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## May, 2004 “Turnings”

**Attendance:** 35 members and 1 guest, Doug Pearson of Cumberland, were in attendance. Doug later paid his \$10 dues, so he is now a member.

**President Ken D’Ambrosio** opened the meeting by stressing the importance of joining the **American Association of Woodturners**, the organization of which we are a chapter. **Secretary, George Nazareth** passed out AAW membership forms to members. Members may also join the AAW by going on line at <http://www.woodturner.org/> and clicking How to Join AAW. George Nazareth mentioned that the AAW is now involving local members as never before in their planning and committees.

**Twining: Jeff Mee** encourages members to suggest words and phrases that have different meanings here in the US than in the UK. **Dave Gibbard**, the editor of the Hampshire Woodturners newsletter, “Your Turn”, wants to write an article about these many differences in meaning.

**Freedom Pen Project: Larry Dunklee** talked to **Governor Carcieri** about our upcoming pen-a-thon on Sunday, June 13th. He found out that three Rhode Island divisions are now in Iraq and another 3 divisions have already returned home. We would need to make about 500 pens to satisfy this need. Jeff Mee mentioned that we have already committed ourselves to making 50 pens for the **Saw Mill Creek** group, which originated this project, so we must meet that obligation before we turn pens for the Rhode Island National Guard personnel in Iraq. A discussion ensued on the number of pens that our members could realistically make for this project.

**A motion was made and passed** that Jeff Mee and Angelo Iafrate purchase 100 pen kits for about \$2.50 each with club funds.

**Ken D’Ambrosio** reports that he got to meet with the State Adjutant General on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and the General was very pleased to receive the beautiful pen that **Chris Horn** had donated at the last meeting. More importantly, the General was deeply moved by our members wanting to make and donate pens for those men and women who had been wounded in Iraq protecting our rights and freedom. If we were to make 150 to 200 pens to be given to the Rhode Islanders wounded in combat, the General would like to

arrange some sort of ceremony to recognize our contributions. Ken will inform the General of our progress in the future.

**Wayne Collins** mentioned that his **Tiverton Middle School** group of Junior Ocean Woodturners made the front page of the **Fall River Herald News**. The article mentioned how our own **Angelo Iafrate** demonstrated how to turn pens. The kids were very enthusiastic about the pen project for our service men and women and hope to complete 40 pens by the end of the school year in June. These pens are committed to the **Saw Mill Creek project**.

**We need a new video camera: Steve Imms** stated that our old video camera is no longer working properly and that we need to get another one. After discussion, a motion was made and passed that Steve Imms purchase a new digital video camera with a price limit of \$400.

**Angelo Iafrate** reports that the **AAW** is hoping to bring to the U. S. a noted French turner, **Jean-Francois Escolen**. If he does come to this country, there is a possibility that he would be available to us for a Saturday demonstration and a Sunday one-on-one workshop. Angelo will keep us abreast of this.

## Special Notice

**Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**All Day from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Angelo Iafrate** is having a bowl-turning session at his home workshop in Johnston to benefit the Edgewood Children's Ranch in Florida, which assists children from broken homes. Angelo will have 4 or more lathes set up with as many bowl blanks as he can muster. The plan is to turn as many bowls as possible. This is an AAW "give back to the community project". The kids will be bussed in to the Orlando Symposium and they will spend the day learning about woodturning. It is a great cause and we hope you will turn out en force. Since it is an all day affair, feel free to bring food and drink with you. Angelo will provide a grill for cooking and a cooler for drinks. Anyone and everyone is welcome. For more information call Angelo at 943-1349 or email [iafrateturns@cox.net](mailto:iafrateturns@cox.net)

### Demonstration: Off-Center Turning.



**Emilio Iannuccillo** did the explaining and **Mickey Goodman** did the turning. This was an oval turning, which required re-chucking to get the oval shape. While Mickey was turning, Emilio explained the various methods of chucking off-center turnings including the use of a wooden faceplate. The final piece that Mickey ended up turning was adhered with hot melt glue to the wooden piece held in the Nova Chuck. As fate would have it, the hot melt glue was not strong enough and the piece flew off. Mickey was not flustered at all, and requested some 5-minute epoxy from Chris Horn and in a few minutes the turning progressed to a fine conclusion.

## Show and Tell:



- 1 - **Dick Murphy:** a natural edge bowl
- 2 - **Ron Chatterley:** a small maple bowl
- 3 - **Ron Chatterley:** a spalted oak bowl
- 3A - **Ron Chatterley:** a spalted bowl
- 4 - **Rick Sousa:** a maple hat
- 5 - **Rick Sousa:** a small bowl with "ebonized" finish
- 6 - **Rick Sousa:** a small bowl of American Holly with salad bowl finish
- 7 - **Rick Sousa:** a small bowl with "ebonized" finish
- 8 - **Mickey Goodman:** a lidded box
- 9 - **Bill Smith:** A Black Walnut Goblet
- 10 - **Jeff Mee:** a large Cherry bowl
- 11 - **Jeff Mee:** a spalted Black Locust bowl
- 12 - **Jeff Mee:** an Ambrosia Maple hat (under the tutelage of Rick Sousa)

**Rick Sousa's formula for "ebonizing" wood:**  
Place steel wool for a few days in a container of vinegar. Then rub the mixture into the wood, which turns the wood dark brown. When the wood dries, rub salad bowl oil on the wood, which turns it even darker.

**Raffle:** A great many pieces of wood and timber were brought in for the raffle including 3 prized and coveted large slabs of figured Maple about 2 ½ " thick (See # 13 in Show & Tell picture). The 36 members present place a total of 60 one dollar bills in the respective paper bags. The bags for the 3 Maple slabs were attracting the most dollars. Some members put 2 or 3 dollars into the bags in hope of getting one of these Maple slabs. I really think that this raffle exceeded all other meeting raffles by adding \$60.00 to our treasury.

Next Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2004  
Demonstration by Ken D'Ambrosio  
Assisted by Curt Mason and Richard Murphy  
"Methods of Lathe Chucking"

**Special Notice**

**Member Peter Olsen is very ill with Leukemia. He is having trouble finding a donor for bone marrow and also blood donors and platelet donors. He may be contacted at [antecchia@aol.com](mailto:antecchia@aol.com) or call at 783-3505. His life is in peril and may be severely shortened because of this lack of donors. Any help would be greatly appreciated.**