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## Minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting of the Gateway Turners

*The next “hands on” will be starting at noon on Saturday August 18 at Lenny’s shop.*

Lenny opened meeting – 18+ people, Emillio brought his grandson William Shrek who is interested in learning woodturning. Phil reported that we have \$925.43 in our treasury. The club has agreed to pay demonstrators from outside the club \$125

Ian discussed the upcoming Oct 18-21 AAW segmented turning symposium (every 2 years) this time in Lake Tahoe – he and wife are going

**Website** – Bernie will send pix to Jim Silva for the website. Our library section will be added to the website and it would be nice to have pictures from club members w/description. There is no private information in our web site yet.

John Buchanan , [jbuchanan@verizon.net](mailto:jbuchanan@verizon.net) , is building a library data base in process and will accept donations of DVD’s and books. John plans to send an email out asking for donations, listing what is available, and asking what our members would like added to the library. Turning Green Wood was donated by???? It was mentioned that we are legally allowed to make one copy of a DVD that we own for circulation by members. . Ian donated a DVD on segmented turning to library

Bob Scott – brought in 3 AC fractional horsepower motors, and 19 wheels for any members who could make use of them.

Ian Manley will be giving a demonstration of segmented turning on August 3 at the Fuller Craft Museum from 1-4 PM. There will be a morning demonstration by Rich Friberg from 10-1 on spindle turning and making Barley twists. The demonstrations seem to be the result of discussions between Bob Sutter and the new director of the Fuller Craft museum who is also supposed to be a woodturner.

People asked for a list of good Youtube videos to be drawn up.

[http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning\\_projects.html](http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.html) is a good source for turning projects

Dennis Daudelin has a bare bones web site for woodturners with provision for selling [www.webrigger.com](http://www.webrigger.com)

## Bring Back



Bernie NIP hollowform with Walnut rings won by Jim Leatherwood



Emillio toothpick dispenser won by George Pritchard

### Challenge for July - Make a toothpick holder



Ian Manley -Apple w/Canary wood finial



Jim Leatherwood - Ash



Jeff Keller - pop up Walnut toothpick holder and a personal chess toothpick holder in Walnut w/Olive wood



Bob Scott : Cherry pop up toothpick holder has a spalted Oak top and a Walnut sapwood internal post -



Emillio Iannuccillio : a toothpick dispenser in Maple { size of dispensing hole seems to be critical } with a screw top and a personal toothpick holder



A poor picture of "works in process" see thru toothpick holder using Corian & Delrin by John Buchenan

### August challenge

(1) make a pillbox aka a threaded airtight box ala Jim Silva. Instructions ought to be posted on our website in the "tips/articles" section before the next meeting.

(2) - embellish a turning. The embellished piece must have part, or all of it, colored in some way, turned from any wood and - you can stain it, burn it, paint it, dye it, inlay it, ebonize it, shoe polish it, gold leaf it, ????

## Show and Tell



Some of the Show & Tell items



Jim Silva donated a sturdy lathe stand



Ian Manley showed several items “stool sample” in Bloodwood, Thula Burl vessel, and an 8” Pine bowl. *The Pine vessel is from a 40 year old tree that a friend planted when in high school. The tree was felled in a storm and has been sitting waiting to be turned for 18 months.*

Jim Leatherwood showed a Box elder hollow form



Jim Leatherwood : sugar Maple platter with a Monkeywood filler on the bottom, Box elder natural edge vessel, 8” thin hollow form, and a goblet





Jeff Keller mortar and pestle in bleached Holly



Lenny showed a series of miniature candlesticks turned out of Bone, brass, aluminum, and bone

## Demonstration



Jim started his demonstration by explaining that you can convert a left over “child proof” pill container into a saleable product as an airtight box which can be used for pills or herbs, or whatever.

A starting point is to find a pillbox whose dimensions are close to “standard” Forstner bits so that the appropriate hole size can be made quickly. Having found such a pill box, remove the “child proof” cover and extract the inner assembly with the screw threads. You can then mount the inner assembly on a lathe and remove some excess outside material.



Child proof top, inner assembly, remains of child proof top



Some different inner assemblies

The next steps are to take some “dry” wood (you do not want to use green wood which might warp as it dry’s) and turn a holder for the pill bottle, a ring of contrasting wood to fit over the pill box in its wood base, and a holder for the inner screw assembly you removed from the “child proof” top. If your pill box sizes do not match your Forstner bits then you can carefully hollow out the wood to hold everything.



basic pill box



Partially assembled unit



Completed demo unit



Air tight box ready for sale

Wood raffle - An assortment of wood was available and raffled off.



**Next Meeting is August 14, 2012**  
Jim Leatherwood will demonstrate making miniature birdhouse ornaments

### Coming events

MSSW August meeting (on August 28<sup>th</sup>) will feature Rich Friberg speaking on his barn that he built.

*Crown Post Timber Frame Barn 20' x 30'*

*This style dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century ( 1260 England )*

*4 thousand board feet of Eastern White Pine Timbers in the frame alone*

*6 Tons of New England Fieldstone dry laid by hand for the foundation*

*@ 1 Month of time to cut & fit all of the joinery for the frame*

*4 hours of heavy lifting and the frame now stands*

*3 thousand board feet of Eastern White Pine shiplap sheathing*

*2½ a boxes of bandaids - no stitches*

*Untold hours of head scratching*

CNEW is hosting Binh Pho on Sept 6 (piercing) in Worcester.

AAW Segmenting Symposium October 18-21, 2012 at Lake Tahoe

David Ellsworth's demo at MSSW will be April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Jimmy Clewes will be here October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2013