



# Turning Points

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## Gary West

At the September meeting, Gary West of the Central Florida Woodturners Club demonstrated how to turn and build a kaleidoscope. This has been a popular request for a couple of years. Gary made us confident we could duplicate his fine work, eventually.

## Demonstrators for October

October -- Back by popular demand is our own Paul Pouliot to demonstrate his style of making a Christmas tree ornament. The timing of this demo is appropriate since it will be time to make these for family and friends and, importantly, for our donation to the Faith Fellowship Church.

## Jimmy Clewes

Thanks to Bob Elliott and the rest of the members of the club who made it possible for us to attend the Saturday demo by Jimmy. He did a fine job entertaining us with stories as well as showing us his skills at wood tuning.

For those of you who were not there, he told us to sharpen, sharpen and sharpen your tools as you go along. He also said there is no one best turning tool. He also showed us a double bevel to use to hollow out in small places so you do not get ridges.

**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!

## A Message from the President

**On Saturday, September 30, I had the pleasure, along with several members of Space Coast Woodturners, of attending a turning demonstration by Jimmy Clewes, a professional wood turner from England.**

**I am sorry that every member could not have seen this demonstration; there was something in his presentation for the novice to the advanced wood turner.**

**His use of his gorges to achieve the desired shape and finish was precise and his tool control was exacting. Anyone who can turn a propeller while it was turning can't be shabby!**

**I would recommend his DVD's if we have them in our library.**

**On top of his skill, the stage presence and good humor, he was a gentleman. See you at Harbor Freight.**

**Jack Gregory, pres.**

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**Sorry to those of you who haven't received this newsletter via email. I will send another email when I have the rest of the emails addresses. We will catch up on the minutes next month in the copy sent via snail mail. Freida**

## **SPACE COAST WOODTURNERS MINUTES FOR September 11, 2006**

**The meeting was called to order by President Jack Gregory at the Faith Fellowship Church 2820 Business Center Blvd Melbourne, Florida at 7:02pm September 11, 2006. There were 44 members present and 7 guests Freida Atwood, Jay Blier, Rob Register, Dotty Pugh, Branden DiFilippo, Hack Thornton and Ed Chekia.**

### **Reports:**

**President Jack Gregory:**

**Vice President Chuck Billings:**

**Paul Pouliot will be demonstrating making Christmas Ornaments at our next meeting. The November meeting will be with the Cub Scouts starting at 6:30. Our December meeting will be our Christmas party be sure to bring your Christmas ornament as your “entrance fee”. In January or February Alan Lacer will be our demonstrator (we hope).**

**Treasurer Harvey Driver**

**Bank Balance of \$2224.97 as of the end of August. The Harbor Freight sidewalk sale will be October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Secretary Read Johnson:**

**New rosters available.**

**Video Tapes Tom Weber:**

**Four new “tapes” and as always sandpaper and faceplates are available.**

**Newsletter Paul Todd:**

**As most of you know this will be my last meeting before moving up to Tennessee. Frieda Atwood ([freida1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:freida1@cfl.rr.com)) will be taking over as the new Newsletter editor. Please give her all the help and assistance you gave me.**

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**Jim Donovan:**

The last order from Craft Supplies is in and I already have \$800 accumulated toward the next order.

**Old Business:**

Bill Van Siclen's wife is still very ill, Angela Edwards is in the hospital with a bad back and Tiny is doing better.

**John Armstrong:**

The first tickets are going on sale for the AAW Gouges at \$5 each one per member only at this time.

Jimmy Clews is doing an all day demonstration in Orlando on Saturday September 30; the tickets are \$15 now and \$25 at the door. We will be doing a car pool to the demo see me for time and place.

Christmas Party December 11, I need help in all areas, setup, food, decorations and Cleanup.

**Show and Tell:**

Harvey Driver Christmas Ornament several types of wood

Wynn Arnold Goblet with captured ring Ohio Cherry

Ray Zakraksck Pens of Paduck, Snake wood and Corian

Bill Lucian Letter opener and a pen of Antler

Tom Weber Walnut bowl and Eucalyptus wood

Chuck Billings Hollow vessel of Camphor wood.

Tom Beswick Corn Cob pen

Charlie Schrum Carving

Paul Pouliot Christmas tree topper

Jack Thornton Pepper Mill

Wood Auction: Black Ash, Black Maple, Bag Maple Burl, Bone, Osage Orange, Amboina Burl, Pecan, Sweet Gum, Phillips screw driver bits.

Business meeting adjourned.

Demonstration by Gary West on how to make a kaleidoscope

## AAW Lathe Giveaway

### Repeat from last month

As part of the Fall 2006 membership drive, the AAW will be giving away a free Powermatic 3520B lathe to one lucky member who joined/renewed ONLINE. You can see and learn about this lathe at <http://www.wmhtoolgroup.com/shop/index.cfm?navPage=4&iid=6056397>

By joining on line, your correct address, phone, etc. will appear in the Directory and your Journal will be mailed to the correct address. If you use the paper mail-in form, mistakes can happen in reading and retyping it. The lathe will be given away in a drawing just after January 1, 2007.



To qualify for the drawing you must join or renew online using the AAW website join/renew feature. Members who join/renew by phone or by paper will NOT qualify for the drawing. Only members who join/renew online between August 15, 2006 and January 1, 2007 will qualify. The free lathe includes free shipping up to \$400.

For more information, visit the AAW website at <http://www.woodturner.org/>. The first time you login, use the username and password provided to you from the Fall 2006 individual AW Journal you received.

If you just joined the AAW for the first time, the username and password were provided to you either electronically, or via postal mail with your order. After you login, you will be prompted to create a unique username and password combination. John Hill - AAW Chapters and Membership chairman 828-645-6633 [johnrhill@charter.net](mailto:johnrhill@charter.net)

## FOR SALE

### Repeat from last month

Shop made router table. Sturdy - 3/4 plywood w/bracing. Top is 24" X 18" - nicely she-lacked - Split fence with three removable plexiglass fences for smaller bits. AC receptacle for router with built in switch. Miter slot Three point hold down for router. First \$25 takes it. (Recently traded a bowl for a really nice Delta shaper, so don't need this one any-more!) Tom Weber 452-2036

Penn State Model DC-18XL Dust Collector, 120 volt. With 8' hose and lathe dust hood. Price \$175.00. Call Jack Gregory 269-5855.

8 inch slow speed grinder. Price \$50.00. Call Paul Pouliot 269-3140.

A "Speedway Series", multi-speed, medium duty, bench mounted drill press. Weighs about 80 lbs. but will break down into several pieces for moving. Price: \$40.00. Call Paul Todd 267-1493.

Delta Model TS200LS, 10 inch table saw. This saw has a stand and a home made saw-dust catcher and wheels. Price: \$40.00. Call Paul Todd 267-1493.

Delta Model GR150, 6" high speed grinder with light. Price: \$25.00. Call Paul Todd 267-1493.

## From The Wood Pile

### POSSIBLE SOURCES OF WOOD SAMPLE/IDENTIFICATION KITS

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Wood sample kits are available to members of the INTERNATIONAL WOOD COLLECTORS SOCIETY (IWCS) through the IWCS. For membership and other information on this non-profit Society see the [IWCS Web Page](#)

The 36 sample IWCS kit is selected from over 70 species including both North American native woods and several species native to other areas of the world. The samples are stan-

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**Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road  
Burlington, NC 27215  
Phone: 910/584-0381**

**Garrett Wade Company  
161 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10013  
Phone: 1-800-221-2912 or 212/807-1757**

**Educational Lumber Company, Inc.  
Box 5373  
Asheville, NC 28803  
Phone: 704/255-8765**

**Wisconsin Crafts  
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Necedah, WI 54646  
Phone: 608/565-2101**

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**Forest Products Laboratory  
Forest Service - USDA  
One Gifford Pinchot Drive  
Madison, WI 53705-2398**

**The following page is from <http://www2.fpl.fs.fed.us/WoodID/idfact.html> and is a sample of the information available at the site.**

## Wood Identification Procedures

### Identification process.

Accurate wood identification depends mainly on characteristics of the wood cells revealed under a microscope. First, a cross-sectional surface of the sample is smoothed with a sharp knife and examined with a hand lens. Then small, thin sections are cut free-hand along the grain from the radial and tangential surfaces and prepared for viewing under the microscope.

Identifications are usually completed by means of technical anatomical features observed at high magnification. Gross features such as color, odor, and texture are of limited help as they can be quite variable and therefore are less reliable.

Chemical features are sometimes employed in routine identification of wood. The use of DNA technology, once thought to be impossible for wood, is now feasible, though in its infancy. Historically, DNA was extracted only from fresh wood. Modern techniques have allowed extraction from dry material, and it is reasonable to think that the next decade will see the entrance of DNA techniques for the exact identification of some commercially important species of wood. Such techniques are likely to remain expensive, and probably would not be employed for routine identification work.

### Limitations.

Identifications based on wood anatomy are generally accurate only to genus (e.g. a species of spruce) or, in some cases, to a subgeneric grouping (e.g., white oak group), but rarely to the exact species. Therefore, all information known about the specimen is important and should be provided with it. The wood's common name, country, or geographic area of origin are especially useful and may help to determine the precise species. For example, the American red pine, the European Scots or Scotch pine, and several Asiatic species of pine belong to the anatomically-defined red pine group. These species cannot be distinguished by their wood characteristics alone. However, if the wood is known to be native to North America, then an exact species can be given because only one species in the red pine group exists in North America--*Pinus resinosa*, red pine. Without this information, all a wood anatomist could report in this case would be that the sample is a species of pine (*Pinus*) of the red pine group. Conversely, if the origin of an antique were in question, finding a species of wood in the red pine group would not distinguish American from European or Asian objects.

For more information on wood identification in the context of personal property such as antiques, see the article:

Wiedenhoeft, A.C. 2006. The limits of scientific wood identification. Professional Appraisers Information Exchange. Vol. 4(2): 16.

Note: The full issue of the PAIE is a large (~2MB) download.

Paste this address into your browser:

[http://www.isa-appraisers.org/newsletters/ISA\\_PAIE\\_Spring2006.pdf](http://www.isa-appraisers.org/newsletters/ISA_PAIE_Spring2006.pdf)

### Specimen size.

Specimens 1 X 3 X 6 inches are recommended for purposes of identification. If only small specimens can be supplied for examination, as is generally the case with antique furniture, we will try to provide an identification. We do not identify charcoal samples.

### Technique for

Small samples must be split from large items rather than shaved or gouged. To produce a



## **Raffle Announcement**

### **Repeat from last month**

As announced at our last meeting ( 6-12-06 ) we are going to have a raffle . The prize you ask ? Well , two of the finest turning tools you will ever see . The AAW , for their 20th anniversary , came up with the idea of selling a “limited” collectors edition of a set of bowl gouges ( 1/2” and 3/8”). This is set # 117 of 500 . They are made only for this 20th occasion . You can go to the AAW website and read more . The handles are of selected cocobolo and the tool is M-4 steel . They are both signed and numbered . Value is \$260.00 + shipping.

The Raffle Rules are as follows:

1. We will sell only 100 tickets @ \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to our Club .
2. You must be a paid up Member of the Space Coast Woodturners to buy a ticket .
3. Each Member can only buy one ticket unless ...
4. If under 50 tickets are sold , then each of those people can have a chance of buying a second ticket .
5. If any tickets are left , any paid Member can enter a drawing to purchase a ticket at our Christmas Party.
6. Tickets will be sold at our Sept-Oct-Nov meetings ... See John Armstrong ... ticket #'s are 783814 thru 783913 ... If you want a certain # bring John cookies .
7. John will ask an HONEST person (that in itself will be a job) to draw the winning ticket . GOOD LUCK and DON'T pass this up!

**John Armstrong**

## Raffle Gouges

These are the two Twentieth Anniversary Gouges that will be raffled.



## Disk Dock for October

I expect to have a new DVD for rent next month. It's the third in the Tim Yoder series that's being shown on PBS. Each one of the DVD's contains four 30 minute programs.

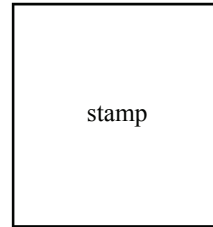
Again, if anyone needs any 60 grit sandpaper, or any special selection of grits, send me an email prior to the meeting, and I'll have it all packaged for you.

Remember to look through the three indexes for the latest DVD's, or those that you may have missed in the past.

See you on the 9th.

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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