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AS THE WOOD TURNS

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The demo began with Billy Martin turning a platter. He began by showing us several platters he had previously turned, some of which had feet.

Typically three feet are made to allow for even positioning on a flat surface whether the platter becomes warped or not. Billy showed us how he made the feet using a power tool to cut around a turned ring and then cutting away between the feet. He said the blank should be about two inches thick. He likes to use a mortise on one side to hold the piece in place on the lathe. But preceding that, he turned a tenon on the opposite side first. He turned the piece around and cut a mortise around a quarter of an inch deep and proceeded to shape the underside of the platter. Next he flipped it around using the mortise and proceeded to shape the top. Billy said that he likes to curve the top inward "so that the cheese and crackers don't spill out". He added that "You learn from your mistakes." Billy uses a quarter inch bowl gouge to shape his platters plus two parting tools, a steak knife for the bottom. He uses Wipe On Poly after applying

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
November 23
at the Dust Bowl

Demo by:
Joe Wheeler

NEXT HANDS ON
November 21
9 am to 12 noon

Need a Hands On Mentor?
Contact Glenn Siegmann
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CHRISTMAS PARTY
MONDAY
DECEMBER 14

OB Shine Juice as a friction polish. Cracks are filled with sawdust from the piece along with CA glue.

Ken Lindgren then took the floor to tell us about the very large amount of burls that he along with Andy Osborne had delivered to the meeting. The burls were from Australia of Mallee both red and brown and Coolibah woods. Ken said one of his turning students told him about a woman who had them and was divorced from her husband who had previously purchased them. The burls were to be made available to members by drawing tickets in order to go pick one out and then getting a price of between $5.00 and $30.00 to pay Ernie to benefit the club. There were two drawings and afterwards there were still some burls left for $5.00 each. It was safe to say there were a lot of happy members. The sale of the burls netted $575.00.

Fred next announced that it had been brought to his attention that safety shields weren't being worn by some members at Hands On. He told us that he had the safety shield installed for Billy's demo as a result and that going forward face shields were optional for members but that "it is on you if you get hurt and not on the club."

Ernie gave us the finance report saying that the club had a net income of $4094. The Arboretum sale netted $3040. Then he added, "I have a proposal. Should the club raise dues to $65 or $75 a year or should we keep it at the current rate of $50 and have the club Christmas party and summer picnic be available to members for an admission fee of $5.00 a person?" After a little discussion, members voted to keep the dues at $50 and have a fee of $5.00 a person for the Christmas party and summer picnic.

We had officer elections for 2027. Incoming 2027 officers will be:

President Joseph Wheeler
Vice President Bob Berman
Treasurer Ernie Leep
Secretary Jeff Keller
Communications Director Fred Bickford

Bring Back



Here is a photo of Fred Johnson's Bringback.
It is a black walnut vase coated with epoxy inside and out. It was won by Jonathan Nutter.



Pictured is the Bringback bowl turned by new member Jonathan Nutter and won by Fred Johnson. It was interesting to note that out of a bowl full of Bringback tickets, the two winners each drew each other!

Demo: Turning a Platter



Here is one of Billy Martin's platters



This is the topside of Billy's finished demo platter.



Pictured is the underside of Billy Martins' finished demo platter.

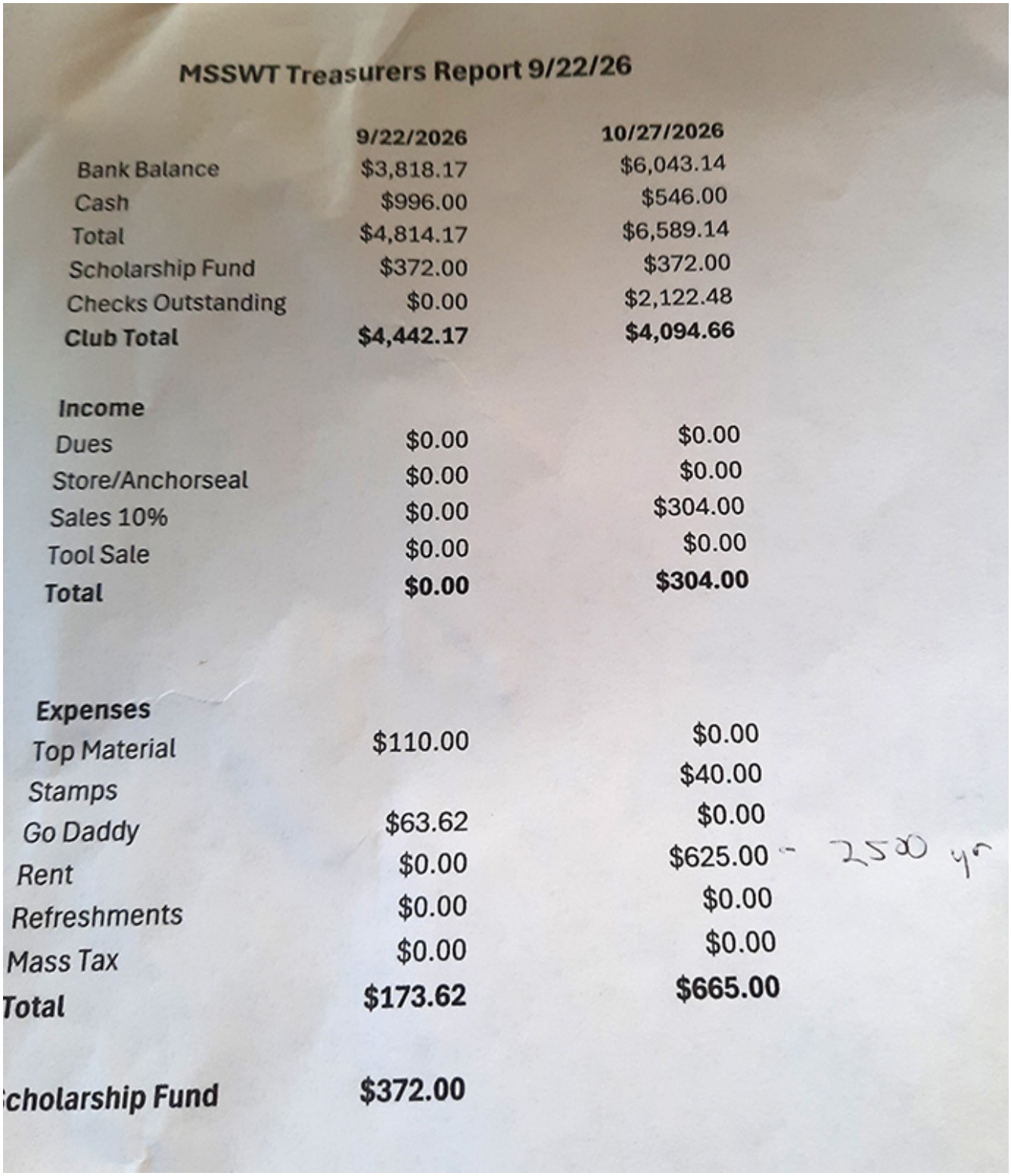


Here is a platter showing the feet by Billy.



Pictured is a second platter by Billy.

Yearly Expenses and Income



MSSWT Treasurers Report 9/22/26

	9/22/2026	10/27/2026
Bank Balance	$3,818.17	$6,043.14
Cash	$996.00	$546.00
Total	$4,814.17	$6,589.14
Scholarship Fund	$372.00	$372.00
Checks Outstanding	$0.00	$2,122.48
Club Total	**$4,442.17**	**$4,094.66**
Income		
Dues	$0.00	$0.00
Store/Anchorseal	$0.00	$0.00
Sales 10%	$0.00	$304.00
Tool Sale	$0.00	$0.00
Total	**$0.00**	**$304.00**
Expenses		
Top Material	$110.00	$0.00
Stamps		$40.00
Go Daddy	$63.62	$0.00
Rent	$0.00	$625.00 - 2500 yr
Refreshments	$0.00	$0.00
Mass Tax	$0.00	$0.00
Total	**$173.62**	**$665.00**
Scholarship Fund	**$372.00**	

Corn Festival

Sonny Tice and Bill Cyr along with Bob Berman (not shown) were at the Corn Festival at the YMCA in Hanover this past Saturday, turning tops for the kids and kid-like adults all day.





Two youngsters eagerly await the next two tops being tuned using their choice of colors.



It was a busy day for Sonny, Bill and Bob this past Saturday at the Corn Festival.

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Some of the burls up for grabs





Pictured are members viewing the burls that were brought to the meeting by Ken Lindgren and Andy Osborne.

For Sale

Jet 1442 lathe in Excellent condition. Has brand new belt.
Has variable speed drive. Is 1 HP
Has 360 degree pivoting headstock for out board turning.
Weighs approximately 355 pounds with cast iron legs
Has a 2 Morse Taper
Has a 14 inch swing with 42 inch distance between centers.
Uses standard 115 volt outlet.
Selling for $650
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