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FEBRUARY 21ST, 2008 MEETING MINUTES BY SHARON GREEN

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February Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by our new president, Isaac Burk. Big round of applause to Isaac for taking this position on. Approximately 28 members were in attendance. Isaac gave a quick run-down of how he would like to see the meeting run: club business 7:00-7:30, show and tell 7:30-8:00, demo 8:10-9:00, wood swap 9:15.

We welcomed three new members this evening: Dan Downey, Robert Blunt, and Debra Fox. President Isaac informed our members that we do have a mentorship program. Two of our members who are mentors, Andy Osborne and Derrick TePaske, introduced themselves to all and said they would be more than willing to give their time in helping to teach woodturning to any new member. All it takes is a phone call. Phone numbers can be found on the website. This brought some discussion of how well our turners have grown. Not only do they sell their wares to the public, they also teach woodturning to the public, for instance, Donna Banfield, Ron Pouliot, Dave Eaton, and Pete Teubel.

Member Derrick TePaske wanted to take the time to thank member Dick Vose, who was kind enough to help him repair his lathe. After playing phone tag with the maker of the lathe, he was looking at some pretty expensive repairs, but with Dick helping, it cost him nothing. Thanks, Dick!

Open Turning Day will be held on March 22 at Middlesex Community College. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. Members with small lathes are asked to bring them along with their turning tools. For any member who wants to learn something special, this is the perfect time to get a little one-on-one with our members. We will also be having a silent auction. If you have any wood-related items that you would like to get rid of, the club would gladly take them off your hands. All proceeds from the event will help benefit the club. A large wood swap is also planned for the day. It's a great time for everyone to get to know each other while having some fun. More details will be e-mailed soon.

Safety Tips

Always wear a face shield!!!!

Make sure your tailstock is

LOCKED before turning on

the lathe!!!

When you have to chase your

lathe around the room, you're

turning speed is too high!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES.....

CA Glue & Accelerator Available

Thin CA Glue	2oz	\$4.00	2" & 3" Velcro Backed sandpaper Discs
Medium CA Glue	2oz	\$4.00	80-400 grit 10/Pack \$2.00
Thick CA Glue	2oz	\$4.00	
Accelerator w/pump	2oz	\$3.00	
Anchor seal	1gal	\$7.00	

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Upcoming events: President Isaac is looking to have more enjoyable challenges this year. If anyone has suggestions on some fun challenges, please let him know. One of the things he would like to improve on is member participation. We are looking for members willing to help with the newsletter, Club reporters, and someone to help Gary Benjamin with getting the newsletter out. Member Joe Beaton volunteered to help from time to time with articles for the newsletter (thanks, Joe). One item that was voted and approved was to have a picnic with a woodturning challenge. We are looking to hold this event somewhere convenient for all. Suggestions are welcome. Please let President Isaac know if you can help. More details to follow.

It was voted and approved to have a celebrity woodturner come in again this year. Discussion went around as to who, and basically it comes down to how much money do we have and who's in the neighborhood. V.P. John Flynn will form a committee to look into this event.

It was also voted and approved to have a summertime shop visit in lieu of a regular meeting. This event is where any number of our members are encouraged to open their home shops for other members to come and visit. Members Ron Pouliot and Peter Patalano offered their shops. More details on this event to follow.

Member Mike Souter has graciously allowed the use of his truck for the wood swap. If we have too much wood, he stated that we could use the back of his truck and hold the wood swap outside so we would not have to lug all the wood inside. Thanks, Mike!

The club has run out of Anchorseal and is looking to replace the last 55-gallon drum. We need a place to store it. In the past Pete Teubel has stored it for us with no problems, but lately Pete has a hard time making our meetings due to work so we need a new place to store the barrel. Can anybody help? Side note: since this meeting Gary Bashin has worked it out with Pete to let us store the Anchorseal at Pete's and Gary will bring the 1-gallon jugs to the meeting. So we ask all to start saving their empty round 1-gallon jugs. (The jugs that windshield washer fluid comes in and NO milk jugs please.)

Another suggestion was the wearing of name tags, other clubs in the area use them. It was thought to be a good idea, but no takers to help get it started. If interested, talk to the president. Along with the name tags President Isaac came across a brochure about us that we use during selling venues. He would like to have them on hand to be able to give them out to all new members. Again we thought it was a great idea but no volunteers to help get it started. If interested, please let Isaac know.

A reminder to all members that it is the beginning of the year and club dues are due. Membership coordinator Dick Vose will collect all dues. Dick also has an info list on all members that he would like to update. Please take a look and update where needed. Our members were reminded that we are a chapter of AAW and that for \$45 a year you can join and receive some fabulous magazines and be able to venture out and meet members from all around the world. If interested, please apply online.

No treasurer's report this evening because our treasurer was not present. The vote we were to take on the bylaws has been postponed again to give our members a chance to read them. A vote will be taken at our next regular meeting in April.

Member Andy Osborne has kindly donated sea urchins to our club to sell. These are the same urchins that Peter Patalano used to make his Christmas ornaments. Thanks, Andy! The club will be selling them at \$2 each. Peter Patalano also offered anybody who wanted to order larger quantities that he would be willing to order with them to save money on shipping. Anyone interested let him know.

Sorry that the videos were not here this evening. Mike Souter, our new librarian, is vacationing in Florida and couldn't make the meeting. But he did send word that he would like to upgrade the library by putting all videos on DVDs. Member Peter Patalano stated that he would work with Mike to make this happen. Member George Whippen has a dust collection system that he is not using and will donate to the silent auction if someone is willing to come pick it up. He was informed that someone would pick it up. Thanks, George! New member Robert Blunt has some plastic strips for the table saw he is willing to donate also. Thanks, Robert.

My apologies at this point, member Steve Resnek stated something about urethane oil in large quantity and selling it in smaller sizes like the Anchorseal, but I didn't get the whole conversation. Sorry.

Break called at 8:00pm. Meeting resumed at 8:10pm with show and tell.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES—CONTINUED

BY SHARON GREEN

Show and Tell:

Isaac Burk showed his first bowl ever. It was made out of Douglas fir. He enjoyed it so much he went out and bought a lathe. Now he just has to set it up.

Gary Kaplan made an ash and mahogany bowl that he so kindly donated to Dave Eaton and the wheelchair project. Thanks, Gary.

Gary Bashin had a cherry bowl destined for the scrap bin, but was able to save it. While turning it, he made the bottom a little too thin, but not a problem. He added some multi-colored diamond wood to it and it looked brand new. Nice save, Gary. He also had the collaborative effort to pass on to someone new. This is the beginning of a large wooden drill bit, made from walnut. Gary used his legacy mill to make the spiral flutes. Our newest member, Robert Blunt, took it to form the end of the drill bit.

Donna Banfield showed off her hat that she won at the Michelsen demo. Every member who attended got their name put in a drawing for Michelsen to custom fit a hat for the winner to do the demo. Donna being the winner got to take the hat home and do the finishing touches to it. She enjoyed the demo so much that she went to Michelsen's 3-day workshop at his place in Vermont. Her husband is very pleased with the result of his hat. Great job, Donna. Both hats are made of curly maple.

Derrick TePaske made a large cherry vase with an ebony collar on it. On the outside he used colored modeling paste. Derrick stated he enjoys using the paste because you can get different types of finishes from it. And if you don't like it you can get it off easily and start again. One issue that did arise was that he found out that sunlight will turn it ebony brown.

Joe Beaton made a toothpick holder that was inspired from a video he saw online at woodmagazine.com/video. Hollowing was done with a forstner bit. The only thing he would have done differently is to make the spool longer.

Robert Blunt had a spalted ambrosia maple bowl he made. He had some questions about reducing tear out. Suggestions were made and the general consensus was that it really is a matter of technique and that with more practice he will overcome it. He also had a tiny marble bowl from a piece of wood he purchased at Rockler.

Jane Gardner had a firewood bowl that we passed around trying to find out what flavor wood it was. Everyone seemed to think that it was Ash. She also had two pretty cherry burl pots that she made.

Ralph Rumery had several Kaleidoscopes this evening. Ralph will be doing a demo this evening on Kaleidoscopes.

John Santoro learned a hard lesson while making his 4-in-1 tool from a kit. The woods he used were walnut, maple, and lacewood. While in bed later he started to get an allergic reaction to the lacewood. Not a fun thing to have happen. He has recovered and is not planning to have that happen again.

Peter Patalano had several shaving brushes in a variety of different woods.

Andy Osborne made a beautiful apple vase that was wrapped with copper wire. It also had holes cut on its side and was burned with a blow torch. Nice job, Andy.

Mike Green showed some "bowl bottom donkers" as he called them that he made. They are a machined device that screws into a face plate that has an exact center hole

into which a center punch is inserted and then struck to "Donk" a precise center

mark in the bottom of a bowl BEFORE the face plate is removed. Mike offered these for sale at \$10.00 each and all six were sold with the proceeds donated to the club. Mike also showed a replica of an old window latch that he made from scratch. More details can be seen here:

<http://bbs.homeshopmachinist.net/showthread.php?t=26707&highlight=window+latch>

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The wood chain is being started back up this evening. Six pieces of wood were given to some of our members and they were asked to take them home, do something to them, and bring them back next month where they will be passed around to more members to add to the pieces. When the pieces are completed, they will be donated to Dave Eaton and his wheelchair project. It will be nice to see what the end products will be.

Wood swap this evening took in \$13 and another \$60 from the donation of Mike Green's bowl bottom donkers that he made and donated the proceeds from to the club.

The demo this evening is Ralph Rumery turning a Kaleidoscope.

Pictures:

Going forward pictures will be displayed on the ART Yahoo groups site:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/art_woburn

ART Mentoring Program

Our Mentoring program is designed to help the novice as well as the intermediate turners in the club. Take advantage of the Mentors listed below. They've all agreed to spend a few hours with anyone to help the beginner get started or the intermediate to advance their skills. All it takes is a phone call to make an appointment.

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Association of Revolutionary Turners

Get Involved

The Association of Revolutionary Turners (A.R.T.) was founded in 2002 to support the needs of woodturners in eastern Massachusetts. Its purpose is to provide education, information and organization for those interested in woodturning. Currently we meet at the Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington on the third Thursday of the month. Memberships are on a calendar basis from January 1st through December 31st. Annual dues are \$30.00 per person.

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Silicone Bottle Stoppers > Alternate Turning Method

by

Joe Beaton

As I am still a relatively new Turner, I tend to follow the directions given for specific projects, ie: Pens, Bottle Stoppers, Whistle Keyrings, Toothpick Holders, etc.

The Crafts Supply Silicone Stopper calls for a 3/8" hole to be drilled in the blank, glue the Maple Dowel in the blank, mount the dowel in the Dowel Chuck and turn. If you remember my opening statement in the Smart Shopper Article, we Turners are a frugal bunch. Well, that Dowel Chuck is an additional \$40 + S&H and I didn't want to go there!

So, I thought I could use my Jacob's Chuck or a Collet; neither method worked as I imagined..... After all, it's not a Dowel Chuck. As much as I tightened the Jacob's Chuck, even to the point of biting in, it still didn't hold! On top of that, I had instances of the Dowels breaking off, shredding, slipping, etc. Not being one to waist Exotic Wood, I drilled out the hole undersized, tapped it and mounted it to threaded stock which enabled me to turn with success.

If you don't want to spend an additional \$40 for the Dowel Chuck, and you have a Jacob's Chuck or Collet Set, this is the process I used with great success.

Drill an 21/64" hole in the blank

Tap the hole with a 3/8"x16tpi tap

Insert a piece of 3/8"x16tpi threaded rod into the Jacob's Chuck

* Threaded Rod becomes your Mandrel

4. Screw the blank on the threaded rod and turn

5. When turning is complete, ream the hole with a 3/8" drill bit or reamer; I do it by hand

Super Glue the dowel to the blank and install the Silicone Stopper

Finish can be applied on the Lathe or Beale Wheel..... Use your preferred method

I hope you found this article to be informative; and, hopefully, prevent you from falling into the same pitfalls that beset me.



Keep Turning,

Joe