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A Special Thank You to John Jordon

John demonstrated at a special meeting on March 6th how to turn his famous hollow vessels. Even though we had some problems with the room we were in, everyone enjoyed the demo. We hope to see John again in the future.

A Special Thank You to Larry Friedrich

Larry, a member of SCWT, demonstrated at our regular meeting on March 13th on turning egg shapes and spheres. These turning techniques would lead to turning beads for necklaces.

April 10th Meeting Demonstrator

Our very own Charlie Shrum will be the demonstrator for the April meeting. He will demonstrate two items, a wine goblet and a natural edge candle holder. He says the candle holder is rather simple to do. His demonstration could inspire some of us to try something new.

May 8th Meeting Demonstration

Ron Browning of cowboy hat turning fame will be coming from Lecanto, Florida to demonstrate a couple of interesting items for our May meeting. He will not have time to turn a hat, but he will present an entertaining program. More details will be in the May newsletter.

April 18th Harbor Freight Demonstration

This is a special demonstration at Harbor Freight. The demo will begin on 04/18/06 (Tuesday) at about 0700 and run until we feel it is time to quit. This is an important demo because company executives will be at the store on this day. Harvey driver will make up a schedule of demonstrators at the May meeting.

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MEETINGS The Space Coast Woodturners meet at the Faith Fellowship Church of Broadway, located at 2820 Business Center Blvd, Melbourne FL ... 32940. We meet 7:00 pm-9:00 pm the second Monday of each month. Visitors are welcome!

Something New Behind the Scenes at the Monthly Meetings

For those of you who did not notice at the last meeting, there is something new at the meeting site that everyone should take notice of. It is the new storage box on wheels which contains the arch for the demonstration lathes. As you all know by now, the arch disassembles into several pieces which used to go into the back of Glenn Baxter's pickup truck and go home with him to be unloaded every month to again be loaded into his pickup the next month to return to our meeting...cycle repeated every month.

Everyone should take a good look at this new container of ingenious design and fine craftsmanship. Each piece of the arch has a special location in the box along with special aids for the storage and removal of those pieces. The box also allows for some storage of items used for tool sharpening as well as other aids for turning demonstrations.

What a fine piece of craftsmanship Glenn has designed and built to add to our "inventory" of his other cabinetry. This latest took a lot of time and effort on Glenn's part, and he is to be commended for his efforts and volunteerism.

[Chuck Billings]

SPECIAL HANDS-ON PROJECT -- PEPPER MILL

Paul Pouliot will conduct hands-on instruction in the making of a 6" Pepper Mill on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to assist in set-up of lathes. This special event will be held at Wynn Arnold's house/workshop for eight "students". Participants need to be at the intermediate level...basic turning skills will be required.

Participants will need to bring their own tools consisting of: spindle gouges, skew, parting tool, caliper, sand paper (all grits), measuring tape and a pencil.

Great Woodturning Schools in the South East

John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org/

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts www.arrowmont.org/

Highland Hardware www.highlandhardware.com/

Appalachian Center for Crafts <http://craftcenter.tntech.edu/>

For the Partners and Children Other Arts and Crafts are also available at these Schools

SPACE COAST WOODTURNERS MINUTES FOR March, 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Gregory at the Faith Fellowship Church 2820 Business Center Blvd Melbourne, Florida at 7:13pm March 6, 2006. There were 33 members and 4 guests Jim Garrison, Jim Ragusa, Russ Bolton, and Dan Moore.

Reports

President Jack Gregory:

This years AAW activity is Christmas ornaments, so we need to turn a lot by the June meeting so they can be taken to the symposium. While you are at it please turn a couple of extra for the Church for their Christmas auction. The AAW is looking for nominations for its board of directors. If anyone has any suggestions please send them to me and I will forward them.

Vice President Chuck Billings:

Hands on event at Wynn Arnolds shop April 15, turning a pepper mill with Paul Pouliot. This is limited to a few people with a cost of \$40 including lunch. Please bring the following tools Spindle Gouge, Skew, Parting tool, Calipers, Sand paper. Drills and all materials will be provided.

Treasurer Harvey Driver

Bank Balance of 2500.00 give or take a dollar (left balance at home). The Harbor Freight demonstration turnout was the best yet. The club had 27 members turning and/or talking over the 2-day event. The woodworking show in Kissimmee was well attended with more than just our assigned members helping out. It's good to see more of our members becoming involved in these events. Harbor Freight is moving down the shopping center to larger quarters and they are having a Grand Opening on April 18. We will be doing a one-day demonstration for them, details at the next meeting.

Secretary Read Johnson

No report

Video Tapes Tom Weber

New DVDs on wood finishing. Some of our newer members may not be aware of the procedure for borrowing Tapes and DVDs. These DVDs (or Tapes) are on loan to the member for a ONE-dollar per month borrowing fee. There is a sign out book for the item, please write your name, date out and phone number and of course put in your dollar for each item. When you return (next meeting) the item please fill in the return date in the book. Should you forget to bring in the item the fee is still a dollar a month. Weber's general store has sandpaper, welded face plates and spindle washers for sale.

Newsletter Paul Todd:

Paul Todd will be taking over the newsletter as of the March issue. The dead line for all input to the newsletter is 2 Mondays before the next meeting. Any information delivered after this time will be included in the next newsletter. *Anything other than glowing remarks should be delivered to Jack Gregory for consideration.*

SPACE COAST WOODTURNERS MINUTES FOR March, 6, 2006

Continued

Jim Donovan:

\$0 toward next order for Craft Supplies.

Old Business:

Ken Thurman spray lacquer is no longer available.

Ray Conklin:

Wooden turning lathe is on schedule and will be done by the April meeting. We need fruit turned on this lathe to be displayed with the lathe at the Symposium this June.

New Business:

Wynn Arnold made a motion and Seconded by Tiny Wirs to purchase two numbered memorial gouges, a 3/8" and 1/2" Bowl Gouge from the AAW. These are made of a Stuart Battie handle and Glaser tool steel. A contest for Craft Supply gift certificates will be held at the next meeting.

"Beginning" turners should turn a bowl, "intermediate" level turners should turn a Goblet and "expert" turners can turn what ever they want. The judged winners will receive the certificates.

Miscellaneous:

Thanks to all who helped clean out Tiny's old wood stock.

For Sales:

2 work bench stands \$9 each, Jet Mini lathe \$150.00 see Harvey, 3 sets Apprentice (Craft Supply) lathe chucks (all sold out see Harvey if you are interested in more), Craftsman Table saw \$75 see Ray Zakrajcsk. Mcnaughton Bowl saver \$100. Bill Van Siclen is looking for a band saw.

Show and Tell:

Chuck Billings NIP hollow vessel turned at John C. Campbell School

Stan Knopf Sycamore natural edge bowl

Bill Lucian back scratched handle of "branch" wood and a pocket book holder

John Armstrong Hollow vessel from Paul Pouliot

Paul Todd sea urchin turned box with spikes box of Cocobolo

Ken Thurman small-lidded box turned at wood working show.

Wood Auction:

Turning tools, Cedar, wood, old church cabinet

Business meeting adjourned.

Demonstration by: Larry Fredrich turning wooden balls and small beads.

A Message from the President

I recently re-read the article “Chapter Tune-up” in the winter 2004 issue of American Woodturner and compared my view of Space Coast Woodturners to the check list of evaluation points, and I must say, that we came off looking pretty good. We are currently doing most of the things suggested, some things we are not, and that gives us something to work on to improve our chapter.

One area that I feel we could do more in is turning displays in public. Our Harbor Freight sessions are very successful, thanks to Harvey Driver and all those who participate. We have gained several new members at this activity and I feel we could do more. Anyone with a suggestion please bring it to the steering committee.

This month’s turning contest will not be the last. We will have more in the future.

I would like to thank all the members for their support and cooperation. This is your chapter, and you make it work. If you have any ideas, complaints, or comments bring them to the steering committee.

See you at the April 10th meeting. **Jack Gregory.**

From The Wood Pile

This feature will appear each month. The information is obtained from various sources, researched by the staff, and will include information on wood as it pertains to turning and carving. Each month we will pull a couple of pieces from the stack and take a look at them. We will try to write about native American woods and tropical exotics, in no particular order.

Hackberry (*celtis laevigata*) is a southern hardwood that grows to 50 – 60 feet. Local names include; hack tree, hoop ash and bastard elm. The leaves are similar to elm or ash. Hackberry has a course grain, with a light yellow to a grayish brown heartwood with a cream colored sapwood. It does exhibit some instability when drying, but it turns well and will produce a smooth surface when sanded to 600 grit. It accepts stains and finishes well, Water based finishes will raise the grain but sanding with 220 grit between initial coats will produce a smooth finish.

Honduras Rosewood (*dalbergia stevensoni*). The tree grows along rivers in the Belize area of Central America to a height of 100 feet or more. The heartwood ranges in color from light brown to dark brown with purple or brown streaks. The sapwood is yellow. The wood is highly figured and once dried is very stable. When being turned or sanded it produces quite a bit of dust that can cause an allergic reaction, so dust protection is advised. Honduras Rosewood turns very well, but tools must be very sharp. Turn gently to avoid overheating the tool and the wood. Semi gloss or satin finishes do well on Honduras Rosewood, but water based finishes do not. Oil finishes and wax finishes work well with sanding to 400 grit.

AAW Symposium

June 22-24, 2006 Louisville, KY

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/>

April 2006 Membership Contest

Open to all members of Space Coast Woodturners

Those members who wish to participate in the April 2006 Woodturning contest can turn one of the items below. The contest date is the April 10th, 2006 meeting. These items will be judged by a panel of judges chosen from the membership based on the following criteria:

Design

Execution

Finish

The categories and projects for this contest are:

Novice or beginner – bowl

Intermediate – goblet

TAPE DOCK by TOM WEBER

Thanks to everyone who supported our sandpaper sales last month. If you purchased a roll (or several), please check that you only got the number of rolls you intended. (In order to get several rolls of each grit into the box, I've started rolling them in two sizes, and put the smaller roll inside of the larger one. So make sure that you didn't accidentally take two rolls instead of one.)

One thing I forgot to mention - you should unroll the strips, and then re-roll them in the opposite direction (grit side out) and let them sit for several hours (or overnight) so that the strips lie flat before you cut them. This will keep the discs lying flat on the pad itself and mitigate the tendency of the discs to 'curl up' on the pads.

I'll have all grits restocked again next month.

Since a few (about 6 or 7) of the VHS tapes won't transfer properly to DVD format, I'm going to continue to bring those to the meetings. They'll be in a small box next to the DVD cases.

We have another new DVD for check out next month. Tony Cortese has put together a 100 minute DVD on relief power carving using a high speed (~400,000 RPM) turbo carver. Pretty good presentation, and some gorgeous results. Something for those of you who are interested in taking your project embellishment to the next level.

He sells a basic turbo carver with regulator, filter, foot pedal, and other accessories for \$260. He also offers a starter's kit with some more bits, burrs, and patterns for \$75.

I've talked to Tony a couple of times, and he's willing to give us a decent discount if we get several members to order as a group. So after seeing this presentation, if you're interested, contact me, and I'll see about setting up a group purchase. (In fact, you can order without seeing the video if you wish.)

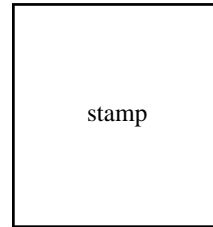
We also have a recording of the last two club demos. The first is by Paul Pouliot where he makes a coaster, napkin rings, and bottle stoppers. Excellent choice for those turners looking for a simple, not too involved, project that will also produce some nice useful things. Second on the same DVD is a demo by Larry Friedrich, where he turns an egg, balls, and beads. Both of these are on the same DVD, #128.

And lastly, since no one rented any of the 3 volume wood finishing DVD's last month by Russ Fairfield, they can be still be considered as 'new'.

So that's a total of 5 new DVD's for rental this month.

Hope to see you on the 10th. **Tom Weber**

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The Chapter's Purposes

In addition to supporting the general purposes of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS, Inc., Space Coast Woodturners are to:

Provide a meeting place for local woodturners;

Share ideas and techniques regarding this craft;

Trade woods;

Exchange ideas about tools; and

Exhibit finished projects.

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