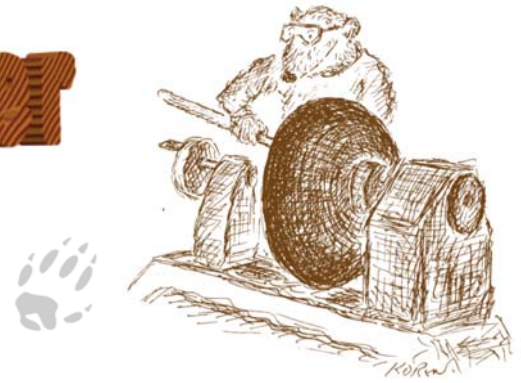


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We will meet at CVU this month. The subject of the meeting will be turning spindles of all types. Finials for boxes? Pens and bottle stoppers? Tremblors? We expect to see the use of skewers, spindle & finishing gouges, parting tools, carbide tools—perhaps even the use of sandpaper and grinders!

Directions to CVU: From the NW, exit I-89 at Exit 14 (Burlington) and head east on Williston Rd. (Rte. 2) for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Hinesburg Rd (Rte. 116). Proceed 9.7 miles to CVU Rd., turn left at the light and CVU will be on you left at 0.4 miles.

From the East: Exit I-89 at exit 12 (Williston/Essex) Turn left onto Rte. 2A (St George Rd.) and proceed 5.0 miles. Turn left onto Rte. 116 and proceed 2.1 miles to CVU Rd. Turn left, school is 0.4 miles on left.

After turning onto driveway, take immediate left. Drive around the left side of the building to a parking lot with large garage door and exterior dust collection system. There is a door beside the garage door to enter the woodshop.

Bring along any tools you wish to see put in use.

January Meeting, 1/17/2018 –Harvie Porter

Woodchuck Turners of Northern Vermont

January 17, 2018

Nick Rosato called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The attendees introduced themselves.

Nick thanked the members of Wake Robin who made the arrangements to host the meeting.

Feb 21 will be the next meeting. The focus will be on spindle turning and stations will be set up for hands-on participation. Members are encouraged to bring some of their spindle turning projects and tools.

Applause went to Arny Spahn for the latest issue of *Chatter*.

Haviland Smith is selling off his shop in Williston. He is selling his 21" capacity lathe and other shop tools. Contact him at 802-879-2066.



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Last week, we had a formal opening of the woodshop here at Morgan Orchards, the Elder Living Community of Gifford Health Care. They hung a sign up, naming it “The Spahns’ Woodshop”. We had about 20-25 visitors & I demonstrated the use of several of the machines. As of today, we have 15 residents in our independent living housing; 4 men, the rest women. There’s a total of 49 apartments here, so we have a potential of about 75 total residents. Minimum age is 55. So far, we are all well into retirement age.

So far, no one has approached me for some woodshop time. With our experience of lady Woodchucks, I hope some of our women residents might want to try some woodworking.

As the lead woodworker, I have to figure out how to run the shop, and how to maintain it. When the shop was in the basement of my home, it ran at my convenience; if I wanted to let the shavings pile up, that was mine to think about. Where I left my tools was my own worry, as was the sharpness and lubrication of every thing.

So far, starting with a neat and clean workshop, I have a head start on good habits. I can insist on how each future woodworker uses the shop. I can insist on safety.

So, this is what I’ll do in the shop while I am waiting for other residents to drop in.

I will make sure that I have gathered up all the shavings I produce. The dust collector works very well on the machines it services, but there is still plenty of shavings from the lathes, drill press, and band saws.

I’ll use rust preventer on all the metal surfaces, and use dry lube where it will help.

Next, I’ll make sure all the tools which need it, are sharpened. My

carving tools are OK, but my lathe tools could use some scrutiny. So could some of the chisels and planes.

I’ll make sure all the liquids which I use are fresh and tightly covered. The hand tools are either up on pegboard or in a tool chest. I’ll make sure that I don’t leave any of them laying around on the work benches.

Both lathes are variable speed and I will make sure that the Nova is either completely off—which sets it to 500 RPM when turned on—or manually set to 500 or slower. The little Jet lathe is basically set up for pen turning, so having it turn on at high speed is not inherently as dangerous as mounting a bowl blank and spinning it at high RPM.

The SawStop table saw needs to be turned off to prevent accidents. It has two switches; one for the electronics which are the heart of the safety system, and the other for the motor. The motor switch is operated by a large paddle, which makes it easy to turn on or off. That’s what makes it dangerous and why the electronics need to be turned off when not preparing to make a wanted cut. When the electronics switch is off, the whole saw is dead. Like any table saw, this one can hurl a piece of wood viciously if it’s not in control. The safety feature prevents injury from the saw blade only. It won’t hurt you, but an accident requires replacement of not only the safety cartridge but the saw blade as well. So, figure at least \$150 to test the thing.

I have inspected the shop first aid kit, and I’ll write up a checklist for shop use. I do have a current project I’m working on down there, so I better get to it.

Arny

Balance forward

\$3434.49
 Dues 2018 \$400.00
 Raffle 34.00
 Glue 8.00
 Total Income \$442.00
 Balance ending \$3876.49
 Karen Drennen/Treasurer

Reminder: Unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.

Dues January 2018

The Board of Directors of The Woodchuck Turners of Northern Vermont gratefully acknowledges the payment of dues from the following members for 2018:

Ted Beebe, Dale Bergdahl, Chris Bishop, Bradford Blaisdell, James Bushey, Sal Chiarelli, Michael Deweese, Karen Drennen, Andrew Durling, Ted Fink, Joe

Fortin, Eddie Krasnow, Bob Martin, Ted Nelson, Stephen O'Donnell, Bengt Ohman, Mickey Palmer, Harvie Porter, Randy Ramsden, Arny Spahn, Cil Spahn, Adam Wagner (22)
 Scott Bennett, Russ Fellows, Dick Montague, Michael Mode, Hav Smith and Al Stirt are Honorary Lifetime members, (6)

If you have paid your dues for the year but do not see your name listed here please contact me to correct that error of omission.

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Dues for 2018 are still \$25 per person.

Send checks to:

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Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members. Video library use, mentoring program, Klingspor and Hartville Tool discount lists, (to remain on the discount lists dues must be paid by April 1st each year.), and bulk purchase discounts.

In addition, the following member offers a 10% product discount to all WTNV members: Ted Fink

Welcome New Member

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Woodchuck Sightings

The member's gallery in the December, 2017 edition of the AAW American Woodturner journal includes two of the Cosmic Nebulae platters by Dave Buchholz. The February, 2018 edition of the journal includes an example of a chuck jaw storage in the Tips section by Dave Buchholz.

Sal Visited Russ with Janine and had some home made bread and a tour.



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Greg Drew

Greg Drew mentioned it is time to sign up for open studios in May. Information can be found at www.vtcrafts.com

The Totally Turning Symposium in Saratoga Springs, NY is coming up April 24th and 25th. Nick said it is a worthwhile event to attend. Information can be found at www.totallyturning.com.

Ted Fink said 11 bowls were donated to the Vermont Food Shelf. Bowls bowl blanks were handed out to individuals willing to turn and finish the bowls for next year's auction.

The raffle was held with 17 participants.

Show and Tell:

Eddie Krasnow showed several bowls of slippery elm and honey locust.

Jay Bailey shared a bowl of tino. He recommended Abranet abrasive as an alternative to sandpaper, producing less dust. He also

showed how inexpensive mugs can be disassembled to get the liners for wooden mugs.

Andy Duling shared an oak bowl that he had ebonized.

Nick Rosato shared a burl bowl finished with Sunderland-Wells botanical tung oil. He also shared some



Randy Ramsden & a Robust toolrest

thermos style oak wooden bottles that can be used to age wine or liquor.

Matt Bushey shared a pen and bottle stopper that he finished with CA glue.

Bob Woodworth shared a tray made of segmented pieces.

Micky Palmer recommended Parfix 3408 CA glue that doesn't give off fumes and has a 40 second set time. He recommended a Mark Sillay video (Youtube) on using the CA glue finish. He also showed a segmented urn that he had built using a homemade "wedgie" board.

Randy Ramsden shared his experience with the Robust tool rest.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvie Porter, Secretary



Eddie Krasnow & honey locust bowl.



Jay Bailey & a salvaged mug liner.



Andy Duling & ebonized oak bowl.



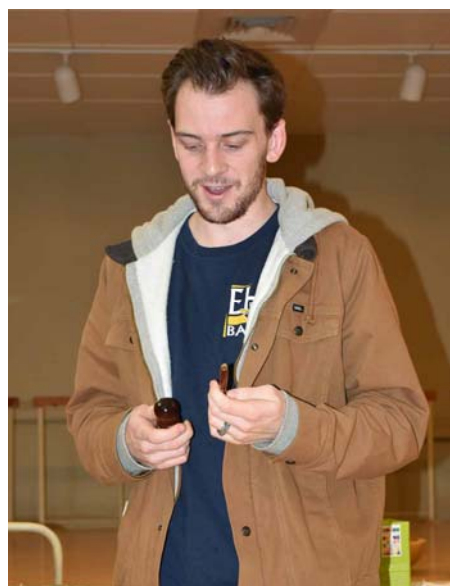
Ted Fink & a raw bowl to be turned for next year's Food Shelf auction.



Nick shows a prototype of an oak bottle to be used to "age" wine.



A burl bowl finished with Sunderland-Wells tung oil.



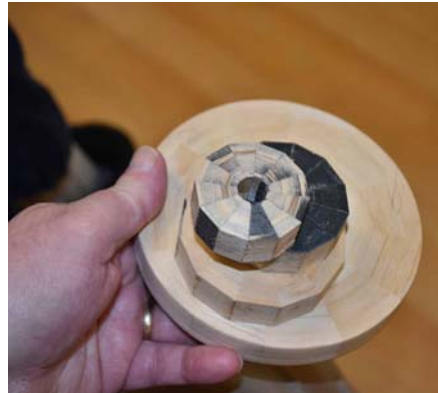
Matt Bushey uses CA Glue as a finish on pens & bottle stoppers.



Bob Woodworth & segmented platter



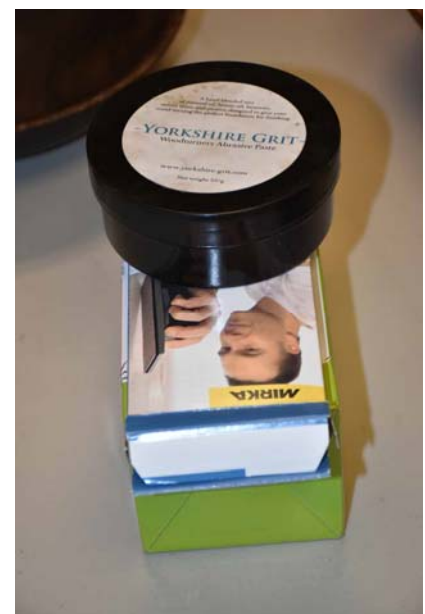
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Mikey Palmer explained the use of a "wedgie" board for cutting segments, and showed several samples of the product.



Items on the Show & Tell Table



February Greetings, again from the sunny and now slightly warmer Florida, fellow Woodchucks! It was just announced that January 2018 was a record breaker down here, the coldest on record! Yes, I know, it is all relative, but the Snowbirds AND locals sure were whining loudly!

My woodchuck news continues to be mostly about the various woods we have to play with down here. Because of our abundance I have become much more of a green turner than segmenter, at least for the moment. Last month I sent a picture of a pile of cherry laurel that we had been given. It was the stuff that looked a lot like Osage orange in the picture. As we cleaning up the last of it I was able to cut a nice clear piece from the butt log and decided to core it. Assuming it would live up to its reputation of warping and twisting a lot in drying, I was generous in what I left for sidewall thickness.



Photo # 0250 shows the three pieces. They are about 16", 11", and 8" in diameter. Had it been a more predictable wood like maple or cherry, I could have easily gotten one or two more out of it. It cored very easily.....it should with new coring knives!.....but left a nasty residue (Photo # 0252) on the bed of the lathe! Fortunately the gooey mess

cleaned up easily with denatured alcohol. I waxed the rough bowls right away and wrapped them in a big paper bag. I will bring them home in the Spring and finish them up. There is a high degree of probability that they will crack, but I will try to be creative with that!!



Photo # 0298 was taken just outside the door of my shop down here. I might call it an "embarrassment of riches" as nearly all of the pile is rosewood! The club was given a lot of it.....more storm residue....and each week as we process it for club use, the cutting crew gets "paid" in wood, so I bring home a couple chunks each time. I was also given a couple smallish logs by some friends,



and then to "sweeten" my hoard even more, my next-door neighbors took down a tree that was crowding their driveway and offered it to me. they didn't know what it was, but when I

went over to look.....yup! more rosewood!! They thought it was dying, as it had not been leafing out much in recent years, but it proved to be very solid and yielded many good useable pieces. Because their agreement with the woodchucks who cut it down specified stump removal, and they didn't have a grinder, they DUG the stump out! At first I said I didn't care about it, but as they exposed it, I changed my mind! Photo #4718 shows me hosing it down. It felt a bit like an unearthed buried treasure.....well, I guess it is! So far, except to make a couple small bowls for the guys who cut the tree down, I have only cut it into chunks small enough to handle by wheelbarrow, but I am hoping to get some really unique burl out of it! Stay tuned on this!



Other projects our very civic-minded club down here.....now numbering over 130 members!.....is involved with: Photo #0300 shows an urn destined for the local Veterans Association. We have a huge national cemetery just east of town and thanks to a connection with the administrators, (Continued on page 8)

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0300

have agreed to make cremation urns for them. I made this one out of a lovely piece of spalted Norfolk Pine. The lid is made of yellow heart and the threaded insert is cocobolo. For this I used the Simon Hope Threading Jig (<https://hopewoodturning.co.uk/jig-s/threading-jig/>) that I demonstrated at the October meeting. If you are interested in one, my friend Franck down here is the US importer for them.

Another project in which we are involved is making bowls for our local food shelf fund-raising. This is a huge organization with over 50 full time employees and some 2,100 volunteers. (<https://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/>). Photo #0301 shows a couple I just roughed out, about six inches in diameter, these of eucalyptus, but might be chi-



0301

naberry, cherry laurel, rosewood, oak, tambuieya, magnolia, swamp maple, or whatever we get from our loggers that week! I just delivered four boxes this week, will take them more in the Spring just before I head back to Vermont, and then a final delivery in the Fall just before their big fund-raising event. Everyone who donates \$25 will get a "bowl of hope". A VERY much needed cause in so many places!



0297

A final pic...#0297... to amuse you, and maybe show the level of enthusiasm of one of our members? He rode his scooter to the meeting because his wife had the car, and he wanted to take home a bowl blank! In fact.....he only lived a short distance from our meeting place. He did NOT have to go out on the very

busy I-75!!



0293

Woodchuck Sightings:

Photo #0293: Fellow Woodchuck Sal Chiarelli and his wife Janine stopped by my studio in Sarasota on Feb 1st while on a Florida trip! Some time ago he had mentioned this was a possibility, and I am so glad it worked out. The invitation is out to any others who find themselves in our area! Great to see you!

For now, best to all from Skunk Hollow South!

Russ Fellows
(skunkmen@gmail.com)

- 1) Lathrop Maple Supply, Hewitt Rd, Bristol, Vermont, 802-453-2897. With a newly expanded inventory area, Tom has a fantastic supply of local and imported wood. His new division, "Exclusively Vermont, LLC, specializes in high quality Vermont lumber and mill products and FSC stock is available.
- 2) Hayley Wood Products in Colchester. (<http://www.hayleywoodproducts.com/>).
- 3) Sutherland Welles Ltd., No. Hyde Park, VT, 800-322-1245. (www.sutherlandwelles.com). Right here in our own backyard, they make the best Tung oil products in the U S. Call with an order and it goes out the same day!
- 4) Bad Dogs Burl Source, (www.burlsource.com) They are down in Belchertown, MA and have an incredible inventory of Australian and North American burls. 413-213-0248
- 5) Johnson Lumber, Route 116 in Bristol, VT. 802-453-4884. Another good "local" source for hardwood lumber of all kinds.
- 6) www.exoticwoodsusa.com. They offer a 15% discount to any member of an AAW chapter. Type in 'exoticwoodsusaaaw' in the coupon code box.
- 7) Griffin Exotic Woods These folks came up in a search for something else, and I ended up buying a couple things from them. Their prices were fair and the service was good. <http://www.exoticwood.biz/>
- 8) Sinclair Mill Works in North Danville VT <http://www.sinclairmillworks.com/home.htm>. 802-748-0948. He specializes in figure Vermont species. His prices are very reasonable.
- 9) Woodturning Videos and eBooks by Steven D. Russell <http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com/>. This website is full of tips & instructions for turners.
- 10) Mike Jackofsky—hollowing tools. www.mikejackofsky.com. Also sells thru Craft Supply.
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- 12) Laser engraving—Maple Land Mark Woodcraft. 800-421-4223 They are in Middlebury. www.maplelandmark.com
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- 14) Paw Prints Printing WWW.paw-prints.com 802 865 2872 Gregory Drive South Burlington, VT 05403
- 15) Your NEW colored plywood source. trethaway@comcast.net. Has scraps of colored plywood for resale. Listed on eBay as scratch101012.
- 16) The Tree House, hardwoods & mill shop. Native woods, priced from \$5.00. 1891 Williston Rd., 802-497-3530. www.treehousehardwoods.com
- 17) Suffolk Saw of New England, Jeff & Danielle Mellott; 33 Gaudet Dr., Belmont, NH, 03220 877-550-7297

Classified Ads

Free To Members

Joe Laferriere has a belt sander for sale.
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Woodchuck Mentors

These Woodchucks are able and willing to help other Woodchucks wanting some hands-on instruction.

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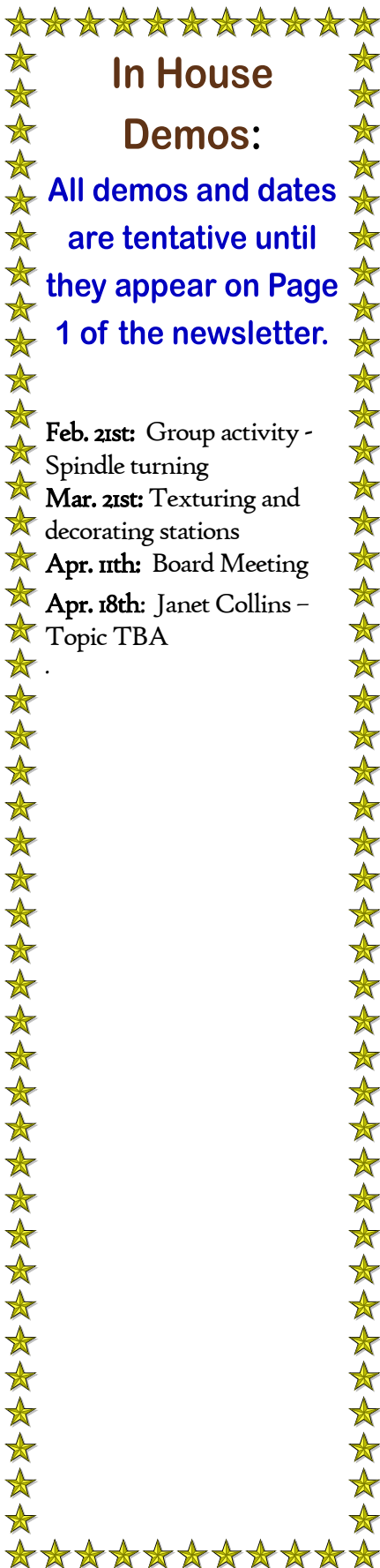
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General turning



In House Demos:

All demos and dates are tentative until they appear on Page 1 of the newsletter.

- Feb. 21st: Group activity - Spindle turning
- Mar. 21st: Texturing and decorating stations
- Apr. 11th: Board Meeting
- Apr. 18th: Janet Collins - Topic TBA

WTNV Liability Insurance

Liability Insurance Policy

As of April 2013 we are covered by a liability policy with the following limits:
Each occurrence: 2M; Damage to rented premises: 1M; Med expenses: 10K;
Personal injury: 2M; General aggregate: 4M; Products aggregate:4M.
The Hartford; Agent; Michael George:
(317) 735 4072; mgeorge@amj_ins.com
This policy covers all members at all

WTNV events.

If you are demonstrating, this policy will not cover any claim if you are being compensated either by commission or sale of your turnings. In other words, this does not serve as an individual business policy.

If you need a copy on the insurance face sheet, contact Ted Fink at TJFTurnings@gmail.com