

SEACOAST SHAVINGS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEACOAST WOODTURNERS

March 2017

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

April 20th

6:30 PM

@ Woodcraft

Tim Elliott will demonstrate spindle turning techniques including the devil's can opener (aka skew).

Challenge:

Bring in your polar bowls from the Homestead meeting, or bring a bowl using some of the cuts you learned that night. Donate the bowl to bowls for mom and earn extra points.

☆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**

**Kittery Trading Post
JuneFest
June 16, 17, & 18**

**Portsmouth How-to
Festival
Aug 5, 11 to 3PM**

BRAINDUST

It's Monday and I am heading back to work on what looks like a spectacular spring day. If anyone gets any inside info on the next power ball drawing, please let me know. I hope people had a good time at the last meeting held at Homestead. Marcel presented a lot of good info. Wish there was more turning time, but we can work on that if we do it again. If you finished your poplar bowls from that night, or even if you didn't, bring them in for a poplar bowl challenge. We can also take some time to address any problems or questions people are having.

This past Sunday was very interesting. We recently bought a condo in Dover that my daughter will be renting from us. We are in the process of fixing it up before she moves in. On Sunday, I was working there and decided to fix the sagging crown molding in the living room. I found these really nice finish head screws, self drilling and already finished white to match. They were long enough that I could drive them into the top plate of the wall and snug the molding up nice and tight. First screw went in and worked perfectly. Then I drove the second one in and the fun started. Now, just to digress for a moment, I am sad to say there are some very sick people in this world. People so depraved and damaged that they see no problem with running a **main water feed line** along the living room ceiling and hiding it behind crown molding. Just saying. Anyway, the second screw goes in, crown molding sucks up against the wall and ceiling, and I notice water dripping down wall. Not much, but water where there should not be any is never good, so in a moment of mental weakness, I decide to take the screw out so I can investigate further. Turns out, screws are fairly good at plugging holes. The screw came out and so did a lot of water. A lot of COLD water. At a very high pressure. I immediately ran for what I was told was the water main valve for the condo and shut it off. No effect. I shut off the water at the hot water tank and on the furnace. Nothing. I turned off every valve I could find, nothing. Now, back to those sick depraved people. When they moved the water main to a different line, they superseded the original main valve and did not think it necessary to provide a shutoff valve for the new line inside our condo. The shut-off valve is actually in the condo next to ours, whose self-absorbed and thoughtless owners selfishly decided to go out for a SUNDAY DINNER!! WHO DOES THAT?? (Maybe we should have.) While Anna was trying to call the condo association and others to no avail, I finally was able to get the screw back in to the pipe to limit the flow. Anna ran to get our shop vac and I headed for Home Depot to see what their plumbing department had that might help. To wrap up, when we both got back the neighbors were back (they are actually very nice people), and the condo president and (I think) vice president stopped by. We were able to shut the water off and they all watched me fix the pipe with one of those Sharkbite push in connectors (Those things are amazing!). What a way to meet the neighbors!

Anyway, I learned my lesson. If I had stayed home and turned another bowl for "Bowls for Mom" this all could have been avoided. Now I know and you do too. So, avoid plumbing emergencies. Stay home and turn a bowl!

AAW News and Notes:

Registration for the AAW 2017 Symposium in Kansas City is now open. Anyone going? Next year's symposium (2018) will be in Portland, OR. One of my daughters just moved there, so I am booking floor space at her apartment now.

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.

Portsmouth Library Exhibition (mid April to end of May):

If you want to take part, bring 2-5 of your best work. Drop off your turnings at Woodcraft by 4/10. Contact Annamarie after that date to make arrangements. a.pennucci@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY

Bowl Turning at Homestead Woodworking School with Marcel:



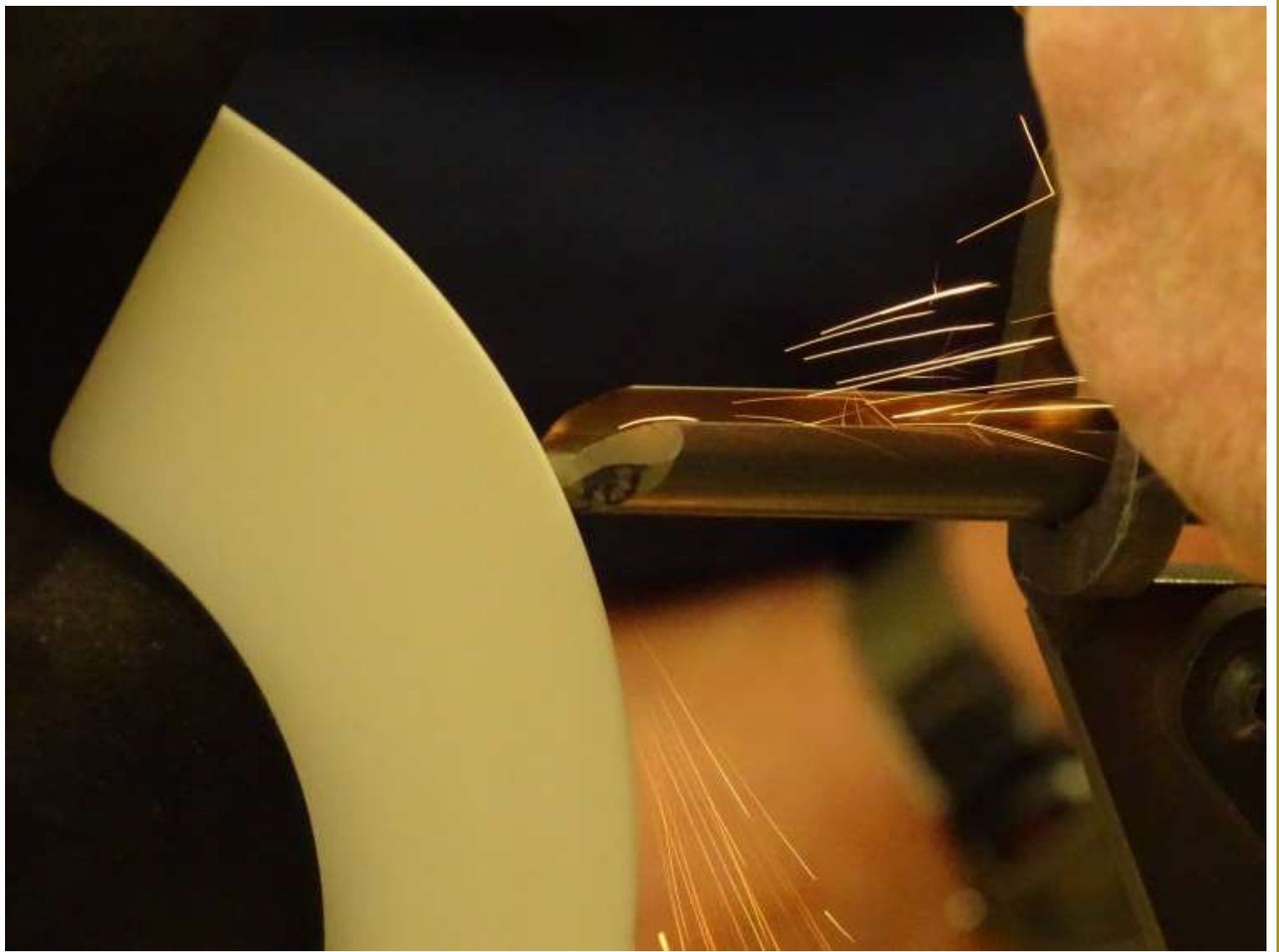


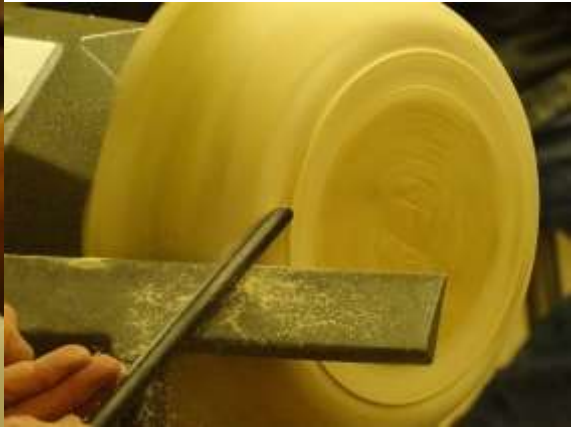












WORTH WATCHING

Wyoming Woodturner, Turning a Green bowl from cutting the log to bowl.

Part 1:

https://youtu.be/wCDR_vsdOyA

Part 2:

<https://youtu.be/CLhYs-351Oc>

Part 3:

<https://youtu.be/-i9e4tXPqUA>

Part 4: Coming soon.

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 my lathe:

12 of these pens for the Trolley museum and a tea light holder.



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

