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AS THE WOOD TURNS

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Sonny reminded us that this was our first meeting for 2026 as major snowfall and poor weather had caused the postponement of the previous two months and then there was the Christmas party the month before.

Guest- Rus Eliot of Rockland and Melissa Fantasia of Canton

New members- Peter Martin and Jennifer & Dennis Hazel

Sonny told us there is a wood sale tonight courtesy of Rus Eliot who brought the pieces in and placed them on the table at the entrance.

The evening's demo is being done by Charlie McCarthy, the topic is on turning Shawl Pins

Charlie began by telling us these same pins are used for Scottish kilts as for ladies shawls. He added that bat billets work well for the circle part in ash, birch or maple. The wood for the pins comes from dowels from Home depot. Charlie told us he likes the dowels in oak the best. He uses half inch by 36 inch dowels. He began by inserting a steb center into the headstock chuck and added that he likes to use the Steve Sennet tool rest. He proceeded to true up the billet blank and turned a tenon on the tailstock end. Next he turned it around, trued it up and used a 1 7/8" Forstner bit to drill into the end giving a 5/8" thickness on the outside of the hole. He went part way in before switching to an auger

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

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Refreshments by:

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Demo by:

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NEXT HANDS ON

Date April 11

Time 9-12

at the Dust Bowl

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bit (with three flutes) to do the major portion of the drilling at 400 rpm and then finished drilling by going back to the Forstner bit. The reason for the substitution was that the Forstner bit dulls easily, he told us. Next, using a 5/16th inch template he used a pencil to mark the thickness of the ring prior to parting it off. But first he used a parting tool to round off the surface edge of the front of the ring. Following this, Charlie used a sharpened butter knife to part off the opposite end of the ring from the billet holding it in place with a One Way live center. When parted off, the back end of the ring could be flat sanded to smooth it. It does not get rounded.

Next came the finial or pin. Charlie changed the chuck to one with pin jaws and used a live tailstock with a plastic end to secure it on the lathe. He showed us that with a long dowel, it could be threaded through the headstock and clamped for greater security to be worked on. He also switched to a Steve Senet pin tool rest which allows him more room to use his fingers to steady the pin while it's turning. He tried it up using a roughing gouge. He uses a Richard Finley parting tool and added that he has the center pin from the live center removed in the tailstock for this part. He then tapered the pin using a bedan and added a couple of coves up at the head with a carbide scraper. Next he tapered or rounded the very end of the

pin and then rounded the head part and parted it off.

Sonny told us there were 35 people attending plus five more on ZOOM which was a pretty good turnout. He added that this was a similar number to those showing up for the recent Saturday Hands On events.

Fred Johnson gave the Secretary's report by saying the club is looking for volunteers to perform demos for future meetings. Future demonstrators so far include Mike Waddell, Carl Sjoquist, Bob Scott and Mike Veno. He added, "We also have the Bringback which for new members involves drawing a ticket to hold when a subsequent number will be chosen from a bowl announcing the winner of a previous Bringback. The winner takes the Bring Back home to keep and must turn another Bring Back for the next meeting to be won by someone else. It can be anything you want to turn."

Sonny added that, "Joe Wheeler and Ernie did a great job on the new trailer converting it for use hauling lathes and related items to future events. Incorporated into the new design was the ability to store and remove the tent first when setting up to avoid getting the lathes and other items wet in bad weather. It also has lights for the inside."

Ernie gave the treasurer's

report next by telling us the club has \$5333. in the bank not including \$722 in scholarship funds. He added that 50 members have paid their dues for 2026 so far. He went on to add that the trailer has been paid for and that Joe Wheeler has sold the old trailer for \$1000. (it was purchased for \$650).

Horace gave the Secretary's report saying that he had a number of name badges printed for new members and that he would like them to pick them up. Fred Bickford announced that he needs a name tag also.

Glenn Sigman announced that the next Hands On will be Saturday, April 11th at the Dustbowl from 9 am until 12 noon.

Sonny brought up future chainsaw parties. Since Ed O'Riordan had passed away, somebody has to assume leadership for these on future Saturdays. This person needs to preview the site and decide if the wood being offered is wood the club would want to use for turning. Tim Rix volunteered to assume this position. Sonny went on to say, "The club should purchase a good first aid kit to have on hand for future chainsaw events."

He added that the club now has an Events Planning Committee of three including Bob Berman, Steve Wiseman and Ernie Leep. Sonny also told us that he is consid-

ering the addition of a policy committee to make decisions review bylaws and then bring back recommendations to members to vote on. But he is still thinking about it.

Ken Lindgren added, "This is a club, every person's vote should count."

Sonny brought us up on several members' recent downturns:

David Rice's wife Sue in hospice care recently passed away.

Lenny Mandeville's grandson unexpectedly passed away (he was 30 years old)

Ron Reynolds took a hard fall in his driveway and broke 11 ribs

Bill Dooley is in a home near Worcester receiving care for dementia

Sonny then told us "Ed O'Riordan's wife has many tools in her cellar and has contacted an auctioneer. Maybe for the next Hands On in April we can bring some tools here for sale. Also the club had a really good Christmas party. It was too bad we didn't have a group photo but the next one has been booked for December 14th, a Monday.

Melissa...

Sonny told us he received a call from Carl about getting Melissa back into the club. He added, "We have a policy to handle things on the QT, not everyone has to be involved."

MSSWT Treasures Report 3/34/26

Ken Lindgren said, "We want to have a civilized discussion tonight and have a vote to reinstate Melissa back into the club."

Andy Osborne added, "Do we want a member to be expelled without a vote from members?"

Several members spoke and initially Ken Lindgren, Andy Osborne and Jeff Keller addressed the group in support of Melissa being allowed to rejoin the group. She was in attendance as a guest for the evening. They were followed by Bob Scott, Carl Sjoquist, Steve Wiseman, Geoff Wilkinson, Joe Centorino, Ed Wheeler and finally Sonny. There was much back and forth from other members as well. Sonny said that a vote to include or exclude a member was not in the bylaws so there couldn't be a vote. But after much more discussion, Sonny relented and put it to a vote with the result that Melissa was allowed to rejoin the club.

	10/28/2025	3/24/2026
Bank Balance	\$10,341.90	\$5,425.88
Cash	\$806.00	\$630.00
Total	\$11,147.90	\$6,055.88
Scholarship Fund	\$722.00	\$722.00
Trailer Fund	\$3,037.80	\$0.00
Checks Outstanding	\$1,469.12	\$0.00
Club Total	\$5,918.98	\$5,333.88
Income		
Dues	\$100.00	\$2,250.00
Sale of Old Trailer		\$1,000.00
Trailer Fund Donation	\$63.05	\$0.00
Sales (50% to Trailer Fund)	\$174.00	\$0.00
Store/Anchorseal	\$16.00	\$128.00
Patches	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$353.05	\$3,378.00
Expenses		
Refund to Arboretum	\$0.00	\$1,020.00
Trailer Fitting Out	\$0.00	\$445.81
2 Tables	\$0.00	\$177.38
10 Gage Extension Cord	\$0.00	\$25.22
Top Material	\$0.00	\$168.00
Xmas Party Hall	\$0.00	\$400.00
Xmas Party Supplies	\$0.00	\$75.21
Harbor Freight	\$0.00	\$0.00
Go Daddy	\$40.67	\$367.06
Dunkin Donuts - Hands On	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$625.00	\$625.00
Mass Tax	\$0.00	\$108.75
Fred/Coffee	\$30.00	\$30.00
Home Depot	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vista Print (Checks)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staples	\$30.04	\$0.00
Total	\$725.71	\$3,442.43
Scholarship Fund	\$722.00	



Demo: Shawl Pins

Shawl Pin closeup for the demo



Charlie told us he was setting up a billet in preparation for turning the circle for the shawl pin.



Here Charlie has mounted the oak dowel into the lathe for turning the pin part.



Charlie trues up his ring blank.



Demo: Shawl Pins



Charlie tapers the shaft of the pin, has formed the cove and rounded parts and is rounding the base near the point here.



The completed shawl pin



A completed shawl pin



Scituate Senior Center



Working with Carl Sjoquist and Bob Berman at Scituate Senior Center woodturning class. Students: Nancy Bartlett, Nancy Fagan, Linda Vanderstreet and Linda Willse.



This piece was written by Paul O'Neil, who now lives in New Hampshire.

It was February, 20 years ago when I caught an article in the Patriot Ledger entitled "Turn,turn,turn". This article brought me to the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton where "Rude Osolnik, A Lifetime of Turning" was the main exhibit. Supplementing this exhibit were the works of the South Shore Woodturners, entitled, "Wickedly Wild and Wonderful Wood." I was mesmerized with the fine works of wooden art that were locally turned. Absolutely amazing! The most outstanding piece was the Gnome Engine. Even more amazing! As I exited, I inquired as to contact information for the South Shore Woodturners but no staff on hand at the museum could help me. But as soon as I got home Ken Lindgren was calling me to tell me all about the club and the Tuesday night meetings. Needless to say, I attended the February meeting and joined that night. My first teachers were Hank Cahill and Ken Lindgren. Their tutelage instilled encouragement and hope for the newest member.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful members of the South Shore Woodturners, both past and present.
Best Regards, Paul O'Neill



Hands On - January

Carl Sjoquist stands next to the band saw with his homemade bowl jig displayed with a cut out round bowl blank ready for placing on the lathe.



Peter Soltz on the left observes Jan Siebert on the lathe as he turns a bowl.



New member Karen Grey looks on as Glenn Siegmann turns beads and coves to illustrate flexibility of the gouge.



Charlie McCarthy watches Rich Kilday form the outside of a practice chalice.



Joe Centorino drills the cup of a chalice.



Hands On - January

(left to right) Fred Johnson, Charlie McCarthy, Bob Berman, Richard Kilday and Fred Bickford observe as Charlie shapes his chalice.



Charlie McCarthy shows a dimension for his chalice on the lathe as Rich Kilday and Bob Berman look on.



John DeLeo prepares to use Carl Sjoquist's jig on the bandsaw to round out a bowl blank.



Some of the turnout for the Saturday, January 10th Hands On at the Dust Bowl.



Hands On - February

Jeff Keller observes Mike Brown as he shapes the outside of his first box. The wood is cypress.



Ken Lindgren observes the technique of Kaillie Benson as she turns a bowl.

Joe Centorino points out an observation on the piece on the lathe to David Blake.



Peter Soltz watches as Jan Siebert turns a bowl.



Pictured (l-r) are Glenn Siegmann, Steve Wiseman and Jan Seibert on the left and David Blake with Joe Centorino on the right.