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Bill Dooley passed away September 24th in hospice after a brief illness. He joined MSSW around 2007. A long time club member, Bill was a frequent contributor to club events and shows. Always quick with a joke, Bill made everyone feel better.

Guests: Kelsey-Jean Lebovitz from Dedham
Mike Nee from Kingston

October 10th - Chainsaw party from 9:00 am until noon at 25 Richard Avenue in Sharon. Wood is maple and ash.

October demo - Turning a platter by Billy Martin

Refreshments supplied by Geoff Wilkinson

At the October meeting we will be voting for new club officers for 2027.

Finance - Ernie told us the club has \$4442 in the bank plus \$372 of scholarship money.

Billy Martin announced that the Arnold Arboretum had

58 bowls we made for their sponsor dinner which netted the club \$1450. Thank you for spearheading this project for us Billy!

The Arnold Arboretum Show takes place October 17th & 18th. We need one demonstrator inside from 11:00 until one pm.

Carl announced that the Scituate Art Walk will take place on October 3rd. from 9:00 - 4:00 on Front Street in Scituate harbor. He needs help for doing demos on the lathe, talking to people. There will be one mini lathe for turning.

I spoke to Bob Allen this afternoon (Thursday, 9/24) and

he is home now. He got up one morning recently, went into the bathroom and when he was coming out, tripped and fell. He sustained a crack between the two wings of one of his vertebrae in his neck. He says he feels pretty good though and has a little pain that comes and goes. He was told not to use a cane to get around, he is only supposed to use a walker or a wheelchair. He's not to lift anything over 5 pounds. The doctors are hoping the crack will heal by itself. In the meantime he has to go to Burlington next week for a brain scan as there is some blood in the brain. Bob is 91 years old.

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday
October 20**

Refreshments by:
Geoff wilkinson

Demo by:
Steve Wiseman

**NEXT HANDS ON
October 24**

**Need a Hands On
Mentor?**
Contact Glenn Siegmann
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Demo: Cupcake

Demo- Making cupcake boxes by Steve Wiseman (emphasis on beginner turners)

Steve began with two safety tips:

- 1.- It has to be safe
- 2.- It should be fun

He said, "Take a second to think about what you're doing, is it safe?"

Cupcake boxes can be any size. Steve began using a 2 1/2" square blank with a 3" round piece. He asked us, "How can you make a cupcake box with a mini lathe, without a chuck and with carbide turning tools?" (like when you first started turning). There are different ways to mount the wood template. One way is to use hot melt glue to hold the base (although the best way is to use carpenter's glue but who wants to wait overnight?). With a glue gun you need to melt the glue - two hundred watts equals 400 degrees. You want to be sure to melt the glue, not just warm it up. When turning the blank, use a high speed for a smoother cut. The diameter of the piece times the rpm should equal 6000 rpm. Most people turn at too low a speed and don't get a smooth cut. Steve then used a carbide gouge to drill a center hole (beginners might not have a Forstner bit available). Next Steve parted off the base of the box with a slight concave indentation to the bottom of it. He then cleaned the remain-

ing hot melt glue off of the waste block and trued it up for the next piece which was to be the top. He told us "The curve of the top of the cupcake box is in your touch, make it the way you want it to look." He told us to measure the top of the with dividers or use a ruler. First fit the top to the base. "Using a square carbide cutter to do this works fine." He added that you want to be able to pick up the box by the cherry finial so turn a tight fit but not so tight that you can't take it apart. Next cut a tenon for the jamb chuck for the top and drill it for the finial. Now shape the top.

How to turn a cherry without a chuck- take any piece of wood and turn a Morse taper on it, insert it into the head-stock and turn a ball. Steve told us he uses a quarter inch wrench to measure the thickness of the stem of the cherry which he then fit onto the top of the box completing the project.



Steve showed us the beginning blank attached to the waste block using hot melt glue prior to mounting it onto the lathe to turn the base of the cupcake box.



The finished bottom of the cupcake box.



Here we see the shape of the base of the box.



In this photo, Steve is fitting the base onto the top or lid of the box.



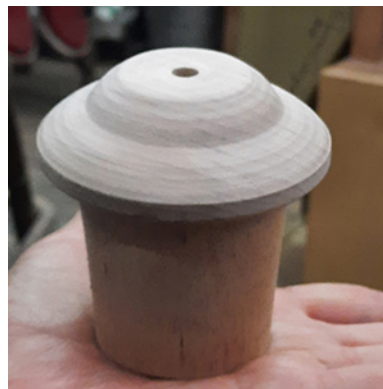
Demo: Cupcake



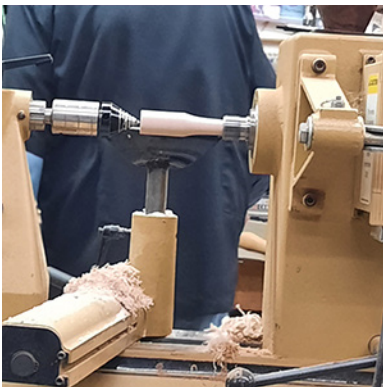
Steve has mounted the top and is partially separating the top prior to shaping it.



Here we see the shape of the top of the box being formed.



The completed top mounted onto the base of the box.



Steve uses a piece to turn a Morse taper for fitting it into the headstock in lieu of using a chuck in preparation for turning the cherry finial.



Steve has shaped the cherry and is turning the one quarter inch stem to mount it to the box.



The completed box.



Finance Report

MSSWT Treasurers Report 9/22/26

	8/25/2026	9/22/2026
Bank Balance	\$4,106.13	\$3,818.17
Cash	\$1,106.00	\$996.00
Total	\$5,212.13	\$4,814.17
Scholarship Fund	\$372.00	\$372.00
Club Total	\$4,840.13	\$4,442.17

Income

Dues	\$100.00	\$0.00
Store/Anchorseal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales 10%	\$130.50	\$0.00
Tool Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$230.50	\$0.00

Expenses

Top Material	\$0.00	\$110.00
Go Daddy	\$0.00	\$63.62
Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$173.62

Scholarship Fund **\$372.00**



Hands On



Billy Martin observes as Jan Siebert turns a bowl.



Left to right- Bob Berman in discussion with Bill Cyr and Wayne Sargo.



Pictured is Bruce Nash with Ron Reynolds



Joe Centorino explains a fine point to Richard Kilday.



Brian Bigelman works on a natural edge bowl.



Tim Rix watches as Angela turns a cylinder.



Show & Tell

Compiled by Joe Centorino and Jeff Keller



Pictured is a thinly turned spalted vase by Joe Wheeler from Bob Monaghan wood.



Here is a maple burl box with an ebonized walnut lid and padauk finial also from the lathe of Joe Wheeler.



Andy Osborne showed us this handles vase turned from white oak dyed then waxed then the top moved to forma pour spout. He found the handle at the town dump and added some nuts and bolts to the top rim. He calls it his "mead pitcher".



Ken Lindgren showed us this followup from last month. It's a chalice with whale's tails to which Melissa Fantasia added a blue resin to the shallow center. Ken then created a second base to give it some height.



Here's a second view of Ken's chalice.



Show & Tell



Carl Sjoquist has a black walnut salad bowl with decorative beads at the top.



Carl's second piece was this vase / hollow form turned from wild cherry.



Fred Johnson turned this elaborate black walnut platter with a feather off board on Joe Centorino's lathe with some help from Joe as a present for his daughter's birthday. It has an oil finish to which he may add some wipe on poly.



Carl's third piece was a shallow bowl with blue resin with a cut rim which he says is his Frisbee.



Show & Tell



You're looking at an almost complete selection of 130 pens turned by Wayne Sargo as a wedding present for his daughter's wedding. He had labels printed for the boxes like the one in the photo to be distributed by the bride and groom to attendees at their wedding. Nice work Wayne!



Here is the underside of a spalted maple bowl turned by Jeff Keller.



Here is the top of Jeff's bowl.

Bringback

At monthly meetings, members receive a raffle ticket.

Winners get 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.



Peter Soltz turned this natural edge small bowl from box elder which was won by Jonathan Nutter.



Ernie Leep showed us this box from box elder by Joe Centorino. It was won by Fred Johnson.