

JULY 2014 DEMONSTRATION

SPINDLE TURNING TECHNIQUES BY JOHN LUNNEY

The July meeting featured a demonstration of spindle turning techniques by **John Lunney**. John, a member of both the CNY Woodturners and the Thousand Island Woodturners, brought several different turned items as examples. John regularly turns a variety of spindles whether they be historically accurate replacements for old Wellsley Island mansions or long columns for a client. Many of the longer pieces were turned in 2 or more parts, depending upon the length needed. Here is **Rod Castle** examining the table of samples ...



John suggested that each woodturner should perform warm-up exercises prior to turning 'good' pieces. He noted that a great warm-up exercise is to turn a top. John showed his method of turning tops. He starts out with a dowel glued into a round blank. He coordinated the woodturning demonstrations at the Adams Historical Society and used this method to turn approximately 160 tops over 3 days.

John also showed his method for turning coves, beads, and pummels. He reminded everyone that his method may not be right or wrong, but it is the way he's found is the best for him.

John talked throughout his demonstration, explaining the different histories behind the various turning jobs he was offered and completed. He showed many different techniques, equipment he uses, and provided many tips.

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Editor's Note: **Chad Dawson** usually writes up each meeting's demonstration. He does a great job but due to various commitments can't make every meeting. We are always looking for volunteers to do the write-up. Please consider stepping up to volunteer. Remember, this is your club and it can only be a great club if you participate!!

