

WNY WOODTURNERS II

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MINUTES

Meetings 7:00 PM; Second Thursday

Hamburg Middle School

360 Division Street

Hamburg, NY 14075

<http://www.wnywoodtuners.com>

President John Lilley

The next scheduled meeting is December 14, 2017

PRESIDENT : John Lilley called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Visitors : 3 were introduced

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT : Demo in December is Brian Defoe. He will be doing seam rippers and toothpick holders.

TREASURER REPORT: Pat Boggan

Was presented by Pat. Our club will be receiving a check from Turners I for \$200 – profits from the Rudy Lopez demo.

As of Jan 1st Rockler will not longer be giving us free gift certificates. Members will still receive the 10% for purchases.

Rich suggested that both clubs approach Rockler and inform them about Craft Supplies donations.

SECRETARY REPORT: No report

AV REPORT: none to report

LIBRARIAN REPORT: Items are available for use

John Lilley reported that the website is up to date with a changing cover picture every month – switching between clubs. Check it out!

OLD BUSINESS:

Rudy Lopez made about \$500. The demo day was a success as was the hands on session.

Pete Thomas volunteered to be the new AV guy.

Brian volunteered to help out with the secretary position when needed.

Barb reported on two barn sessions. The first was with the Scouts – they had 7 boys and 1 adult. It went well. The second was a beginner session – all adults – it too was a success. Thanks Barb for hosting these at your facility.

John read an email from Dave Quigley – who attended the barn session. He wanted to thank her for the opportunity to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – Slate was presented

Craig Eckert – President

Rusty Ellis – Vice President

Pat Bogan – Treasurer

Linda Bennett – Secretary

Barb moved to close nominations, Brain seconded the motion. One ballot was cast for the slate of officers.

The Finger Lakes Woodturners in conjunction with the Rochester Woodworking Society is hosting national turner Tom Wirsing, former two time president of the AAW and a master of platter turning for an all day demonstration Saturday, November 18th.

Tom was born in Roanoke, Virginia, in the Shenandoah valley, an historic center of American Furniture building and woodturning. Tom's dad was an expert on American period furniture and had a well - equipped workshop which included a lathe. Tom began turning wood as a young boy. After graduating from Roanoke College with a degree in Physics, Tom began traveling extensively. He lived and worked in Europe, Asia and nine US States. The lathe in his dad's workshop became a distant memory, About twenty years ago Tom found himself working for the Hewlett-Packard Company in Chicago and living in a house with a spacious basement. He bought a lathe and began turning wood again. At first he made mostly furniture but, almost by chance, he attended a demonstration by Richard Raffan, a well-known Australian woodturner. Richard took a rough piece of American black cherry timber and turned it into a wonderful bowl. Tom was hooked.

Thus began Tom's interest in creating art pieces on the lathe. He now turns primarily platters and bowls from a variety of woods. His favorite wood is figured maple.

Tom is a member of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and has served two terms as president. He also served two terms as president of the Front Range Woodturners in Denver. Tom has demonstrated at the AAW Symposium, the Utah Woodturning Symposium, the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Turnfest in Australia, as well as many AAW chapters across the USA and Canada.

See <http://www.thomaswirsing.com/>

The Saturday workshop will feature Tom demonstrating all the steps to go through to make platters and plates. He will talk about design, how to hold the wood blanks, good and bad techniques for turning the platters. He will also focus on the use of Negative Rake Scrapers and talk about advances in tool steel. There should be much of interest for all who come.

There will be door prizes and raffles and wood give-aways so that all who attend will leave with something extra whether it be a gift certificate from Craft Supplies, Packard Woodworks, Penn State Industries, etc, or a nice blank of wood. Everyone will also leave with the first-hand knowledge gained from an expert. We have at least twenty openings for the Saturday demonstration. Lunch will be available from Subway for a nominal charge which can be paid at the door or through our web site at: www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/register-for-events/

Discussion was held on applying for the AAW grant. Barb Berger will be applying for the grant for two lathes for Barb's Barn. The lathes are used for education. John will help Barb put the grant together.

Rich reported that he will get a list together of the inventory of items left over from the fair.

SHOW AND TELL

Rusty Ellis – Butter knives

Craig Eckert – spalted bowl, crotch bowl and turned bowl

Rich Mialki – snowmen

Paul Mazuchowski – ziricote pepper mill & salt shaker

Jack Dalton – maple bowl and maple box

George Carrigan – 3 vases, holly root, mahogany, redwood

DRAWINGS

Show and Tell –Rusty, John, & GEorge

50/50 – Brian Defoe

DEMO No demo tonight. We had our annual auction. Preliminary account show we made about \$325. A great success!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathie Eckert

