

# Southern Maine Woodturners Newsletter

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**Our May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the Rockler retail store in So. Portland. Show up early to mingle with other members, purchase raffle tickets and bring your latest turnings for the show & tell table.**

**Don't forget to bring in your May Challenge piece (A new-to-you way of texturing on your turning)**

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**Our demonstrator this month will be PETER WALEN of Kingfield, ME Peter does some great turning & texturing as can be seen in the photo, this should be a very good demonstration!**



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## March Meeting Minutes

Eric Johnson opened the meeting at 6:39 pm and noted that Peter Walen, our May demonstrator, and Marcelle Durette, our June demonstrator, will cost the club below \$300 each. (since our meeting, we've learned that the actual cost will be \$250 each). Chris, interim manager of Rockler noted that a new manager was hired and going through training and we should be able to meet him at our meeting this month. Eric also made a plea to members to volunteer for raffle ticket takers, videographers, photographers and the need for 2 committee members to update our bylaws. This is OUR CLUB and desperately need help to keep it running as it has. (the annual dues for members is \$20.00, \$1.666 per meeting) Think about donating a little time to lessen the burden on those members that selflessly and consistently work on providing great demonstrations, a great library, refreshments and snacks, raffles, tool inventory, webmaster, newsletters and the list goes on..... PLEASE!! Jeff Enck began his demonstration at 6:52 pm on turning thin-walled bowls, pattern layout process and piercing process. This was a superb demonstration; our sincere thanks go out to Jeff! The evening concluded at 8:45 pm with the "Turning with the least density challenge, Show & Tell and the monthly raffle. There were 40 members present.

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## Upcoming Events

5/1/19 – Peter Walen, from Kingfield, ME to demonstrate at our monthly meeting.

6/5/19 – Marcelle Durette to demonstrate at our monthly meeting.

6/29/19 – World renowned turner/artist Nick Agar (from across the pond) will be our demonstrator. This will be a full-day event on a Saturday. More details will be discussed at our May meeting. I presume this will be in lieu of our July meeting, but will confirm. Nick's webpage – [www.turningintoart.com](http://www.turningintoart.com)

7/11/19 through 7/14/19 – AAW 33<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina. <https://www.woodturner.org/page/2019RaleighMain>

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**10/4/19 through 10/6/19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium**  
<http://www.mawts.com>

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## **Upcoming Monthly Challenges**

**June 2019** – Do all bowls have to be round? Try turning a winged bowl, square bowl, tri-tipped bowl or something other than the standard round bowl!

**July 2019** – You have the patriotic right to be artistically independent. Show off your creative side and do a project that you've seen on YouTube or have been wanting to try for a while that's been in the back of your mind. The possibilities are endless!

**August 2019** – This is the 2 x 4 challenge. Turn something from a stock 2 x 4 stud. You may color the 2 x 4, cut the 2 x 4, glue the 2 x 4. A sacrificial glue block may be added for turning. May the best stud win!!

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**REMINDER** – If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience, Thank You!

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If there is any news you would like to have included in the upcoming newsletters, please send me an email @ [rolhome@roadrunner.com](mailto:rolhome@roadrunner.com)

Thank you and happy & safe turning, *Roland Martin*

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**President: Eric Johnson**

**Vice-President: Robert Thurrell**

**Treasurer: David Ginsberg**

**Secretary: Roland Martin**

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