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Lenny Mandeville explained his no-frills (cheap) Raptor grinding wheel angle setting guide, which he makes from scrap material, a protractor, and New England savvy.

## Meeting October 24, 2023—Notes by Jeff Keller

· Visitors - **Ben Cook** from Boston and **Mark Carroll** from Boston

· President **Joe Centorino** introduced an old returning member, **Joe Feeny** of Hingham.

· Joe told us **Matthew Mauldour** and his son, **Micah** from

Scituate will be coming to the next Hands On.

· Joe said that **Glenn Shaffer** is out of the hospital but that he is a candidate for quadruple bypass heart surgery.

· Vice President **Sonny Tice** thanked **Fred Johnson** for supplying refreshments.

· Treasurer **Charlie McCarthy** said "For the benefit of new members, the scholarship fund is available to reimburse members for participating in a turning activity such as attending a turning event, up to \$200 per event. There is \$2,722 available." He also said members can pay advance dues paid now for 2024.

· Joe said "We will be ordering Anchor Seal soon. Let me know if you need some."

· **Glen Siegmann** told us the next Hands On will be on Saturday, November 18th from 9-12 noon. He added, "Joe could use some help unloading the trailer before it begins. If some of you want to

show up a little early and help, it would be appreciated."

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## NEXT MEETING

**Tues, Nov 28**

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

*Refreshments by:*  
**Fred Johnson**

*Demo by:*  
**Steve Wiseman —**  
**Tri Cornered bowls**

## NEXT HANDS ON

Saturday Nov. 18  
9am—12pm

*Need a Hands On mentor?*  
Contact Glenn Siegmann  
siegs@gmail.com)

# Savings:

from the president



I want to start off by acknowledging the thank you's and support of the membership for the Club Officers over the past 4 years. I am personally profoundly grateful to have had the opportunity to help keep MSSW active and expanding despite the pandemic. I was truly humbled by the very kind words expressed at the October meeting.

It would not have been possible were it not for Vice President Sonny Tice, Treasurer Charlie McCarthy, Secretaries Kevin Mulligan and Horace Lukens as well as Jeff Keller and Michael Waddell who produce a remarkable newsletter month after month and Doug

Hasting who keeps the events page on the website up to date. Thanks to the A/V crew; Billy Martin, Molly Johnson, Fred Johnson and Vince Kennedy who have facilitated making demos easier to view and more accessible. Ron Reynolds for maintaining the Club Store, Lenny Mandeville for maintaining the library, not to forget Glenn Siegmann for coordinating the Hands-Ons and pairing new turners with mentors, and Ed O'Riordan who leads our Chainsaw Parties.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the sage guidance of past President Steve Wiseman who was always available when I needed some direction. Also a very heartfelt thank you to the general membership who show up to meetings, Hands-Ons and other events throughout the year — You are the heart and soul of MSSW!

I know you will con-

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## Old business

· **Steve Wiseman** told us the three day Arboretum show was well attended. They took in \$2,200 in sales. There were nice pieces there from all three turning clubs.

· **David Rice** thanked all of us for our participation in turning wig stands for cancer patients. He said, "I have received 100 stands and passed them out. Peter Cahill has cut up some wood blanks to turn more so take some home with you tonight."

## New business

· Election of officers for 2024 – **Billy Martin** was elected as president and **Ernie Leep** was elected treasurer. Their terms start January 1, 2024.

· Joe added, "It's been an interesting four years, thank you all!", as he received a strong round of applause from members for his services.

· He continued, "Monday, December 11th is the Christmas holiday party at the Abington Sons of Italy Hall. I have a sign up sheet. It will be a potluck dinner so bring an hors d'oeuvres, vegetable or dessert. We will have a holiday gift grab as well so if you participate bring something you turned in a paper bag tied with some string. If you put something in the box, you can pull something out and then guess who turned it before taking it home."

· Joe went on to say "The Marshfield Farmers market is on December 16th. Interested? We need a coordinator for this event. It will be held

at the Marshfield Fairgrounds."

· **Rick Urban** from Georgia, [rickurbanwoodturner.com](http://rickurbanwoodturner.com) is available to demo.

· **Peter Soltz** said he reached out to the Trustees of Reservations to find out about the wood they were offering us for turning. He said it is storm damaged wood and tree limbs.

· Steve offered a club member challenge. "Make an 'Ego Stick'. This is done by using a roughly 12 inch by 1/4 inch diameter piece of wood turned with embellishments. Use straight grained wood. It is an exercise in spindle turning. **Jeff Keller** suggested that with this challenge in mind, it might be good to have a demo on using a string steady rest. Charlie said he would do one.

## Bring Back

Jeff's turned cherry burl toothpick holder was won by **Michael Waddell**.

**Tom Ritchie's** small cedar bowl finished with friction polish was won by Billy Martin.



tinue to show the same support to the incoming President Billy Martin and Treasurer Ernie Leep.



Safe turning!



# More From Our Members

## Out With the Old, In With the New



Billy Martin accepts the ceremonial gavel from the outgoing president, Joe Centorino.



Jeff Keller demonstrates his Cherry burl toothpick dispenser, which was his "Bring Back" item, won by Michael Waddell.

Below, Jeff displays Tom Ritchie's small cedar bowl finished with friction polish, which Billy Martin got to take home.



Steve Wiseman presenting his "Ego Stick" which is a spindle turning challenge. This is done by turning a roughly 12 inch by 1/4 inch diameter straight-grained piece of wood incorporating embellishments. Are you up to the challenge?

## Safe Turning Tips—contributed by David Rice

1. Wear a full-face shield. Glasses alone are insufficient protection from flying debris.
2. Wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Always use a proper dust mask or air filtration helmet in addition to adequate ventilation.
3. Use hearing protection. Long-term exposure to noise can damage hearing.
4. Don't wear loose clothing, gloves, jewelry or objects that dangle as they can become entangled in the lathe! Also, tie back long hair.
5. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or out of balance work. NEVER start the lathe before making sure the lathe speed is correct for the size of work. If vibration or shaking occurs, stop the lathe and find out why before proceeding.
6. Before starting the lathe, rotate the work piece by hand to make sure that it clears the tool rest and lathe bed. Also, confirm that all clamping devices are locked and that the tailstock is seated against the work.
7. Be sure the work piece is securely mounted and is free of imperfections or substandard glue joints that may result in the work piece separating or flying apart.
8. Remember your ABC's: **A**nchor, **B**evel, **C**ut! Ensure the tool is on the tool rest before beginning the cut.
9. NEVER use a roughing gouge on a bowl.
10. Use the tailstock whenever possible to provide an added level of safety.
11. Remove the tool rest before sanding and finishing.
12. Keep your tools sharp and properly ground. Dull tools are dangerous as they require excessive pressure to make them cut.
13. Keep your work area clean and free of clutter and debris.
14. Inspect your lathe and equipment frequently. Check power cords and connections and avoid using extension cords for providing power to your lathe.
15. Take frequent breaks and never operate the lathe when under the influence of drugs, medication or alcohol.
16. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Be certain to turn off power to the lathe when not in use.
17. Use a well-balanced stance when turning while maintaining a firm, comfortable grip on the tool.





# Arnold Arboretum Events

by Joe Centorino



Returning to the Arnold Arboretum for the eighth year, *The Art of the Woodturner* event again offered visitors the chance to see an amazing variety of turned wood pieces, large and small, functional and sculptural. Demonstrators inside the Hunnewell Lecture

Hall and on the lawn took place on Saturday and Sunday.

These photos capture some highlights. There were lots of visitors commenting on the beautiful pieces and a number of sales were made.



Our own Fred Johnson took the lathe for a spin while John Shooshan (not pictured) got a well deserved break.



The Arnold Arboretum held a Donor Appreciation event for some of their largest sponsors.

Between CNEW and MSSW we presented the Arboretum with close to 180 4" - 6" bowls and each club is receiving \$1,300. The event was held on the Arboretum grounds on the evening of September 19th.

The Arboretum coordinators were very appreciative as were the donors.



This was our contribution of 107 bowls, a job well done.





# Hands On—October 7, 2023

By Joe Centorino, Doug Hasting, & Jeff Keller

Hands On is a monthly opportunity to get technical support from more experienced turners as well as sharing tips and techniques with other members. **Need a mentor?** Contact Glenn Siegmann, Hands On coordinator— [siegs@gmail.com](mailto:siegs@gmail.com)



Mentor Steve Wiseman guiding Mentee Ted Jones on some basic spindle turning .



Wayne Sargo attended a multi-day turning class at Jimmy Clews' home shop in Las Vegas and came away with some new skills and some nice pieces including this platter.



Mentor Jeff Keller (R) with Geoff Wilkinson (L) practicing some spindle work.



Glenn Siegmann cut up some Arboretum logs on the bandsaw as Melissa Fantasia and Peter Soltz look on. In the back right Peter Cahill is speaking to David Rice, Karen Popp and Billy Martin and offering to donate lumber cut-offs to the Club for our wig-stand project.



There was quite a turnout at the Oct 7th Hands-On where members got a chance to re-connect after a two month break due to the Marshfield Fair and YMCA Corn Festival.



# Show & Tell

Compiled by Joe Centorino, Jeff Keller and Mike Waddell



Steve Wiseman



Ken Lindgren



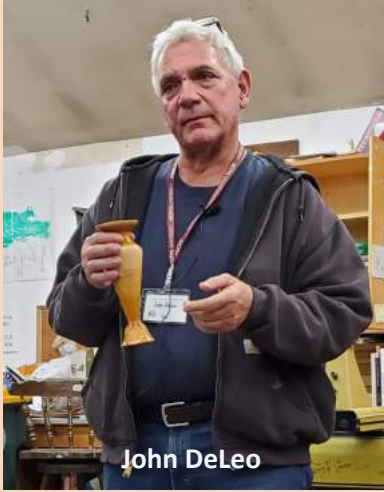
Peter Solz





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John DeLeo



Glenn Siegmann



Andy Osborne





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Bill Dooley



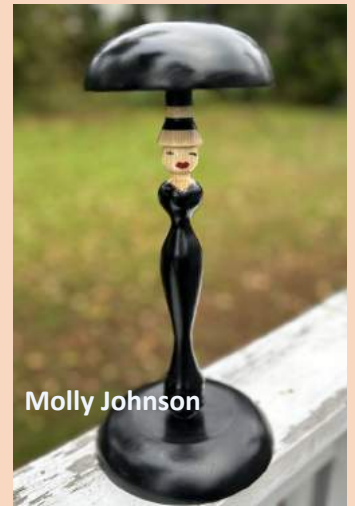
Karen Popp



Fred Johnson



Geoff Wilkinson



Molly Johnson



Mike Fullerton

