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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

First and foremost, I'd like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me as your president. I will do my very best to ensure the viability, growth, and success of our club.

For those of you who may not know me, I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a little bit of my background. I've been working in the high-tech field for 15 years as a Network Engineer. In July 2001, I was "dot commed" (i.e. laid off). With a decent severance package (and a sagging economy), I decided to take a long overdue vacation and re-discovered the joy woodworking in my long unused (but reasonably well equipped) shop.

In December 2001, I bought my first lathe to turn some table legs. The last time I used a lathe was back in junior high (early 70s) and it wasn't any easier now. I purchased several video tapes and books, but things like "rubbing the bevel" were still beyond me.

Then I took a class at Woodcraft, taught by Frank Movitz in January 2002. Everything came together and the rest, as they say, is history. That was the turning point (no pun intended) in my career.

I was addicted to turning. Spending all my time in the shop making HUGE piles of shavings and occasionally a decent project. Day in and day out I was turning...at least 6 hours a day and even more on the weekends. I experimented with the ins and outs of grinding, cutting, material selection/orientation, shape, balance, etc. Over the past year, I purchased two more lathes and I don't know how many tools & accessories. I went to other turners shops, to seminars, to the AAW Symposium, to other clubs. Anywhere I could possibly learn something about turning....and enjoyed every minute of it!

Now its finally paying off. This year will be my first as a "professional" woodturner. Who would have thought I would be president of a turning club?

- Peter Teubel



SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear a face shield
- Start your lathe at the slowest speed
- Give thick CA glue some time to cure. Its not insttant like the thin stuff.
- Protect your lungs with a dust mask

NEW CLUB OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new club officers!

President	Peter Teubel
Internal Vice President	Mike Green
External Vice President	Dave Eaton
Treasurer	Andy Osborne
Secretary	Bobbi Tornheim
Assistant Secretary	Sharon Green
Librarian	Richard Vose

You'll notice we have added a few more positions to the board. This is done to facilitate the various responsibilities. Details of each position is described in the updated bylaws (see our web site).



TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

The immortal words of Bob Dylan ring with irony when describing the future of the club. Things are changing...for the better!

A board meeting of all the officers was held on January 25, 2003 at the Lexington Crafts Guild. We spent 6 hours brainstorming and discussing the club's mission, agenda, and future. Many excellent ideas and suggestions were offered and decided upon. I say "decided upon" because we need to start SOMETHING new immediately.

In order for our club to prosper, we need to know what YOU want. Why do you fight traffic every month to come to the meetings? What are you looking to get out of the club? WHY ARE YOU HERE?? We need to know so we can continue to improve and keep your interest. After all, we're here to serve you...the member. This is YOUR club.

Effective immediately we will have a suggestion box available at each and every meeting. If you have any suggestions, comments, or complaints, please take the initiative to write it down and put it in the box. Of course, you're more than welcome to e-mail any of the club's officers directly, if you wish. Either way, if you don't help us, we cannot help YOU.

So, now you know where we stand. While waiting for your input, we've going to try some new ideas. We're going to have a few hand-on

demonstrations (simultaneously) on various techniques. This will give you a chance not only to see the technique close up, but also to try it yourself.

We will also be starting a monthly Club Challenge. The purpose of this is to "challenge" you into exploring areas of turning that you might not have tried or considered before. New experiences is what makes us grow, so please participate. As you're mother always said, "Its for your own good!".

Tool making would be another idea. Not just miniature hollowing tools made from old hex wrenches, but something like a Jamison D-handle boring bar, complete with laser holder. How about making your own vacuum adapter and chucks? The possibilities are endless.

We have also thought of subjects for discussion in lieu of a regular demonstration or presentation. Like "How I got into turning" or a expanded show & tell session. Perhaps we could bring in "problem" pieces for the group to offer creative ideas on repairs or embellishments. We all have pieces sitting around that could benefit from this.

If there is something in particular you'd like to see, PLEASE let us know! With your input, we'll be on the road to another successful year!

CLUB LOGO

We will FINALLY have a vote for the club logo at our February meeting. Submissions will be posted around the room for inspection. ONE of them will be our logo. We can always change it in the future, but for now, we need SOMETHING to give us a sense of identity.

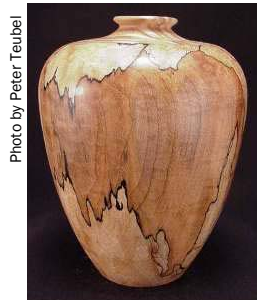


Photo by Peter Teubel

Spalted Maple
3 1/2" x 5"
Peter Teubel



Photo by Peter Teubel

Sycamore
3 1/4" x 5 1/2"
Peter Teubel

"In order for our club to prosper, we need to know what YOU want."



Photo by Peter Teubel

Spalted Beech
3 1/2" x 6"
Peter Teubel

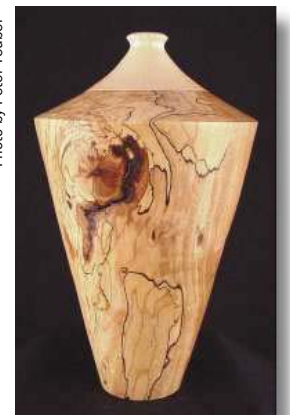


Photo by Peter Teubel

Spalted Beech
4 1/2" x 7"
Peter Teubel

VIDEO/BOOK REVIEWS

Bowl Turning for Dummies with Luke Mann

- Peter Teubel

Produced by the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers (GNHW). I rented this video from the Central New England Woodturner's (CNEW) earlier this month. Its basically a video of Luke Mann's demonstration at a GNHW meeting, so don't be expecting a Raffan-type production quality video. However, I assure you, it's not for dummies. Luke gives many tips on turning a bowl, from texturing the surface with an Arbortech grinder to coloring with "liquid iron" (steel wool dissolved in vinegar).

Signatures in Wood

- Peter Teubel

Another video I rented from the CNEW club. It profiled three women turners. Judy Ditmer, Michele Holzapfel, and Betty Scarpino. What really made this interesting was the section on Michele Holzapfel. While most of her work is done off the lathe, the basic shapes are done on a metal lathe! No standard lathe hand tools involved at all. Watching her spin those cross slide wheels to move the cutter head so fluidly was really wild. She can turn a curve as graceful as one can do with a gouge.



Photo by Peter Teubel

Figured Maple
7" x 3"
Mike Green



Photo by Dave Eaton

Mahogany
5" dia
Dave Eaton

“While most of her work is done off the lathe, the basic shapes are done on a metal lathe! “



Photo by Dave Eaton

Rosewood
Dave Eaton

VENDOR NEWS

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop Discount

I've just found out that Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, known mainly for its abrasives, has a guild program that gives member clubs a 10% discount on all non-electrical powered merchandise in its catalog. In addition, they will provide catalogs, give donations for raffles, provide articles for our newsletter and provide advice on sanding applications and problems. There are many clubs in the program to date, but none from New England. All we

have to do is provide them with our membership list including name, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Klingspor assures us that they will not distribute this information with any 3rd party. This matter should be discussed at the February meeting.

3M Power Visor Replacement Battery Packs

Dave Reel (who is a member of the Capital Area Woodturners chapter in Virginia) will rebuild your stock battery

pack with upgraded internals that will provide 10 hours use instead just 4 hours that the stock battery pack provides. This service is only \$25 as compared to a new battery pack from 3M at \$60. Sounds like an awesome deal if you own one of these visors. More details at his web site: www.members.cox.net/dreel.

Rockler Affiliate Program

We have applied for Rockler's affiliate program. This



Photo by Peter Teubel

Red Oak
8" x 9"
Mike Green

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entails putting a link to Rockler's web site on our web site. By visiting and shopping thru the link on our web page, we earn a 10% commission on all sales therein, \$0.50 for each catalog request, and they will provide some free content for our web pages (strictly optional, of course). Hey, its free money! You'll know we've been accepted when the Rockler link shows up in our vendor section.

Woodcraft Store in Woburn

Don't forget that as members of A.R.T. we enjoy a 10% discount on all non-electric powered products.

Royal Sales

www.sandpaper.ca

If you're looking for a good quality, inexpensive source for Velcro-backed sandpaper discs, you can't beat 'em.

They're 2" & 3" sandpaper discs are good quality and don't separate even under extreme heat. Many members have used their products and have nothing but good things to say about them. Keep in mind that the prices shown on their web site are in Canadian dollars, so subtract approx 45% to get the price in US dollars. Shipping usually runs approx \$8.00 (US\$).

Photo by Dave Gillette



Dave Gillette's display

Photo by Dave Eaton



Mike Green in his shop

VIDEO LIBRARY OFF TO A GREAT START

Our video library is off to a roaring start! This is due to the generosity of Mike Green, who donated 2 tapes and Peter Teubel, who donated 10 tapes. Thanks, the club is indebted to you guys.

Our library now consists of the following video titles:

- * *Turning Wood with Richard Raffan*
- * *Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan*
- * *Turning Projects with Richard Raffan*
- * *Bowl Turning with Del Stubbs*

- * *Skill Building Projects with Mark St. Leger*
- * *Sharpening Fundamentals*
- * *Turning Projects from Scrap with Bob Rosand*
- * *Natural Lipped Bowls - Ken Bullock*
- * *Wooden Bowls on a Budget - Ken Bullock*
- * *Rude Osolnik - Dean of American Woodturners*
- * *David Ellsworth Tape #1*
- * *David Ellsworth Tape #3*
- * *Skew Chisel with Alan Lacer*

If anyone would like to donate any ORIGINAL videos (no copies), please contact any of the club's officers.

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FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA

Our meeting has been changed to **FRIDAY 02/28/03** because of Woodcraft's annual 10%-off everything sale that is on our usual meeting date. The store management would like to keep the parking lot clear for patrons of that sale. Also, be aware that the store will be **CLOSED** for purchases at (and to the public) 7pm. They are keeping the shop open for our meeting, though. If you need to buy any-

thing, you'll have to do it **BEFORE** the meeting.

6 : 3 0 p m - 7 : 0 0 p m

Arrive early for some social time and get a better parking spot!

7 : 0 0 p m - 7 : 3 0 p m

Club business, announcements, voting on logo and bylaws, club challenge details.

7 : 3 0 p m - 7 : 4 5 p m

Break and demo setup

7 : 4 5 p m - 8 : 4 5 p m

Hand-on demo. Mike Green teaching the "Ellsworth Shuffle" (shear cutting with the Ellsworth grind) and Peter Teubel teaching the Back-Hollowing cut (made famous by Richard Raffan).

* If you want to get your tools ground to the specs needed for either of these two techniques, bring 'em in! We'll shape and sharpen them for

you. We're going to be using a 3/8" spindle gouge and a 1/2" bowl gouge.

8 : 4 5 p m - 9 : 0 0 p m

Clean up and wood swap.

MONTHLY TIPS

ANTI-TORQUE HANDLE

- Peter Teubel

Do you use those small ¼” Sorby hollowing tools? If so, you are no doubt aware of the torque they can put on your wrist when hollowing. Take a pair of vise grips and grip the shank next to the handle. Make it a tight grip and this added leverage with left hand on the vise grips gives a great boost to control and makes the length of the wooden handle pretty much a non issue. Try it with the grips straight up and also coming off to the left and see which you like best.

BLACK HANDS

- Peter Teubel

Ever get those dreaded black spots all over your hands after turning woods high in tannin like Oak? Try using lemon juice or just slice of lemon. If those spots are still there, try CLR brand cleaner (available in the cleaning supplies area of your favorite store). Both contain citric acid which it the active ingredient that does the job.

ANOTHER USE FOR WD40

- Peter Teubel

If your belt on your lathe (or any other tool for that matter) is slipping due to a hard glaze on the sides, give it a shot of good ol’ WD40. It’ll slip for a

second or two then grab real nice. The WD40 softens up the hard glaze a bit to “renew” the belt (until you can get a new one, of course). As Murphy’s Law states, once you have a spare belt, the original one won’t fail.

WHAT IS IT?

- Peter Teubel

If you have a piece of wood that you can’t identify, the U.S. Government will identify 6 pieces of wood per year without charge (taxpayer money). The piece you send should be very small - they can identify a piece as small as a toothpick. The address is U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 54705-2398.

TENACIOUS GRIP

- Peter Teubel

Next time you have to replace the Velcro on your sanding disc holder, try a product called “emblem cement”. It is sold in just about all auto supply stores and is very tenacious stuff. It needs to dry overnight though for max strength.

SLOW JET 1236

-Peter Teubel

If you have experienced the common problem of a sticking Reeves drive in your Jet 1236 lathe, here’s what I have done to fix the problem. I remove the belt cover and spray Brake & Contact Cleaner (available at any auto parts store) on the spindle shaft to the right of the pulley. Soak it well. While standing to the side to avoid the spray, I turn on the lathe and move the speed control back and forth while spraying MORE of the cleaner on the shaft. While it’s still running, I spray a small amount of White Lithium Grease (again, available at any auto parts store) on the shaft, again moving the speed control back and forth. This frees up the pulley and restores speed control. I do this on a weekly basis.

CA GLUE SPREADER

- Peter Teubel

The cellulose in cloth and paper acts as a catalyst to the CA glue. CA glue is best applied to the wood surface with a synthetic material. A little applicator can be made by wrapping some masking tape around one end of a puff of synthetic batting material from the sewing shop. The tape will keep it off the fingers.



Photo by Dave Eaton

Bobbie Tornheim at our December Open Turning Meeting

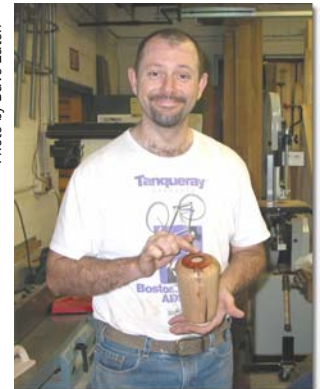


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Dietrich Kulze at our December Open Turning Meeting

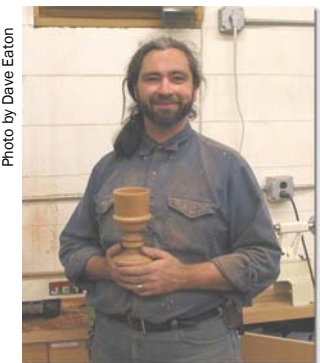


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Devon at our December Open

“...the U.S. Government will identify 6 pieces of wood per year without charge...”



Association of Revolutionary Turners

“ G E T I N V O L V E D ”

~ LEGAL STUFF ~

The Association of Revolutionary Turners (A.R.T.) was founded in 2001 to support the needs of woodturners in eastern Massachusetts. Its purpose is to provide education, information, and organization to those interested in woodturning. We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Woodcraft Store in Woburn, MA. Memberships are on a calendar basis from January 1st through December 31st. Annual dues is \$20 per person.

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Harold Hansen, Frank Movitz, Peter Teubel, Derrick DePaske at Harold's shop

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Frank Movitz, Ken Dubay, Mike Green at Ken's shop

Photo by Richard Vose



Mike & Sharon Green at the 2002 Topsfield Fair

Photo by Dave Eaton



Peter Teubel at his shop with his 3-person lathe

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Club dues are due for fiscal year 2003. Please help the club continue to prosper by bringing your dues to the February meeting. We now have an official club bank account so we CAN accept checks (no plastic yet, though, but we're working on it!).

MARCH 27 MEETING

- New Club Challenge
- Logo Merchandising Plan
- "Turning a Bowl Between Centers" by Bobbi Tornheim
-