

NH Guild Hosts Youth Woodturning Competition

Sixty students from five New Hampshire and Vermont high schools submitted eighty-three turned pieces in a woodturning competition in May. The annual event, sponsored by the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, was hosted at Sanborn Mills Farm in Central New Hampshire.

Students were able to enter up to two pieces in seven categories: spindles, bowls, segmented, hollow forms, miniatures, platters, and stools. Three-legged stools proved to be the most popular, with entries ranging from early American rustic log legs to terrific combinations of



Proud woodturning students from Mascoma Regional High School pose with their completed projects.



Students from New Hampshire and Vermont high schools set up their woodturnings for judging.

spindle-turned legs and bowl- or platter-turned seats.

We applaud the following contest winners: spindles: Wesley Bolling, Merrimack High; bowls: Liam Rinelli, Thetford Academy; segmented: Lindsey Houston, Mascoma Regional; hollow forms: Matt St. Laurent,

Merrimack High; miniatures: Emily Pierce, Merrimack High; platters: Brittney Lowell, Mascoma Regional; stools: Asa Wood, Mascoma Regional. ■

—Dr. Annamarie Pennucci, Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

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MCW Puts AAW Grant to Good Use

The Mid-Columbia Woodturners (MCW) of Washington State received an Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) from the AAW to support woodturning in local high schools. The Grant funds

were used to obtain tools and equipment for the woodworking program at Hanford High School during the 2017-2018 school year. As a result of the Grant, MCW members made a commitment to provide

assistance to the high school instructors, and this was a very successful initiative with a positive response from students. The MCW commitment to work with the school continued for the 2018-2019 school year.

MCW members also provided instructional support to the woodworking programs at Kiona-Benton High School and Pasco High School. ■

—Jerry Johnson, Mid-Columbia Woodturners

Proud Hanford High School students with their turned projects, including bowls, plates, mallets, pens, and baseball bats. MCW members Ron Smith (left) and Leo Bowman (right) provided woodturning expertise, in addition to Hanford High instructor Ed Ufford, center.



NCWW Provides Woodturning Outreach

North Carolina Woodworker (NCWW) began in Raleigh, North Carolina, as an online woodworking forum and quickly became so much more. Our outreach program began in 2010 with a focus on providing woodworking training to our military members, including those in the Wounded Warrior Project.

We assembled a trailer loaded with tools but knew that standard tools and equipment would not fit the needs of all of our members. I took on the task of specialized equipment, since I had first-hand knowledge of the needs of wheelchair-bound folks, having watched my wife struggle with her wheelchair. I

sat in her chair and attempted to turn on my lathe—too high and too far to reach. A new lathe stand was required, and Dave Richards created woodworking plans for making a wheelchair-friendly version. I am pleased to say the design has worked well. During our Wounded Warrior events, virtually all of the veterans are interested in and able to make toys for their children.

NCWW has added youth training to our focus. In the past ten years, we have held more than fifty events for Wounded Warriors, Girl Scouts, first responders, local youth groups, and both local and international



NCWW is dedicated to providing woodturning outreach and can accommodate seated turners with a specially designed lathe stand.

woodworking shows. Special thanks to Klingspor's Woodworking Shop for supporting NCWW in these efforts. ■

—Phil Soper, North Carolina Woodworker

For more, visit ncwoodworker.net. Download Dave Richards' plans for building a wheelchair-friendly lathe stand at tiny.cc/Lathestand.