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Turning Points

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Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne. (<http://www.henegar.org>)

March Demonstration:

Monday, March 10 – MEMBERS’ TURNING TOOL SHOW-AND-TELL
This program will be performed by the SCWT members for the SCWT members. Please bring your special or unique turning tool to the meeting to explain and give a 3 to 5 minute demonstration. We will have 2" x 2" x 6" pieces of poplar and some 2" diameter by 6" pieces for your use. If you need a bowl shape, please bring your own wood.

Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for February 11, 2008

The Official Meeting Minutes did not arrive in time for this edition of the newsletter. These minutes are taken from the Editor's back-up notes.

Reports:

President Read Johnson: The SCWT meeting was called to order by President Read Johnson at 7:00 on Feb 11, 2008 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida.

Read called for a motion to keep the current three officers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and leave the vice presidency vacant as the honorable Chuck Billings is stepping down. The motion carried.

There was a discussion of Vice Presidential duties. If anyone is interested in the job, contact the Officers.

Vice President Chuck Billings is stepping down as vice president and program coordinator. Thanks for all the hard work Chuck!

Treasurer Harvey Driver: The SCWT account has over \$3200 plus the \$1,000 from the Florida Woodturners Symposium Educational Fund. The SCWT Club is soliciting ideas on how to spend the educational money (yes, it has to be educational). The Harbor Freight Demo is March 7 and 8 and there was a discussion of the AAW Insurance covering demonstrators at this sanctioned event.

Secretary Julian Pharis

Craft Supply Order Jim Donovan There is \$600 toward the next Craft Supplies order for the \$1,000 need to get the 10% discount.

DVD Dock Tom Weber We have one new DVD for rent this month. Rex Burningham and Kip Christensen are two of the more noted pen turners. They have co-authored a couple of books, and have now produced two videos. We are offering the second one this month. It is #168, Turning Pens with Kip & Rex, Vol. 2.

This volume covers the European and Americana styles, known elsewhere (before the lawyers got involved) as Mont Blanc and Parker styles

respectively. They also cover turning techniques for antler and the various plastics and of course a whole slew of miscellaneous general pen turning tips. All in all, these two videos (#'s 167 and 168) have something to offer anyone interested in turning pens.

Our sandpaper box has been completely restocked with new and fresh material. I'd also like to mention a somewhat new sanding product. Most of us know the advantages of using the power driven foam sanding pads on bowls, platters, and the larger spindle work, especially the 2" and 3" size. But if you're like me, the 1" disc just usually didn't hack it. It was too small and didn't hold the abrasive disc all that well. The manufacturers have now come out with a 1-1/2" pad. The gripping power (surface area) is approximately 225% of the 1" pad's grip and will still fit into the standard boxes we turn from 2" stock. (Assuming your box walls aren't a half inch thick!) In fact, if you take a 2" disc, and somewhat scallop the edge before putting it on the 1-1/2" pad, you can get an effect somewhat akin to a sanding ball. It will smooth the transition between the bottom and the sides, as well as help smooth the sides themselves. - Pretty neat item to have on hand. And the really good news is that your local turning club will sell you one for only eight dollars!

Keeping in mind that the sanding box can only contain so many rolls, I'd like to repeat an offer I made a few months ago. If you know what you need in the way of grits, and whether it's for 2" or 3" discs (or the above-mentioned 1-1/2" disc), or the sheets of the ultra-fine grits, you can email me your needs (at tpurhrt@earthlink.net), and I'll have it prepackaged and ready for pickup at the next meeting. Of course there's no obligation should you change your mind. It would not only help to ensure a full sandpaper box, it would also save you the bother of digging through the sandpaper box.

Remember, your purchases make the DVD library possible. Hope to see you on the 10th.

Newsletter *Eric Thaxton* New website link added for Domestic Turning Blanks: www.turningblanks.net

Meeting ! ...

Old Business / New business

Don Houk has the exotic wood for sale from the recent pallet load purchase.

Larry Gonyea still taking orders for club shirts and has a few that were ordered but never picked up.

Educational Fund: The Club is soliciting ideas on how the club can use the \$1,000 windfall from the Florida Woodturning Symposium. Email your ideas to our illustrious Officers or bring your ideas to our March Meeting.

Wood Auction:

Woodturning Artist Needed

Hi there, my name is Cindy Lutian. My husband, Bill, and I sell our work at the SPACE COAST CRAFTERS CO-OP. We have lost our turner and are looking for a replacement. It is a co-op so you have to be available to work 2 days out of every 5 weeks. The cost to get in is \$212.00. It breaks down as first and last month's rent, \$10.00 key deposit, and \$50.00 to join the co-op. Each month's rent is \$76.00. The work is juried in by the board. The board meets the 2nd Thursday of the month and you would have to drop off some of your work before then with pricing. The last turner did pretty well. The shop is located on Brevard Avenue across from the toy shop. All you have to do is come up, fill out an application, and drop your work off to be juried. There is no commission so you get the price that you set for your piece. Thanks. CII7257@aol.com

For Sale:

- Jet 10/14 mini lathe (without stand) \$150 Dotty Pugh epugh@cfl.rr.com
Phone: 259-4991 home – you'll get the answering machine, so leave a message
Cell: 749-3760

Business Meeting Adjourned

New Woodturning Club in Brevard County

Brevard Woodturning Club

Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at:

Christian Church of Port St. John, 4645 Fay Blvd, Port St. John.

Next Meeting: March 19 at 7:00 PM

**HARBOR FREIGHT
SIDEWALK DEMO SCHEDULE
March 7th & 8th 2008**

Harbor Freight management has requested that we do two "one day" demos during their "Side Walk Sale" on the above dates. In return they have agreed to a one time 20% discount on the current advertised price of your market basket, to all paid up, I repeat, PAID UP members and an additional one time 20% discount to paid up members who participate - to include all demonstrators, helpers, equipment suppliers, and those who hang around doing public relations and/or learning from our demonstrators. Discounts will remain effective from the 10th of March to the day following the next series of "sidewalk sale" demonstrations, or six months, whichever occurs sooner.

It is usually a fun day and even if you don't demonstrate, you have a chance to learn something from those who do. Remember, you don't have to be an expert to demonstrate. This is often a time when someone is available to help you. So sign up (in two hour blocks if possible), and grab a tool.

You should bring your own tools and wood, however, the club tools and sharpening system will be available. In addition, small turning squares for spindle work are usually available. The club will supply one or more "Harbor Freight" (Central Machinery) wood lathes depending upon the level of interest.

If you are interested, do not wait until the last minute to sign up. The equipment suppliers need a week or so to determine the level of interest and gather lathes. Harvey Driver is the point man and maintains the list (321-757-8579)

Show and Tell

The “Showers and Tellers” were ...

Dotty Pugh – Three tiny goblets (Black and white ebony)

Julian Pharis – Walnut candlestick and vessel

Larry Gonyea – Candy Bowl and 7” segmented bowl of 314 pieces (sold for 33 cents per hour labor.

Larry Gonyea Jr. – Larry’s son is also a woodturner and artist. He showed a Bubinga flower pot with inlaid and a jar of wood shavings

Ray Zakrajsek – Natural Edge Vase and Large Norfolk Island Pine Bowl

John Pasamante – Norfolk island pine vase

Russ Bolton – Walnut Goblet with captive rings

David Search – Cypress bowl with charred finish and four bottle stoppers

Steve Reeves – Two pens: Wenge and Siberian Pea Tree

Virgil Mirar – Eight Bottle Stoppers and two pens

Jeff – Burl Paper weight and bowl of unknown waxy wood

Ken Thurman – Very small finial box of Bloodwood and African Blackwood which sold for \$70 at the club meeting (a steal!)

Joe Lafavor – Kaleidoscope egg

Photos from the Show and Tell



Larry's Vase



Larry's Candy Bowl



Larry Jr's Flower Pot



Ray's Vase



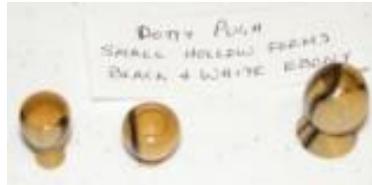
Russ's Goblet



Julian's Vase and
Candlestick



Steve's Pens



Dotty's Goblets



Joe's Kaleidoscope

Demonstration: Ron Browning
Lidded Box with the 'No Measure' Turned Joint



Marking – but not measuring

Making the box and lid from one piece of wood with a commonly sized tenon.



Hollowing – but still no measuring

Hollowing to the line that transfers the size from the lid to the box.



A finished box with a close-fit lid made, of course, with no measuring.

Upcoming Demonstrators:
Monday, April 14, 2008 - TBD

The Chapter's Purposes,
In addition to supporting the
general purposes of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
of WOODTURNERS, Inc.
are to:

1. Provide a meeting place for
local woodturners;
2. Share ideas and techniques
regarding this craft;
3. Trade woods;
4. Exchange ideas about tools;
and
5. Exhibit finished projects.

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