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The top bucket. At the next meeting, could you please bring some tops to take to future shows?

## You're the Tops!

We demonstrate woodturning at many events: the South Shore Natural Science Center at their Spring Maple Festival and Autumn Corn festival; the Norwell Public Library; West Bridgewater River Walk; the South Shore Arts Festival in Cohasset; the Marshfield Fair and local Farmers' markets; Sen-

ior Centers; and at the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain. Our demonstrations educate the public in the craft of woodturning. Kids of all ages enjoy watching tops in progress, choosing vivid colors, and spinning their own hand-turned wonder!

**We need more tops for upcoming events!**

## Meeting May 28, 2024—Notes by Jeff Keller

*There were no guests at the meeting.*

» President **Billy Martin** began the meeting by reminding us that June 22nd is Ian Manley's remembrance outing starting at 1 pm, at 37 Herbert Street, Fall River. Dan Manley asked that attendees bring a dessert or side dish and a chair.

» **Donors' night at the Arnold Arboretum:** Billy met with representatives and they decided we should turn vases as gifts to give at their dinner. The vases should be turned from Arboretum wood, and if you need some, see Billy. Billy also has plastic inserts for the vases to use for water; or, he said, **Joe Centorino** has lined his with two-part epoxy. The vases should be 5–7 1/2" tall. Billy plans to do a demo on turning one in the near future at one of the next meetings. The club needs to provide 45 vases, due in August.

» Billy reminded us that the top bucket is on the table. Bring some tops to the next meeting for future events.

» Vice president **Sonny Tice** thanked **Fred Johnson** for bringing refreshments for our break. He announced that the evening demo would be on methods used to turn away the tenon on the bottom of your bowl. It was to be presented by **Wayne Miller**

and **Tim Rix**. Next month's demo will be by **Andy Osborne** on using the router for embellishing pieces.

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## NEXT MEETING

**Tues, June 25**

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

*Refreshments by:*

**Fred Johnson**

*Demo by:*

**Andy Osborne**

**Embellish with a router**

## NEXT HANDS ON

Saturday June 8  
9am—12pm

**Need a Hands On mentor?**

Contact Glenn Siegmann  
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» Treasurer **Ernie Leep** gave us a financial update. The club has \$6,487 on account. He added that we got an unexpected credit from the bank of \$276. There is \$922 in scholarship money available for classes or functions on woodturning.

» Secretary **Horace Lukens** told us the club now has 88 paid members. New members get green member cards.

» Joe Centorino said he has some Anchor Seal with him and has more at home for members' needs. He added, "But you need to bring your own container when you come to get some."

» **Steve Wiseman** emphasized using the scholarship fund where appropriate and then moved on to talk about Father's Day weekend in Co-

hasset at the South Shore Arts festival. He said 18 people have signed up to sell, which means first their fee for this will be less than in the past (divided equally among the participants) but that also, each person will get less space for their items to be displayed. He added that this year the club will have continuous sets of shelves to more efficiently use our space. Each seller will have three feet of space for display. This represents three feet on the table and on the shelving above it. He added, "So please don't bring 50 pieces because there won't be enough room." Items should come with a list and the lowest sale price should be \$25.00. Also the item must be turned. Steve concluded by saying the club has bought two more black table covers to make for a uniform display.

» **Ed O'Riordan** said **Don Messinger** told him he has wood in Norwell including oak, cherry and catawba.

» **Wayne Sargo** said there is an estate sale in Millis this weekend including a Jet lathe, tools, and a band saw. Horace said he would send an email notice out to members.

» Ernie told us he has some Mahoney's Walnut Oil for sale cheap. If you want some, let him know.

» **Lenny Mandeville** announced, "I need more people for the Plymouth Craft show. It takes place August 10th and 11th, and we need a few more sellers."

» Joe said, "In the new Penn State catalogue, there is a mini lathe for sale which comes with a spur drive, live center and a face plate. The club should consider buying one as its small size makes it

good for videos at small events like a library or senior center. This was voted on and passed by members for the club to purchase one.

» **Peter Soltz** asked, "Is there going to be a summer picnic?" It was decided the Hanover YMCA would be contacted again to see if we could repeat last summer's outing there.



## Hands On—May 18



Club President Billy Martin took a moment in the midst of several 1-on-1 tutoring sessions to address the members and explain this year's Arnold Arboretum Sponsor Appreciation gift commission. Our Club is partnering with CNEW and ART to each turn 45 5" - 7" vases with plastic tubes or water-proof epoxy.

## Catch A Show



Members can watch club demos online, through

[the Club's website](#). After logging in, navigate to Resources > Recorded Demos & Vendor Presentations > Demonstrations (or type in [msswt.org/recordings](http://msswt.org/recordings)). The recordings are listed alphabetically by title.

But Wait..... There's More! We have a video tour from former president Nigel Howe showcasing his shop in Mt. Airy, Maryland. Now that he has joined the ranks of the retired folk he has been putting his shop in order. Check it out!

## BRING BACK

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

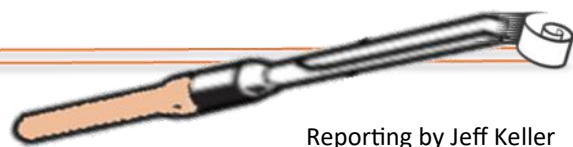


Charlie McCarthy has a tall candlestick with a candle he also turned. He said he modeled it after a set won by Karen Popp at the Christmas party. Glenn Siegmann won it on Zoom.



Ernie Leep holds one of three bowls he turned from the same piece of red oak. Won by Bob Courchesne.

# Demo: Removing the Tenon



Presented by Wayne Miller & Tim Rix

Reporting by Jeff Keller

Wayne Miller and Tim Rix gave a presentation on several methods of work holding to allow removal of the tenon from the bottom of



Closeup of the jumbo jaws expanded to illustrate the grabbing ability using the long padded stems inside as well as the smaller knobs outside.

the bowl in preparation to



A closeup of jumbo jaws from Ron Brown's Best.

finishing it.

On display were several types of chucks including jumbo ("Cole") jaws, a vacuum chuck, a sandwich chuck and a jam chuck.



The sandwich chuck mounted on the lathe.



Pictured is the vacuum chuck with the motor attached and ready to be used.



Here we see a homemade jam chuck in operation with a double set of paper towels to help secure the piece.



Wayne and Tim screw the vacuum chuck onto the lathe.

Wayne said that the lathe speed should be slow, around 600-800 rpm when using any of these chucks. He added that he likes to use a detail spindle gouge to go in and remove the bottom.

Tim said his favorite holding device for removing the tenon involves the use of some form of the jam chuck.

In addition to turning away a

tenon, one could also carve it away with a chisel or also remake the tenon into feet.





Carl Sjoquist



Carl holds two small cups turned from maple and cherry.



Carl has a vase in maple with an interesting design. He said the inside, however, was too narrow for an insert.

Peter Soltz



Peter showed us this cherry burl bowl minus a missing piece which actually makes it more interesting.

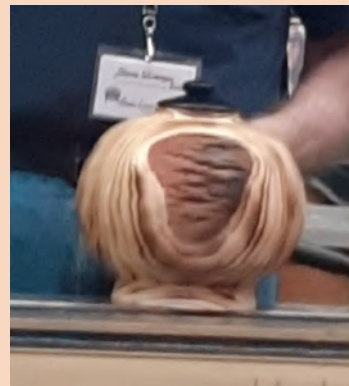


Here we see a lighthouse that Peter turned from cocobolo and other woods. He added the rings for accents. Nice effect.

Steve Wiseman



Steve showed us this large pear vase. Nice size.



Steve also had a lidded sphere turned from cypress with its growth rings accented with a light burn and sanded back. After hollowing it, he decided it needed a lid.

# Show & Tell

Wayne Sargo



Wayne showed us this maple bowl with a wax finish.



It's a little hard to see, but Wayne turned this claro walnut bowl from wood from Pablo's shop. He plans to give it to Pablo's wife.

Fred Johnson



Fred holds a large bowl (maple?) finished with tung oil and wax.



Here is a second view of Fred's bowl.



Fred used a torch to remove the bubbles from the finish used on his second bowl. It shines brightly.

Mike Fullerton

Pictured are a pair of chalices in walnut and maple turned by Mike Fullerton. The one on the right sports two captive rings.



Don Messinger



Don showed us this attractive bowl turned from layers of skateboard pieces, inspired by a video he watched.

Jeff Keller

Here we see a spalted maple bowl turned by Jeff from a piece of wood obtained from Bill Dooley, finished with Wipe-On-Poly.



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