

# WNY WOODTURNERS II

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

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Next scheduled meeting July 12 at 7:30pm.

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**Please remember** the July meeting will be held at **John “Jed” Donahue’s** shop.  
A map to Jed’s place is attached to this newsletter.

**Also** a summer meeting August 9 at 7:00pm will be held at, the now nationally known,  
**Barb’s Barn.**  
A map to Barb’s is also included.

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President **Ron Hudson** called the June 14 meeting to order.

**Ron** then welcomed our newest member and Webmaster **Kurt Hertzog** to the club and thanked him for his efforts in constructing the web site.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Paul Mazuchowski** reported a current balance of \$1,035.40.

Club logo patches are still available, at a cost \$2.00 per patch.

**Ron** sez, “They are goin’ fast so best grab one while ya can.” Good advice!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In his report VP- **Jim Meier** stated that the gift certificate items ordered for the club from Craft Supplies have not yet arrived. Further, because of summer commitments, the supplies for the club turning project won’t be available until the September meeting.

**Ron Hudson** asked **Barb Berger** for an update on her discussion with **Bill Allen** from WT-I about the club's insurance and the possibility of combining the two clubs just for insurance purposes. The goal is to save both clubs money. **Barb** reported that in her conversations with **Bill Allen**, just getting insurance might be a problem. It seems insurance companies are backing away from insuring non-profit organizations. It was agreed further investigation would be needed.

In a related matter, **Ron Hudson** requested and received a motion from **Linda Spors**, seconded by **Barb Berger**, to only have members who are covered by **AAW** insurance do the demonstrations at meetings, etc. This being in effect until such time as the club can resolve its insurance problems. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Kurt Hertzog** was asked to explain the new website to the members present. Kurt handed out a printed sheet that explained the basics of the site and how to use it. You will find a copy of that sheet attached to the end of this newsletter. Kurt stressed that he can only do so much; the membership has to contribute information. He needs pictures of members' work and their shops. If you have woodworking related items for sale he will post them in the classified section. Feel free to input ideas or comments. It is in our own self-interest to help where we can. As time goes on I'm sure we will all find ways to contribute. The web address to our site is; <http://www.wnywoodturners.com>

The **President** asked for a report from the by-law committee. **Linda Spors** spoke for the committee. Since the club's present by-laws are very basic it was felt the club should explore adopting by-laws similar to the **AAW**. **Kurt Hertzog** suggested the committee examine the by-laws of the Rochester turners club. He felt these by-laws might easily be adjusted to fit our needs. Either way, more time is needed to gather information. The by-laws of the Rochester club can be seen at; [www.rochesterwoodworkers.org](http://www.rochesterwoodworkers.org) Once you reach the site click on "SIGs", select the turners from that group, and follow that site till you reach their by-laws.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ron Hudson** congratulated **Barb Berger** for being our very own celebrity of the month. For those who may not know, **Barb** and her barn were featured in the quarterly *AMERICAN WOODTURNER* magazine. It was a very complimentary and well deserved article.

**Ron** then asked for the members to present the examples of their work for judging by the membership. These items will be given to the school faculty as tokens of appreciation from the club. The items could be entered for judging and a cash prize or given as a donation.

**Paul Mazuchowski** --- salt shaker and pepper mill made from oak burl (entered)

**Mary Robbins** --- small bowl made from maple burl (entered)

<b>Jed Donahue</b>	--- mahogany potpourri bowl	(entered)
<b>Linda Spors</b>	--- curly willow turned lidded box with ebony inlay	(donated)
<b>Jim Hilburger</b>	--- 5 hand mirrors; various woods	(donated)
<b>Paul Donahue</b>	--- 2 wine stoppers, 2 pens; various woods	(donated)

### **Show and Tell**

It was an excellent show and tell this month, with plenty of participation.

**Richard Sarama** told of his and **Paul Mazuchowski's** adventures in unloading an 821-lb. iron oak burl shipped to them from Jacksonville, TX. That's gonna make a bunch of wine stoppers!

**Paul** went on to show a bowl and the entered salt and pepper shakers made from the oak burl. We all a good laugh when someone asked if that was all the burl had yielded? He also brought along a Banksia Pod clock he turned and bowl turned from antique pine (100+ yr.old).

**Mary Robbins** showed her entered bowl and explained she enjoys turning burl because you never know what will be revealed once you start.

**Linda Spors** showed her curly willow lidded box with ebony inlay.

**Sam Ciccia** brought along a large bowl he turned from an unknown species of wood. Sam explained he turned a wide thin rim on the bowl to possibly accommodate a decoration of fruit or flowers. He also showed several pens he made.

**Jed Donahue** displayed two of his recently green turned natural edge bowls. Both were quite large, one was cherry and the other soft maple. The maple bowl explained Jed, was so different because the crosssection of the log was heart shaped. This gave the bowl its unusual "4-petals" rather than the more common "2-petals" as seen on the cherry example.

The maple bowl was sold from his shop for \$250, and that brought a smile to Jed's face.

Our newest member, **Kurt Hertzog**, brought along several of his hollow turned Christmas ornaments. The ornaments were turned from mahogany salvaged from a machinery-shipping crate. Kurt would like to place something inside his next ornament that would rattle, which would in turn pique the interest of its recipient.

Tonight's demonstrator, **Bill Perry**, briefly showed some of the work he would be describing during his demo.

**Muriel Kummer** won \$12.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

The **President** adjourned the meeting.

### **Demonstration**

This month's demonstration on turning *Norfolk Island pine* was presented by **Bill Perry**. Bill explained that the orientation of the branches, pointing toward or away from the top of the turned form, was the critical factor when laying-out a piece. After deciding what "look" you were after the turning was straight forward but with a soft touch on and near the knots so as not to loosen them. Bill also showed several tools he made himself for hollowing the material. These tools are necessary because Bill turns a lot of hollow vessels from the pine. Bill's attention to detail is evident in the tools he makes and the turned objects he presented. Many members were surprised that this lumber came from an island off the coast of Australia. As Bill stated, this material is so desirable because the branches grow in such a symmetrical fashion that the knots almost look as though they were laid- out with an indexing head.

Any member interested in obtaining *Norfolk Island pine* Bill suggests you can contact:

**Bill Sullivan** at phone: (941)275-0135 or

e-mail: woodweisel@aol.com

<http://www.woodturners.com/TropicalTurnings.htm>

### **Next month's demonstration**

**Jed Donahue** will demonstrate green bowl turning, from chain sawing the log to get a blank to the completed bowl.

### **Members' votes counted**

Prizewinners are: 1st place \$35 goes to **Paul Mazuchowski**

2nd place is a three way tie; **Mary Robbins** \$35

**Jed Donahue** \$35

**Linda Spors** (donated)

### **CLASSIFIED**

For sale- *Powercraft Lathe*, 30 in. bed with stand. Can turn an 8-1/2 in. bowl. \$50.00.  
Contact- Paul Mazuchowski ph. 896-3095

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