

SEACOAST SHAVINGS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEACOAST WOODTURNERS

February 2017

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

March 16th

6:30 PM

@ Homestead
Woodworking
School

Special Hands on bowl turning class. More information in the newsletter.

Challenge:
None

☆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:
May 6th, 2017

Start stockpiling your bowl donations now!

BRAINDUST

Have a couple of months to catch up on. First, the Derek Weidman demo was amazing. He turned a Moose head from a chunk of holly. Most demos try to show you how to get proper clean cuts. This was not that kind of demo. I do not think he sharpened once, no sanding, and the rough texture was actually part of the design. Derek used at least 10 different axes to get the moose shape. The blank was so off balance I have no idea how it stayed on the lathe. It was a great lesson on off axis turning and envisioning what an off center cut will do to the design. It was recorded, so I hope I can point to the video at some point.

I am excited about the March meeting. It will be at Homestead woodworking school. Marcel Durette will give a class on 7 cuts with a bowl gouge. Marcel is a great teacher. We will have access to 10+ lathes so everyone should be able to try the different cuts and get some personal tutoring either from Marcel or some of the other club members. I have been thinking on ways to make our demos more interactive, and this seems like a great way to accomplish that. If it goes well, hopefully we can make it an annual event. And, thanks to Annamarie's hard work, we received an education grant from the **Guild of NH Woodworkers**, so there is no cost to the club.

Bowls for mom is coming up fast, so get turning and start bringing your bowls in.

See you at the meeting.

Tom Kovalcik tom@kovalcik.us

AAW News and Notes:

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

Curious about the AAW? Starting April 1, for a limited time you can join for \$30 for one year. Offer available to new members only that belong to an AAW chapter club.

Directions for the March Meeting

The meeting on March 16 will be at **Homestead Woodworking School** in Newmarket. This is an interactive class/demo. Bring you lathe tools and bowl turning questions along and get ready for a great night of learning. More experienced turners can help some of the newer turners get the feel for the cuts. There will be plenty of lathes so everyone will get a chance to practice. The class starts at 6:30, so give yourself plenty of time to get in and settled.

My phone GPS works well:

Address:
52 Bald Hill Road
Newmarket, NH 03857

From Rochester: Take 125 South to Epping and turn left onto Rt 87 in Epping. After 3 Miles, turn left onto Bald Hill Road. The school is 1.1 miles on the left.

<https://goo.gl/maps/PVefwpu3JeD2>

Via 101: Take 101 to Exit 7 (125 N): Proceed on 125 N 2.4 miles and make a Right on Route 87. After 3 Miles, turn left onto Bald Hill Road. The school is 1.1 miles on the left.

<https://goo.gl/maps/SPypTqX3ZmK2>

From Woodcraft: Take Rt 4 West to Rt 108 South in Durham. Turn Slight Right on Rt 152/Main St. in Newmarket. Go past the high school and turn left onto Grant Road. After 3.5 miles turn left on Bald Hill Road. The school is 0.5 miles on the right.

<https://goo.gl/maps/GrxBeRZb6c52>

My cell number is 603-682-0098. If you get lost give a call and we will talk you in.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY

Rick Sanders did the January meeting on texturing tools. A very informative demo. Some pictures from the January meeting:





FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY

Dick Casey was the demonstrator at the February meeting showing how he makes his long desk pens by modifying a slimline pen.





WORTH WATCHING

WoodNWhimsies take on a desk pen:
<https://youtu.be/Fkt0mSUKJi>

Nick Agar uses the Sorby texturing tools:
<https://youtu.be/qElbEQyTnrQ>

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) 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 Bill Emerson's Lathe

5" mulberry round bottom bowl and 13" southern yellow pine bowl, made from a beam taken from a home in Brookline ma





On Johnna Klukas' Lathe:
A cherry box and a bowl with texturing.





On my lathe:

A few bowls for Bowls for Mom and some cored bowls.





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