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Enthusiastic (and patient) crowd on Maple Day queues up for Fred Johnson's custom top. Details on p. 5.

Meeting February 27, 2024—Notes by Jeff Keller

»**Billy Martin** began our meeting by announcing that **John Burt** of Scituate had brought a large cherry burl to the meeting and was looking for someone to volunteer to turn a bowl from it for him. **Ernie Leep** (also from Scituate!) volunteered.

»Billy went on to tell us that the club had 20 new mem-

bers who had joined in the last 12 months. A nice sign of growth and interest in woodturning.

»There are just ten gallons of Anchor Seal left. The price to buy more has gone up. The club can still get a 55 gallon drum of it for \$16 a gallon as compared to buying it at Lowes for \$50 a gallon. Members approved a new bulk purchase.

»**Lenny Mandeville** told us that with regard to the craft show for the Plymouth Library, they have space for 100 tents (10 feet by 10 feet) available for \$300. The show will be held in early September and he said that he could convince them to let us turn tops and sell in a booth 10 by 30 feet. After some discussion, members agreed to support this event at a cost not to exceed \$450.

At this point Billy reminded us that **Melissa Fantasia** will be the club event coordinator for this and all other club sponsored shows and events going forward which means that

she will be responsible for making sure that club participants have what they need to make the event happen in

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NEXT MEETING Tues, February 27

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

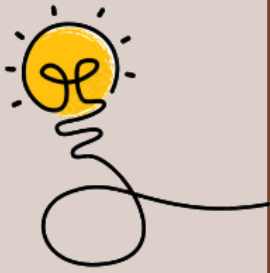
Refreshments by:
Fred Johnson

Demo by:
Fred Johnson
Turning Ornaments

NEXT HANDS ON

Saturday Mar. 23
9am—12pm

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



Pro Tips

Alan Lacer—
Befriending the Skew

Alan Lacer demonstrates “Befriending the Skew”, which he presented to the Rocky Mountain Woodturners on March 7, 2019. It has over 95,000 YouTube views.

Alan discusses skew history, shapes, sharpening and demonstrates a variety of cuts. He also presents a technique to mount your work piece with a cup drive so that catches and run backs are mild and can be a learning experience.

For further information see Alan Lacer’s websites:
www.alanlacer.com
www.alanlacer.info;



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Off either no...

Another **excellent** resource for honing your skew skills is Brian Haven’s YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@BHavensWoodworker>

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terms of getting set up, making sure there is a way for the lathes to be transported and so on. She will not be in charge of the event; that falls on the event leader who arranged for our participation in the first place. Melissa has a form that members can fill out outlining participants and other event specifics. Copies are available. The club currently has several scheduled events this year (see <https://msswt.org/125-2/events/>

). They include Maple Day at the Norwell YMCA Science Center, the Norwell Library on May 11th, the South Shore Arts Festival in Cohasset on Fathers Day weekend in June, the West Bridgewater Riverwalk, the Marshfield Fair in August, the Corn Festival in September at the Norwell YMCA Science Center and the Arnold Arboretum October 5th and 6th in Jamaica Plain.

»**Tim Rix** told us the West Bridgewater Riverwalk includes a lathe demo with a table for sales items and that the club did collectively about \$600 in sales last year. It will be held Sunday,

June 2nd from 10:00 to 2:00 (rain date Sunday, June 9th). There is no cost for booth space. The club voted in approval for this event to take place.

»Totally Turning in Saratoga Springs at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel is coming up March 23rd - 24th. So far Billy Martin and **Joe Centorino** are planning to attend.

»Ernie gave the Treasurer’s report. The club has \$8,239.93 on account plus, with dues paid added in, this amounts to a total of \$8,841. There is \$2,322. in scholarship funds, leaving a net of \$6,119.93 to the club.

»**Horace Lukens** said the club currently has 71 paid members.

»**Sonny Tice** thanked **Fred Johnson** for bringing refreshments. (Fred also provided the demo on turning an Ornamental Lantern – see page 3. Sony reminded members there is still a lot of CA glue in the club store available.

»**Steve Wiseman** told us that before he died, Pablo had called and asked him to finish turning an urn for his ashes. Steve asked why him and Pablo replied that in his opin-

ion, there was no other member with enough turning talent and expertise to do it. He also reminded us that Saturday, March 16th, there will be a tool sale from 9:00 to 12 noon at Pablo’s home. The tool sale will be cash or check only. No credit cards. Pablo’s Powermatic lathe has been sold.

»**Glenn Siegmann** announced the next *Hands On* will be held at the Dustbowl Saturday March 23, 9:00-12 noon.

»**Allen Ganser** said that he teaches in Millis at the Sparhawk Academy and would like to know if anyone in the club had a lathe they could donate. Billy said that there was a small lathe that had been unused for some time in the back that needed a few parts added which could be then used and that it might be a possibility if it works after he took a look at it.



Mike Veno Toots His Own Whistle (and Bell)

During Show & Tell, Michael Veno presented a photo of large locomotive train he worked on, with the attendant bell and support arm. He supplied these images and details.

“I turned the shaft that supports the bell (not the bell), and I also turned the front wheels (made from Styrofoam) and the rivet heads on the front “plate” which were turned from a 3/4” dowel rounded and cut free.



I built the entire train and tracks for my church’s train-themed Vacation Bible School.”

BRING BACK

At monthly meetings, members receive a raffle ticket. Each winner gets a turning created by the previous *Bring Back* winner. Each new winner then has to **Bring Back** one of their own turnings for the next meeting.



Tim Rix turned a maple box with a mahogany lid that was won by Bill Cyr



Tom Ritchie turned a small bowl from a piece of Norway maple, finished with Wipe On Poly which was won by Bob Allen.

MSSW Scholarship Fund

Members can apply for financial assistance to pursue any training activity that focuses on developing their turning skills. All members are eligible for reimbursement up to \$200 per calendar year. Use this benefit to attend events, like Totally Turning, online classes, books, etc.

Questions? Contact Steve Wiseman, scholarship director:

stevwsmn@aol.com

Demo: Ornamental Lantern

With Fred Johnson



Reporting by Jeff Keller

Fred Johnson demonstrated how he turned a decorative, tea light lantern based on an article he read in the November 2022 Woodturning FUNDamentals publication from AAW*.



Fred has inserted his walnut blank into the lathe for turning and shaping at the beginning of his demo.

Fred began his demo by telling us he used a piece of walnut 5" long by 2 1/2" square. He had drilled a 1" hole on four sides, 1 1/2" up from the bottom.



Fred rounded the blank into a cylinder.

He inserted the blank on the lathe between centers, rounded



Fred is shaping the tapered top of the lantern in this phase of his demo.

it and cut a tenon for insertion into a chuck.

Mounted in a chuck, Fred then used a 1 1/4" diameter Forstner



Fred is set to bore the bottom of his lantern with a 1 1/4" Forstner bit for the tea light.

bit to drill a hole in the bottom for the tea light. Then he did

the final shaping, including the edge banding and coned roof.



Almost done. Fred does a little finish sanding on his lantern.



Fred's finished lantern.

* https://www.woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/WoodFunPub/WF_Nov22v11n4_Web.pdf

Announcements from Melissa "Bee" Fantasia, Events Coordinator



- There's a trailer clinic on Saturday March 23 at 10 am at the Dust Bowl, during the Hands On. Joe Centorino will demonstrate loading, hitching, maneuvering, and unhitching.
- Maple Festival was a great success! See details on page 5 of this newsletter.
- Next event is May 11 at Norwell library—see Jeff Keller for details.



Hands On

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Dust Bowl

by Billy Martin & Horace Lukens



9:00-12:00 noon at the Dustbowl, 409 Washington Street, Abington. Anyone interested in working with a mentor please let Glenn Siegmann know ASAP. **Glenn's contact information:**

gcseigs@gmail.com or 617-462-9573. Don't forget to



If you missed our last Hands On, you missed out! We had over 30 in attendance with 5 lathes actively turning and four of our members being mentored. Fantastic to see the interest, the energy, the friendships, and the skill development!



Our next Hands On is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23, 2024** from

bring your wood, your tools and your face shield.



Maple Day at the Natural Science Center

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Dust Bowl

by Billy Martin & Michael Waddell

Each year the South Shore YMCA Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA celebrates the New England maple sugaring season. The day is equally educational and delicious – with a tree-tapping demonstration, nature walks, kids’ crafts, live music, maple taste tests, a maple lab, maple food vendors, free pancakes, and, of course our demonstration of turning tops! Maple Day is held rain or shine, and this year we had both. Kids and parents lined up to watch and wait for their own top, turned as they watched. We turned and delivered almost 100 tops in total, including some that were turned in advance (good thinkin’, Billy!) The club was represented by Billy Martin, Fred Johnson, Tim Rix, Ernie Leep (trailer hustler), and Mike Waddell.



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 give them to Billy 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/>)



Billy Martin captures a kid’s attention



The lines were long all day, rain & shine



Setup outside! Lathes rested on boards & chips



We gave out pre-turned tops to impatient kids



Free tops are priceless!



Mike and Tim offering color choices for tops

Show & Tell

Compiled by Jeff Keller & Michael Waddell



Wayne Miller



Wayne turned a piece that resembles R2D2 from Star wars.



Wayne made this off center turning test piece using a Sorby Wobble Chuck. He is experimenting with the Sorby chuck and promises more elaborate turnings in the future.



Joe Centorino



Pictured here is a series of cherry burl bowls cored using the One Way Coring System. Finished with four coats of MinWax tung oil finish.

Steve Wiseman



Large, natural edge red oak onion burl



Thin walled 6" by 3" small bowl in cherry.

This is the basis for Steve's challenge to members to turn a similar, thin-walled bowl and bring it to the March meeting.

Show & Tell

Melissa Fantasia



Oak or ash bowl turned by Melissa which she stained and used aluminum foil, resin and paint in the center band. Very decorative.

Joe Centorino

Large ambrosia maple bowl which Joe bleached. With a wide rim inlaid in glass beads with a black gesso base plus dyed aquarium sand and glitter, bound with Alumilite resin.



Ken Lindgren



Ken showed us this side of his maple crotch platter with the feather colored in the middle. He hand carved a groove for handles which he superglued to the sides before adding three screws to each side for reinforcement. The other side of the platter is dyed with red.

Ed O'Riordan



A small bowl turned from the crotch of a tree.

Mike Veno

Mike's "flower show."



Using a rounded edge skew he aims to get the petals up to a foot in length. This requires wet wood.

Carl Sjoquist

A group of turnings by new member Carl Sjoquist.





Show & Tell

Andy Osborne



Andy turned a large deep bowl which he sanded, burned lines in and textured using a router with a half inch bit (for the vertical lines). Finished with wax.



Interested in raising the bar? Finding out what other members are turning? Or what turning challenge has them stumped? Or what's the latest mystery you've encountered? Or just want to catch up on the latest Chapter news or events?

Please join us for **Coffee and Chat every Thursday at 6:30 - 7:30 pm EDT at the Zoom link below.**

Topic: Thursday Night "Coffee & Chat"

Time: *Every* Thursday 6:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250885828?pwd=aGQwMnBRQ1EvNHJqY2N3UVQ1YjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 5088 5828

Passcode: 321428

