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October Meeting

The October meeting was attended by about 26 members, including new member Eric Berndt, who was recruited by John Coles. Welcome Eric!

President Phil notified us of a change in the Treasurer position. Long-time Treasurer (and one of the club founders) Herb Kurtz has decided to turn in the checkbook, after more than 10 years of dedicated service. Many thanks to Herb for his hard work over the years, and let's hope he has more free time now to continue his fine turnings. For the future, John Coles has agreed to take over as Treasurer, and we appreciate his willingness to help manage our finances.

Our condolences go out to club member Hilborne Wells, who recently lost his wife Diana after a period of illness. If you want to communicate with him directly, the address

is 77 North Chester Ave., Delran, NJ 08075. Best wishes also to club member Bob Peterson, who is recovering from heart surgery.

The church auction was held on October 11, attended by Phil and Monica among others. Many of the pieces contributed by our club sold for good prices, according to Phil, and the church certainly appreciated our efforts.

Brad Whitman provided an update on the important articles he has written for AAW regarding harvesting and sales of exotic woods. Some major international conservation organizations have expressed interest in joining forces to improve the certification process, and Brad will keep us informed as progress continues to be made. Thanks Brad, and we hope your foot heals quickly too!

The 50/50 winner this month was Jim Hobson, who collected \$42. Congratulations also to Ray Klosek, Charlie Sarnelli and Ina Cabañas, who won gift certificates or other items.

Keith Davies discussed the purchase of name tags thru our website. REMINDER: User name is <member> and password is <delval08> for the members only section.

The *featured turner* this month was Ed Ryan, who shared his 10 plus years of turning experience. Ed is also current President of the Bucks Woodturners club, and he teaches several popular classes at the Bucks County Community College. One of the classes is aimed at beginning turners aged 10-14, and they get to make a bunch of projects using only scrapers as turning tools. Ed is retired after 37 years as a lineman for Phila. Electric.

Ed demonstrated two projects, one was a three piece candy dish with an offset spindle turning supporting the top and bottom pieces, the other was a conventional bowl. Ed showed how both could be turned using a

home made screw chuck made from a ½” lag bolt mounted in a wooden faceplate.



He described several other tricks of the trade, including the use of a “safe center”; mounting with double faced tape (not carpet tape), which can be obtained from Woodcraft for about \$35 for a long lasting roll; a modified open ended wrench he used to turn perfect tenons; a home made “file”, fabricated from Home Depot paint sticks wrapped with sandpaper, to get the bottom back to round after reversing and re-chucking it; a home made donut chuck made from MDF, and a jam chuck made from 3” Styrofoam insulation, red or blue, not white. (He also teaches his grandchildren how to turn using the styrofoam and a scraper.)

He also described his drying process when turning rough blanks from wet wood. He sometimes wraps them in paper and stores them for about 3 months in an open sided shed (until squirrels eat thru the paper), or he uses a home made dryer, which he supplied the plans for (can be found on our web site), and works in a week or two!



Thanks Ed, for a great presentation.

The **Show and Tell** session this meeting included several beautiful pieces from box elder and palm ivory by Ed Reiff;



a large salad bowl from an 85 year old silver maple in Brad Whitman’s yard;



and a large spalted maple bowl with coffee grounds/Crazy Glue filler by Phil Hauser.



a Nelson Brown segmented vase from 485 individual pieces; a large box elder hollow form by Rich DeCandia; several hollow forms by Andy DiPietro,



(Check out more photos on our web site.)

Upcoming Events

Ongoing – Creative Genius show in Medford, for another month or so

October 21 - Open House at Phil Hauser's shop, 7-9 pm.

November 8 – Perkins show open house, 10 am – 10 pm, Collingswood

November 11 – next scheduled meeting,
photography workshop

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Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$1033
reported by John Coles.



Library Report – none this
month

Help Wanted section- We are looking for members who will volunteer to coordinate group purchases of various supplies for the club. Items that have been suggested include sandpaper, glue, Anchor Seal, finish and waxing products, etc. The responsibilities of this position would include: 1) identifying materials that make sense to acquire by group purchases; 2) making announcements at club meetings or in the newsletter to give members every opportunity to see the offer for upcoming purchases; 3) maintaining a list of members interested in a particular group purchase; 4) collecting checks from interested members in advance of making the purchase, to ensure the funds are for them using the collected funds; 6) taking delivery of the purchased materials and distributing them at the club meetings. If you would like to consider helping with this please contact one of the club executives.