

# SEACOAST SHAVINGS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEACOAST WOODTURNERS  
December 2016

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(At least that's my story and I am sticking to it)

## NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

**January 15th**

**6:30 PM**

**@ Woodcraft**

Demo: Sorby Texturing Tool.

Challenge:

None for January

☆Card carrying "Seacoast Woodturners" members get a 10% discount on most regularly priced merchandise at Woodcraft, so be sure to pay your dues. ☆

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bowls for Mom has been tentatively scheduled for: May 6th, 2017**

**Start stockpiling your bowl donations now!**

## BRAINDUST

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I had a great Christmas visiting family down in Pennsylvania. Every year we have a Yankee swap, but you have to spend a dollar or less on the gift. Since I started turning, I really get to rock the swap. When you get wood for free in your backyard, the sky's the limit. This year I made a set of Capt Eddie's 12 cent pens. If you are not familiar, do a search for the Youtube video. They were traded several times finally ending up with my nephew, who was also the recipient of the first one I made several years ago.

Between craft shows and providing last minute gifts, my stock of finished goods gets pretty depleted. I have been trying to replace some the stock especially my pens which were very popular this year after 2 years not selling much at all. After focusing on bowls for a while, I had to try to remember all the little tricks to get them looking good. Now we have "Bowls for Mom" coming up in May so it will soon be time to switch back.

Rick Sanders (assuming he is in the state) will be demoing the Sorby Texturing tool. If you have used the Sorby tool or other texturing tools, please share your experiences with the group. A little texture can go a long way toward dressing up some of the plain white oak blanks we have for Bowls for Mom.

See you at the meeting.

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### AAW News and Notes:

The new Turning FUNdamentals magazine is out online.

Registration for the AAW 2017 Symposium in Kansas City is now open. Anyone going?

## DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

We had a great time at Bill DePaul's house for the December meeting. A tour of a way too clean shop, some great food, and a fun old tool guessing game. Jim Forbes won the ornament challenge with Quality AND Quantity and Rick Sanders won a subscription to More Woodturning Magazine. Thanks to Bill for hosting a great meeting.

Some pictures from the December meeting:



## WORTH WATCHING

Captain Eddie's 12 Cent Pen video:

<https://youtu.be/Tp1YtLDPeqk>

## MENTORING

We are building a directory of people willing to mentor other members. Mentoring can be done by email, phone, shop visit, or before/after meetings, however you prefer. If you would like to be a mentor, please email me ([tom@kovalcik.us](mailto:tom@kovalcik.us)) with your areas and levels of expertise and preferred contact methods. I have a couple of entries, but am looking for a few more before putting the table out there.

Remember, you do not have to be an expert. You only need to know more than someone who needs help.

## ON MY LATHE

On Scott Traill's Lathe:  
Cherry Bud Vase



On Nat's Lathe:  
Making more ants homeless.



On my lathe:  
A captured ring rattle and some pens.



Not a lathe project, but this is what my daughter made last snowstorm:



What is on your lathe lately? Send me pictures to share in next month's newsletter!