members: **John DeLeo** (Dighton), **Ernie Leep** (Scituate), and **Stephen Flood** (Braintree).

• **Joe Centorino** reminded us to check the club calendar on our website for updates on any events. (<https://msswt.org/>)

• **Steve Wiseman** said the Arnold Arboretum show went well with the club doing \$1695 in sales. The show was well attended. He added that he was still waiting for information from the James Library on how the show went there. However, he did note that the James has put the show online! Items can be viewed (and purchased) at <https://www.jameslibrary.org/sswoodturners>.

• Joe reminded us that the show on November 5th at the Marshfield Senior Center is coming right up and there is a signup sheet available for members wishing to sell items. We will have two tables

plus shelves. It is a five-hour event. **John Shooshan** will turn tops and there is a second lathe available for someone else.

• December 17th is the Marshfield Farmers Market 10am-1pm at the Marshfield Fairgrounds; **Michael Waddell** is event coordinator. The event includes demo and show/sell space. **Melissa Fantasia** has agreed to turn tops; *he needs another top turner*. **Horace Lukens** will staff the exhibit space; Joe is on cashbox. More details and signup at our next meeting.

• Joe asked again about the Trustees Weir River outside event and due to lack of interest, he announced the club would skip it.

• Elections for 2023 officers (President, VP, Secretary & Treasurer) will take place at the November 22nd meeting. Nominations are currently being accepted. Horace Lukens indicated he would accept the

position of Secretary, as Kevin has finished his four-year term. However, others may wish to apply. Various opportunities are also available to members who wish to give back to the club.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 22

7pm at the "Dust Bowl"
409 Washington St.
Abington, MA 02351

Refreshments by:

David Rice

Demo by:

Jim Silva
Gateway Club

NEXT HANDS ON

Saturday, Nov. 12
9am—12pm

Contact Glenn Siegmann for mentoring
(gcsiegs@gmail.com)

Savings:

from the president



It was great to see such a good turnout at the October meeting and members getting more involved with Club activities, not just with officer and coordinator duties but spur of the moment pitching in at meetings and events.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes as well with the Club Store, Website, Newsletter, Zoom Meetings etc. and it all works thanks to the efforts of the members, so a big THANK YOU!

Also—Please **RSVP** (jcentorino@verizon.net) for this year's Christmas Holiday party, December 15th, 6-9pm at the Abington Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St. It will be a great opportunity to see some members that we have not seen in a while.

Safe Turning,

Joe 



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- **Doug Hasting** will be managing the Events page on the club website.
- Steve Wiseman, **Bill Vey** and new member **Stephen Flood** were able to complete maintenance on five of the midi lathes at the last Hands On. The rest will be addressed at the next Hands On. (November 12th).
- **Mike Fullerton** spent time learning the club store processes and will be backing up **Ron Reynolds**.
- Joe said he is looking for a member to become **Bob Allen's** understudy and assist with identifying and scheduling professional IRDs. Bob Allen added, "I'm willing to help anyone who wants to take over the pro demonstrators' area of presentation to the club."
- Any and all members are asked to follow up with their local libraries or appropriate public facilities for opportunities to display club woodturning items in promotion of the club.
- December 15th, Thursday is the Holiday Party. It will take place from 6:00–9:30pm at the Abington Knights of Columbus Hall, 254 Hancock Street. We have extended an invitation to the Gateway Turners club to join us. We're waiting to hear back. There will be a cash bar. Each member will get two beverage tickets (well drinks \$7.00, wine \$6.00, beer \$5.00, soda \$1.00). Dinner will be potluck. Please indicate whether you are bringing an appetizer, entree or dessert. Please **RSVP** so we can get a headcount. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend. We will have a gift swap as well as a tool / wood swap table.
- **Sonny Tice** thanked **Lenny Mandeville** for the refreshments. **David Rice** will supply them for the November meet-

ing. "If you have an idea for a demo, please let us know."

• **Charlie McCarthy** said "We have \$3587 in the bank of which \$1421 is scholarship money leaving the club with a net of \$2166. Dues will be due for the November meeting. They are still \$50 for the year of 2023."

• Steve asked us, "If you have an idea for a demo, please let us know." He added, "The AAW has many symposiums online, you should check them out." Bob Allen added that these demos are available to those who sign up for 30 days afterwards so you can go back and review them again if you wish.

• **Molly Johnson** told us, "Women In Turning will meet this Sunday at Eva's house. We are planning to help connect them with resources for turning, mentoring or just to get them acclimated." **John Duggan** added that the AAW is having a free WIT demo with conversation in November on a Saturday at 4-5 in the afternoon. Joe added, "Molly, the next thing for WIT is to have a member do a demo live here for the club."

• **Glen Siegmann** told us, "The last Hands On had a great turnout. The next two will be held on November 12th and on December 10th."

• New members - if you need assistance with mentoring for an upcoming Hands On (or other opportunity) Glenn Siegmann (gcsiegs@gmail.com) can set you up with a mentor for such areas as hollowing, spindle turning, making and using a jam chuck, etc.

• Bob Allen told us, "I have nothing new, demonstrator wise for the next few months. Perhaps in January or February we could get someone to do one via a ZOOM meeting. If anyone is interested, let me know and I can show you how to set up and do this."

• **Ron Reynolds** told us, "I have good and bad news. The good news is that the club store is fully stocked and ready to supply your woodturning needs. The bad news is that we have increased cost in procuring items and this is reflected in higher prices now. There is a new price list on the club website, and I will post one on the cabinet door here."

• Lenny announced, "New guys, we have a library here, you can rent tapes or DVDs for \$2.00 each. Reference books can be borrowed for free. There is a sign-up sheet to put your name on if you wish to borrow anything here. Please do."

• David Rice told us, "I have made a "toperator" consisting of a jig using an electric drill to turn the top to apply decoration to it with color. Kids can now decorate their own at shows." Joe added, "Here is a five-gallon blue bucket to put your pre-turned tops in when you bring them to the club."

Bring Back

- Tom Ritchie won a turned box by Steve Gilman
- Charlie McCarthy won a bowl turned by Molly Johnson
- Tim Rix won a mahogany box turned by Brooks Holmes

New Bring Backs will be drawn at the November meeting.

• **Peter Soltz** told us about the Deadeye project which involves a fellow he met who with no boat building experience is constructing a 38-foot Ketch named "Arabella". He needs some deadeyes which are round pieces of wood with three holes drilled in them to use in tightening the lines for the steel mast. He needs about thirty of them. Let Peter know if you want to turn some (psoltz29@gmail.com).

Member Store

<https://msswt.org/resources/store/>

Glues

Description	Price
2 oz. CA	\$5.00
2 oz. Rubberized	\$7.00
8 oz. CA	\$15.00
16 oz. CA	\$25.00
2 oz. Accelerator (spray bottle)	\$4.00
8 oz. Accelerator Refill	\$7.00
2 oz. CA De-bonder	\$4.00
4 oz. Epoxy	\$7.00
2 oz. Replacement Caps	\$0.50
Long Nozzles	\$0.75
2 oz. Empty Bottles	\$0.75
Yorkshire Grit	\$10.00

Anchorseal

Description	Price
Large (approx. 1 gallon)	\$16.00
Medium (approx ½ gallon)	\$9.00
Small (approx. 1 quart)	\$5.00

Sanding & Misc. Supplies

Description	Price
2" Disk	\$3.75
3" Disk	\$4.75
2", 2 ¼" Scallop	\$10.00
2", 3" Replacement H&L	\$0.50
2" PRO Holder	\$15.00
3" PRO Holder	\$17.00
#2 MT Taper Cleaner	\$10.00
Fibonacci Caliper	\$7.00
1/2" Soft Interface Pad Extension	\$5.50
3" Hand Sander	\$8.50
Sanding Taco	\$4.50
2", 3" Hand Held Holder (kidney shaped)	\$12.00
3" Lambswool buff	\$9.00

JSP Parts

Description	Price
JSP Spare Rechargeable Battery Pack	\$148.00
JSP Impact Visor Replacement Kit	\$55.00
JSP Face Seal Replacement	\$20.00
JSP Peel-off Visor Protector (Pkg of 10)	\$35.00
JSP Pre-filter Pads (Pkg of 10)	\$18.00
JSP Particulate Filters (Pkg 10)	\$40.00

LIVE DEMO

For the project handout and recording of Michael's presentation, visit:

<https://msswt.org/recordings/>



by Jeff Keller

Michael Waddell Turns and Colors "Tannenbaum" Christmas Trees

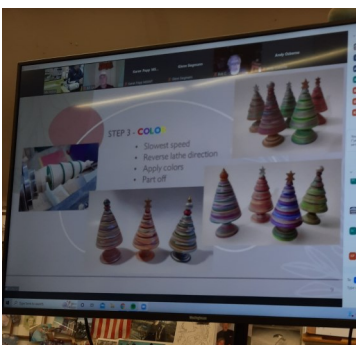


Mike showed us a finished tree to start his presentation.

Mike began by telling us, "When I first started turning trees they were plain but I found that colored trees sold better and they're fun to make. I learned a lot about using the skew chisel in the process."

He orders his 3"x6" billets (blanks) in advance from maine-billet.com. The shipping is expensive, so he orders for a whole season in advance. The wood types are maple, ash, and birch.

He illustrated the process with a slideshow prior to the demo.



Mike showed us many variations that are possible with a variety of colors and cuts.

For turning Mike uses a roughing gouge, a skew, a bedan, detail gouge and two parting tools. He sometimes uses a texturing tool. For our demo, Mike turned a maple billet. He began



using the roughing gouge with a lathe speed of 12-14,000 rpm. He said he leaves 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" at the top for the star or finial.



Molly Johnson holds the mic while Mike explains the next step.

The four sections in turning the tree are the finial, body, trunk and base. He roughed out the basic shape then switched to a 3/4" skew to smooth the surface. Then he made five indentations in the body with the 1/16" parting tool.

Next, he used the bedan to cut the trunk and for the base of the tree, a detail gouge. He continued with the detail gouge to finish shaping the finial star.

He said, "For adding color, I turn the lathe down to its slowest speed (74 rpm for the demo) and reverse direction of rotation. It's easier to add the color that way. Tonight, I'm using thinned acrylic paint for a background wash." He continued, "Next I use Crayola brand water-based markers and glitter pens;

I like purple for contrast. I accent with Sharpie metallic pens."

After parting off with the 1/8" parting tool, he said the last step is to refine the finial into a star by flattening two sides on his belt sander. He concluded, "I sell them at shows and elsewhere for \$40 each. This time of the year, there is a pretty active market."



"Tannenbaum" from the demo, with belt-sanded star; photographed at Mike's shop.



A/V Technical Directory, Billy Martin, beams the action to the audience.

BRING BACK

At each meeting, members receive a raffle ticket. Three winners get a wood turning created by a previous Bring Back winner. Each current winner then has to **Bring Back** one of their own turnings for the next meeting.



Tim Rix won a mahogany box turned by Brooks Holmes



Charlie McCarthy won a pear bowl turned by Molly Johnson



Tom Ritchie won a box turned by Steve Gilman

Hands On

October 15, 2022

by Joe Centorino



Ken Lindgren working with Doug Hasting



Bill Vey & Steve Wiseman perform lathe maintenance



Peter Soltz directing Billy Martin as he turns a deadeye for the Acorn to Arabella project. Glenn Seigmann inspects a deadeye.



YOU'RE THE TOP(S)

*Calling All Turners:
We Need Tops!*

Help us out! Warm up at your lathe by turning a couple of tops and put them in the blue bucket at the next Hands-On or monthly meeting.

Watch Ian's Top turning refresher "Simple Top Turning Demo" on the Club website under Resources > Recorded Demos (<https://msswt.org/recordings/>)

MENTOR LIST - www.msswt.org/mentors/

Our latest mentor list is online. Mentors are members who have volunteered to work one-on-one with novice turners to answer questions, share techniques and provide guidance. For a full description of their specialties, see <https://msswt.org/mentors>.

If you're mentoring at the Dust Bowl, coordinate through Glenn Siegmann (gcsiegs@gmail.com) so we can manage numbers and equipment. **If you want to become a mentor, please contact Glenn. (gcsiegs@gmail.com).**

Show & Tell

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Welcome Our New Members



Ernie Leep (Scituate)



Stephen Flood
(Braintree)



John DeLeo (Dighton)



Billy Martin - Yew
Pumpkin



Bob Courchesne - 5 1/2" x 2
1/2" Sumac with Mahoney's
Utility Oil



Ellen Williams - Bradford Pear
9 1/2" x 7" finished with
Waterlox. Woodturners of St.
Louis President's Challenge
Award Winner!



Charlie McCarthy -
Burl & Resin Goblet



Charlie McCarthy Walnut Bowl
with Resin Rim



Molly Johnson—15" birch
bowl with Waterlox finish



Fred Johnson



Show & Tell

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Name tags are available for all meeting attendees. Please see either Joe Centorino or Kevin Mulligan if yours is missing or in error.



Michael Fullerton - Goblet Trio



Andy Osborne Vase



Joe Centorino Oak Bowl donation Marshfield COA Fair



Joe Centorino Ebonized Oak Bowl with Liming Wax Finish



Peter Soltz - Black Walnut Natural Edge Bowl



Joe Centorino 22" Oak Snowman (features created with Ebonized Oak)



Prototype of a Deadeye (1 of 24) to be turned by MSSW in support of the **Acorn to Arabella Project**. See October Hands On, page 4.

Arabella Project

(From Meeting Notes): **Peter Soltz** told us about a fellow who is building a boat in Granby, MA. He's looking for help with turning 'Deadeye' pieces — an item used in the standing and running rigging of traditional sailing ships. It is a smallish, round, thick hard wood disc with one or more holes through it, perpendicular to the plane of the disc. Visit the project website at acorntoarabella.com.