

WNY WOODTURNERS II

VOLUME IX ISSUE 24 March 15, 2004

Meetings 7:30 PM; Second Thursday
Hamburg Middle School
360 Division Street
Hamburg, New York

<http://www.wnywoodturners.com>

The next scheduled meeting is **Friday, April 2** at **7:30 pm**.

Announcements

Our own, **Paul Mazuchowski**, will be the featured demonstrator at the April meeting. Paul will turn his toy swords and/or fluting. Paul is presently working on a fluting program and hopes to have it ready in time of our next meeting. Either way it should be another good demo.

*Please remember our **April meeting will be Friday, April 2**. Mark your calendars, please!!*

As you know **Western New York Woodturners-II** is bringing in **Mark St. Leger**, to demonstrate for **all** turners who are interested in increasing their knowledge and skills. Mark will present a full day's program of items that can be turned on any size lathe, mini to Oneway-2436. Items will include: an executive spin-top (it will spin for 3 minutes), a rocker bowl (turned with the grain on a bias), an off center pod box (using a standard chuck) and a lidded box (with hand chased threads.)

We will raffle items donated by **Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, Penn State Industries, Advantage Trim and Lumber, U.C. Coatings, Buffalo Hardwoods**, and others, at various times during the course of the program.

Tickets for this very promising demo are \$15-for members of Club 2 and \$ 20-for non-members.

To purchase tickets contact: **Rich Sarama-** (716) 892-4765, **Paul Mazuchowski-** (716) 896-3095, **Kurt Hertzog-** (585) 359-2235, or **Jake Debski-**(585) 937-7644.

We also have six remaining spots for the two hands on demos. The cost is \$40 for an entire day of hands on learning with **Mark St. Leger**. Mark is well known and highly respected throughout the **AAW** for his teaching ability. Mark's good friend, **Bob Rosand**, will be assisting Mark both days. Talk about a Dynamic Duo! These hands-on classes will be held on **Sunday, May 23** and **Monday, May 24** at **Barb's Barn**. Classes

are open to all area club members. Contact **Rich Sarama- (716) 892-4765** for details, payment, etc.

President's Letter

Participation

A goal that I set for myself this year was to increase the participation by the members of the club. I accept the fact that in virtually all organizations 90% of the things needing to be done are completed by 10% of the people. It's an unfortunate but true situation. Regardless, I am and will continue to try to get more people "involved" to help spread the load.

One thing that is beginning to take off is the preparation of the items for our fund raising events. Every meeting I see more and more items that people are making to donate to the effort ahead of time. While this is refreshing, it seems to be mostly the same people. When you are in the shop and have a few moments, grab some scrap wood or whatever and make a couple of wine stoppers, stick pens, chain pulls, or whatever your specialty item may be, with the thought of giving them to the cause. It'll only take a few minutes and you'll really be helping the effort. If everyone did just a couple of things, a few times during the year, we'd be in great shape when the time for the show(s) arrives. To those who have been helping –thank you. To those who are still sitting back, what are you waiting for, come on we need your help. It's all for a great cause and it'll get you turning as well.

The upcoming demo for **Mark St. Leger** appears to be another participation issue. The decision to bring him in wasn't made in a vacuum. The issue was brought before the club for a decision and it was decided to bring him in. Now we are struggling to get any of the club members to attend. I don't believe it's a cost issue with \$15 buying a whole day of turning instruction/entertainment with not only **Mark St. Leger** but also **Bob Rosand**. What is it? With it on a Saturday, most working people are available and there are a large component of retired people that aren't usually concerned with specific days. The show will go on regardless of how many attend but I feel badly that the club wanted to do it and now we can't find sufficient attendees to make it worthwhile. I will feel embarrassed for the Turners 2 to have two major names in the business look out into the crowd and only see 10 to 15 people.

Thank you,
Kurt Hertzog

President

Kurt opened the March meeting by welcoming guest and new member **Kevin Manchester** to the meeting and the group.

Kurt, and the membership, greeted and welcomed guest demonstrator and former member, **John Lunney**.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance - \$2164.57

Expenses

News letter - \$24.45

Checks - \$75.90

Income

Dues+\$150.00

50/50 + \$27.50

Demo Tickets + \$45.00

Ending balance \$2726.72

Vice-President's Report

Bud Sarama stated that there are tickets left for the St. Leger demo as well as 6 spots open for the hands on workshop.

Web-Master Report

Kurt reported that we have reached a point on the web site that requires either deleting some of the content or buying more space. He will discuss the issue with Club 1 and see what if any preferences they may have. Then the two clubs will make a joint decision on the matter.

New Business

Jim Hilburger made a brief announcement about a grant from the **AAW Education Fund**. Jim then turned the floor over to **Barb Berger** so she could fill us in on the details. We all know what a tremendous resource **Barb's Barn** has been for our organization and the other Clubs in the area. Well Barb out did herself on this one. With Jims's urging and Kurt's help Barb applied for and received an educational grant from the AAW. Using her own funds and the AAW grant money, Barb has purchased three Jet variable speed Mini Lathes and three Tallon Chucks. These machines will reside at the barn and be used during hands on classes given at the barn. All local turners owe a debt of gratitude to Barb for her unfailing support, and from the heart felt generosity towards our organization and us. We should be all be thankful to Barb and her giving spirit.

Turning Question

Ron Hudson asked how do you true up the ends of a turning. **Kurt Hertzog** replied that he uses a skew on spindle-oriented pieces (end grain.) A gouge or scraper was the tool of choice for face grain turnings.

Instant Gallery (show and tell)

Kurt Hertzog – bowls from; box elder, honey locust, wormy chestnut, and spalted beech. Several tops donated to the cause.

Bob Harrington – mahogany bowl.

Rich Mialki – donation pens, using retractable BIC parts.

Howard Meyer – lighthouse.

Ron Hudson – several weed pots, small vase from maple burl, lidded cherry box, and a gavel, which he gave to the president.

Jim Hillburger – several wine stoppers made from “Diamond Wood,” which can be purchased at Fibron in Buffalo. Donated to the cause.

George Daege – a dozen plus pens turned from various exotic woods.

Don Lamb – Salt and peppershakers.

Sam Ciccia – mahogany plate.

Paul Putt – bottle stoppers and a “holy” bowl.

Jake Debski – spalted maple vase and square turned confetti lamp, donated.

Kurt Hertzog won the Craft Supplies gift certificate, and **Muriel Kummer** the 50/50-\$18.

Evening Demonstration and Hands-on Workshop

When you speak to **John Lunney** about woodturning, what comes to the surface is John’s belief that he has been blessed with enthusiasm, desire, ability and the means to pursue his passion for turning. Nowhere in the conversation is there a hint of arrogance or superiority. And to top it all off, he has a strong desire to share, what God and nature have given him. WNYWoodturners-II and the individuals that make up Western New York’s turning community benefited from John’s generosity, over the three days of demos and workshops.

John opens every demo with the words “This is not necessarily the right way or the wrong way to turn bowls, but it is my way. It works for me.” The underlying theme of that statement is; Find what works best for you and develop it. John is a very accomplished bowl turner and he takes you through the process at a pace that gives you time to absorb and question if necessary. When he’s rolling the chips really fly, but he is always willing to back-up and clarify what may not have been understood. He did all this with out expectation or compensation.

John, on behalf of all of us who had the pleasure of learning from you, Thank you.