

The Nutmeg

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Next Meeting

Monday March 13, 2006 - Membership meeting

PROGRAM: Bill Oakley will demonstrate how to make a furniture legs.

CHALLENGE: Bring in your "Three point" tool and tool handles.

Brookfield Craft Center
Route 25 Brookfield, CT

6-7 P.M. Informal Gathering, Library Open
7 P.M. Club Business
7:30 P.M. Program

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

“**Safety in the Shop**” Rough turning for Bowl Fest turned into a rough deal for one of our members. See story on page 3. I for one will be wearing my facemask a lot more.

Turning Pens with the Boy Scouts was a lot of fun, as you will see from Jay's write up.

I hear that the “Learn & Turn” at Don Metz shop was a very big success. Thanks Don for having the gang over.

May Demo will be Carl Ford showing us how to made end grain hollow forms, sounds great.

See you at the Meeting

Buster

Bowl Fest Finish Turning

Apr. 29 & 30, May 6 & 7, May 13
Please bring sandpaper & finish

New England
Woodturning Symposium
May 13, 2006
Pinkerton Academy
Derry, NH

Go to www.gnhw.org for more information.

2006 Dues

Membership dues are still a bargain at \$20 per individual and \$30 per family. Please pay your 2006 dues at the March meeting.

COMING EVENTS

- Brookfield Craft Center

Woodturning Basics – Jim Degen April 8-9

Turning Alabaster & Stone – Angelo Iafrate
April 22 -23

Beginning Bowl Turning – Jim Degen
4 Tues. May 2 – 23
4 Weds. May 3 – 24

Friction Fit Boxes – Anthony Harris
May 18 – 19

Hand Chasing Threads – Anthony Harris
May 20 – 21

Turning Beyond the Bowl – Michael Brolly
May 27 – 28

Bowl Turning Revisited – Jim Degen
Jun 10 –11

- Woodworkers Club, Norwalk

Turn A Pepper Mill – Buster Shaw
Mar 18 –19

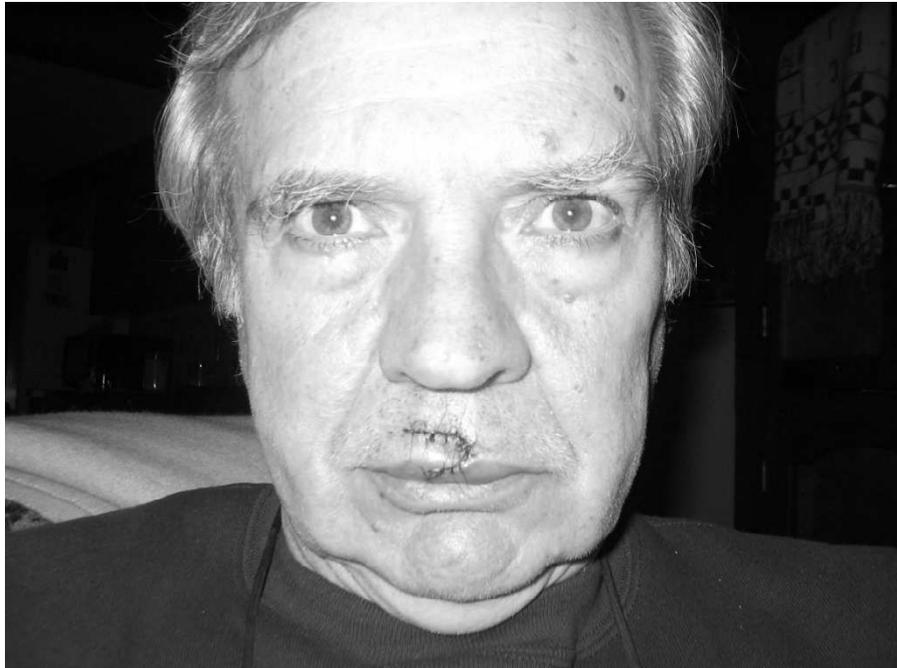
Fundamentals Of Woodturning – Andy
Barnum
Mar 21 & 28

Turn A Wooden Pen – Buster Shaw
Apr 5

Special Event – Stuart Mortimer
Jun 6 – 7 – 8

WEAR A FACE SHIELD – AVOID THE STEEL TATTOO

On Sunday, February 19, I was working in the Turning Center with Buster Shaw, Jim McNamara and Dick Hoblitzell, roughing out bowls for the Bowl Fest. I mounted a large piece of ash between a screw and the tailstock and, wearing a face shield and safety glasses, took off the edges of the piece then shaped the outside. I turned the piece around, mounted it in a chuck, and, using an Ellsworth-style bowl gouge, smoothed the face then began hollowing the inside. After getting a good start on the hollowing and seeing that the piece was well balanced and securely chucked, I removed the face shield and continued deeper into the bowl. The accident happened a few minutes later, after I had finished a cut. In an instant the cutting end of the gouge whacked me in the face; I was still holding the handle end and had no idea what had happened, but soon realized that my upper lip was badly cut. Jim McNamara took me to the emergency room where I was stitched up then sent home. The force of the blow was enough to knock teeth out, so it was fortunate that I came away with only an “Ellsworth” mustache’.



The catch, which sent the gouge flying probably, happened because of some inadvertent movement of the tool, and the accident showed me that even when the work is going smoothly a minor slip can lead to injury, and in this case injury would have been prevented had I kept the face shield on.

Richard Heys

P.S. A special “Thank You” to Jim McNamara for taking Richard to the emergency room.

Buster

Freedom Pen Turning With the Boy Scouts

You would think that if you gathered nine Nutmeg Woodturners and asked a simple question, you would be able to get a straight answer. Imagine Jim Degen, Scott Hettel, Dick Hoblitzel, Jay Hockenberry, Peter Marshall, Pat Paraggio, Sal Raciti, Steve Robertson, and Buster Shaw in a room with 18 Boy Scouts and at least a dozen adult advisors and parents. Add to this picture pen kits and wood blanks supplied by John Matchak, from The Woodworkers Club – Norwalk, and 7 small lathes. After about two hours of chips flying, a couple of oops, and a lot of laughing, twenty three (23) beautiful pens were created. The Boy Scouts were the ones that did the turning, after a brief demo by the Nutmeg Turners, and each of the pens was accompanied by a hand written letter addressed to “Dear Service Person,” and signed by the Scout who created the pen.

Being a veteran myself I can image the pure joy it must be to be in a foreign land serving our country and to receive a package containing a hand crafted pen and a personal letter from a member of Boy Scout Troop 162, Southbury CT. My wife and I took the time to read each letter before we brought them to John Matchak at Woodworkers for distribution, and I am not ashamed to admit that we both had a few laughs with tears in our eyes. More than one of the letters proudly stated that they were writing this letter with the pen they made, and stated, “Please bring the pen and yourself home safely.”

Oh, the question that they couldn’t answer... I simply asked; who had the most fun, the Boy Scouts or the Nutmeg Turners?

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Hockenberry

Wanted

We have an opening for a “Newsletter Editor”, please see Jay Hockenberry or myself Buster Shaw for details.