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AS THE WOOD TURNS

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Our meeting began with acting president, Fred Johnson asking for visitors. Paul O'Neil, a long time former member raised his hand and announced, "Present". He had driven down from New Hampshire just for the meeting.

Fred said that with Sonny's departure from the president's position, that "You've got me here as acting president until October when the next elections for officers take place." He added, "We also need a vice president." Ernie nominated Joe Wheeler for the position and it was seconded and Joe is our new VP.

Fred told us that the present meeting was his last stint at supplying refreshments, now it was someone else's turn. Steve Wiseman volunteered to supply them for the

May meeting.

Fred told us that Fred Bickford will now be setting up the videos for future demonstrations and other related club meeting events. He added that "We need some volunteers to help out with this."

The Events Committee has openings for two more members to join them. He added, "The bylaws are in the process of being revised, stay tuned."

Geoff Wilkerson has put together a code of conduct with assistance from conversations with John Shooshan, Jeff Keller, Ken Lindgren, Andy Osborne, Steve Wiseman, David Rice, Charlie McCarthy, Joe Centorino, Horace Lukens and Glenn Siegmann. It is being reviewed and finalized at present.

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday
May 26th**

Refreshments by:
Steve Wiseman

Demo by:
To Be Announced

**NEXT HANDS ON
May 16
9 am - Noon**

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

Glenn Siegman announced to us that he needs someone to take over the Hands On organizing as he has too much on his plate now. The next Hands On will be held at the Dust Bowl Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 am until noon.

Fred announced that the Arnold Arboretum would like us to turn 50 bowls for them from Arboretum wood (preferably). The bowls should be around 8-9" in diameter and they would like them by Labor Day.

Carl Sjoquist will do a demo for the May meeting.

Ernie, before giving the treasurer's report, apologized to Carl for his words at the last meeting. He announced that the club has \$4100 on account in the bank and "that we are \$900 in the red so far this year." He announced that there is a sign up sheet for Cohasset for the South Shore Arts Festival Friday through Sunday on Father's day weekend. Joe Wheeler will be in charge.

There is a need for a leader for the club for the Marshfield fair in August also. This is a ten day commitment. Bob Berman said he would run it.

There will be a Bringback drawing at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report

MSSWT Treasurers Report 4/24/26

	3/24/2026	4/28/2026
Bank Balance	\$5,425.88	\$4,104.16
Cash	\$630.00	\$739.00
Total	\$6,055.88	\$4,843.16
Scholarship Fund	\$722.00	\$722.00
Club Total	\$5,333.88	\$4,121.16
Income		
Dues	\$2,250.00	\$850.00
Sale of Old Trailer	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Store/Anchorseal	\$128.00	\$32.00
Tool Sale	\$0.00	\$110.00
Patches	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$3,378.00	\$992.00
Expenses		
Refund to Arboretum	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
Trailer Fitting Out	\$445.81	\$0.00
2 Tables	\$177.38	\$0.00
10 Gage Extension Cord	\$25.22	\$0.00
Top Material	\$168.00	\$0.00
Xmas Party Hall	\$400.00	\$0.00
Xmas Party Supplies	\$75.21	\$0.00
Harbor Freight	\$0.00	\$0.00
Go Daddy	\$367.06	\$0.00
Dunkin Donuts - Hands On	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$625.00	\$625.00
Mass Tax	\$108.75	\$0.00
Fred/Coffee	\$30.00	\$30.00
Staples	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cohasset	\$0.00	\$525.00
Plymouth Event	\$0.00	\$450.00
Mcafee	\$0.00	\$159.36
Insurance	\$0.00	\$471.00
Total	\$3,442.43	\$2,260.36
Scholarship Fund	\$722.00	



Demo: Multi-Axis Turning

Presented by Mike Waddell

Mike began by telling us about a demo he saw at Totally Turning in Saratoga presented by Beth Ireland on multi axis turning. In her presentation, she mentioned teaching a course on it at her school in Maine. Mike signed up for it and took it. His demo this evening was to turn a multi axis bottle stopper. He showed us a piece of stock with three center points on each end lettered A B and C. He told us he had placed each end at the opposite side in the lathe so that the "A" at the headstock lined up with the "C" at the tailstock. He used a 3/8 spindle gouge to begin with. He set the lathe to run at 1900 rpm and cut down the piece. Next he reversed the points and running the lathe at 1400 rpm cut down the opposite side. After both sides were shaped the piece was centered so that the tailstock end could be reduced for the stopper. He then made a rounded cut just above the stopper area to merge it into the off center area using a detail gouge. Next he switched to a chuck with pin jaws set at 1/2 of an inch to hold the stopper end while he rounded the other end to be used as a handle. He warned us not to be too aggressive in sanding the piece because of rounding the sharp edges and losing the shape. He added that lighting a key to make the "ghost images" stand out in the turning.



Here is a multi axis turned piece similar to what Mike was showing us as a demo.

Show & Tell

Compiled by Joe Centorino and Jeff Keller



Ken holds a small cup he turned and then spray glued aluminum foil to the outside. He used spray Gorilla Glue. He then added a layer of dyed two part epoxy. Nice effect. He got the idea from a You Tube video.



Mike is holding two yellow birch bowls turned from the same piece of wood. The difference is significant as seen in the next two photos.



Here is the first of Mike's yellow birch bowls.



Here is the second of Mike's bowls that has a pie crust edge which Mike formed by making a template from cardboard and using it with a scroll saw to cut out the edge design.



Mike also showed us this small maple tiger box. Gives off a nice pop when opened.



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Carl holds two yew bowls turned from Arboretum wood. He merely polished them and that was the finish.



Closeup of one of Carl's Arboretum yew bowls.



Here is Carl's second bowl.



Carl also showed us this yew box.



Closeup of Carl's yew box.



Here is the bottom of Carl's box with his signature.

Lastly, Carl showed us this thin maple box with a bark occlusion.

