



# Articles

# Old Saw

The Newsletter of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

by Peter Brev—Chair



The 8th New England Woodturning Symposium on May 9, 2015 at Pinkerton Academy was a huge hit with tremendous demonstrations by 28 hugely talented turners showing their skills to a packed house of 313 registered attendees. With a dedicated team of coordinators who started working a full year in advance, and aided by a large group of volunteers from the Guild the day went off with hardly a hitch. A fantastic instant gallery and a solid trade show added to the event so that all went home pleased and inspired.

Our symposia are completely unique in the nation as the demonstrators volunteer their time allowing all the profits to go to our Guild. In order to keep expenses to a minimum, the demonstrators who travel from afar are housed in volunteers homes—another unique tradition in our event.

Another special part of our symposia is the Youth Turning Day on Friday. This was revamped and expanded this year allowing us to reach far more students than in the past. We approached schools who already have a turning program and brought eight turners to the those schools. We encouraged them to include other nearby schools to further the outreach. Volunteers from the Guild accompanied the demonstrators to help out during the day.

We must certainly thank Pinkerton Academy for hosting the event. The venue makes so much possible including providing most of the lathes, great meals, perfect spaces for the demonstrations and a willingness to help us



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Demonstrators  
Charlie Sheaff  
Jerry Sambrook  
Beth Ireland

make the event a huge success. In return we give Pinkerton 1/3 of the profits to support their woodworking programs.

For anyone who looks carefully at the event, it is obvious that the symposia are only successful because of the huge spirit of volunteerism in the Guild. The dozen folks who worked for an entire year planning and organizing and the several dozen Guild members who moved lathes, set up video gear, swept up at the end of the day, hosted demonstrators in their home, etc., etc. are to be thanked profusely and congratulated on another fantastic woodturning symposium!—Peter Breu, Chair ●



### Eighth NE Woodturning Symposium

#### Income

Registration Income	\$19,109.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,109.50</b>

#### Expenses

Meals, Food Services (Astro Cafe)	\$3,160.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$524.90
PayPal Service Charges	\$459.72
Tables Rental Expense	\$922.00
Travel, Mileage Reimbursement	\$3,422.88
Youth Symposium Expenses	\$3,533.02
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,022.52</b>

<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,086.98</b>
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#### Payouts

To General Fund	\$2,259.99
To Education Fund	\$2,259.99
To Pinkerton Academy	\$2,567.00

*Austin (AJ) Knust of Merrimack HS (teacher Phil Carle) took the first place prize in the GNHW Youth Woodturning Competition. He won the 12"x20" Variable Speed Reversing Lathe donated by Rikon. There were roughly twenty entries.*





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