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# Turning Points

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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne. (<http://www.henegar.org>)

**May Demonstration:**

**Monday, May 12:** RAY CONKLIN *Inside / Outside Turning*  
The basic method is to cut four squared off sections of equal length wood and temporarily fasten them together so that what will be the inside is facing out. Ray uses double sided tape to hold the inside portions out and wraps them with glass tape. Next, the assembly is chucked in the lathe and the inside profile is turned. The sections are removed from the lathe, separated, and permanently glued back together with the turned profiles facing inwards. The glued assembly is re-chucked, and the outside is turned to a pleasing shape to go with the inside profile.

## Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for April 14, 2008

### Reports:

**President Read Johnson:** SCWT meeting was called to order by President Read Johnson at 7:02 pm on April 14, 2008 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida.

Five guests stood and introduced themselves. They were Russell Penick, Sandy Maquire, Wayne Santamont, Don Taylor, and Jim Ford. Russell Penick joined the club. We welcome all the guests.

Read announced that the challenge pieces should be placed on the table and viewed at the break. The vote will be taken later. The challenge was to turn something unique for you from the wood supplied. Vote by a show of hands for the one you like best.

**Vice President Tom Winkelspecht** Tom passed out a survey form to help determine what type of programs the members would be interested in having - to be filled out and returned to him tonight.

**Treasurer Harvey Driver:** The club has \$4281.67 in the bank. Harvey explained that Phil Brennon, a former president of AAW in 2004, is now paralyzed and in a wheelchair and his medical insurance runs out soon. The club steering committee has agreed to donate \$100 to the "Friends of Phil" account.

**Secretary Julian Pharis** The information has been supplied to Hartville Tool for all club members to receive a 20% discount on orders. You should be getting an e-mail with instructions for ordering and claiming your discount.

**Craft Supply Order Jim Donovan** Craft Supplies order for the club – the order is in and can be picked up at the meeting break. Someone ordered a rolling pin blank and/or two stainless steel bottle stopper kits. They were back ordered but are now in.

**DVD Dock Tom Weber** We have four new DVD's for this month.

The first one is a treatise on the setup and use of the Tormek TNT sharpening system. While this isn't the most popular sharpening system for woodturners, some of us do use it. As do quite a few regular wood workers.

If you rent this DVD, you'll also get to take the companion manual home for a month. It's number 11.

The other three are by Ray Key. Each one shows how to layout, turn, and finish one of his signature boxes, the basic, the capsule, and the finial box.

We used to have all three on one DVD, but it was very old, produced from some well-used VHS tapes, and not all that watchable. These are all new and are from digitally reformatted material - quite an improvement.

Mr. Key is generally acknowledged to be a master of this particular turning genre. He does an excellent job, with some good photography and non-technical narration. These three DVD's are numbers 177, 178, and 179.

I have updated the DVD indexes. Each book, including the Index Book, has a copy of the Master listing (white paper). That's the one where all the DVD's are listed in numerical order, with the turner's name and subject (or title) of the DVD.

In addition, I have (finally!) finished the listing by turner. Green pages. It's in the Index Book. It now includes the individual turners that are included in the AAW Techniques DVD's. So if you want to see something that one of your favorite turners has to offer, you can find his/her individual DVD, or see which AAW tape on which he/she appears. Along with the subject of the demo of course.

The yellow sheets, also in the Index Book, list the DVD's by subject. So if you're interested in finishing, you can find pertinent DVD's. Or bowls. Or a bagpipe (under Projects). Or just about anything else. This index is a couple of months from being up to date. Hopefully I'll have it done by next month.

Don't forget, we are now offering the Kling-On rolls for power sanding in 600 grit. So if you're working with some fine hardwoods, and want that show room finish, this will help you get there. (Won't help you 'rub-the-bevel' and all that, but will help you obtain that final perfect finish.)

I ordered enough of the 600 grit to let almost everyone in the club purchase one of each size, 4-1/2" and 3". This month they have moved into the big plastic box with their cousins. Same price, same sizes, just finer grit.

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](mailto: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 box.

Remember, your purchases make the DVD library possible

**Newsletter *Eric Thaxton*** Was not present at the April Meeting – that is why there are no Show and Tell Photos this month. The only photo (of the Dotty Pugh demo) is courtesy of Julian Pharis.

### **Meeting ! ...**

#### ***Old Business / New business***

**Chuck Billings** – has new member name tags

**Larry Gonyea**, Club shirt man – Larry is going north again and turned the shirt order business over to Bob Davis.

**Ray Conklin**, club project chairman – Ray showed the progress on the project the club will submit to the AAW at the symposium in June. It looks great. Ray has been behind the two other projects that SCWT submitted and we won both times. Congratulations and Thanks Ray.

**Don and Linda Houk**, exotic wood sales – They have some bargains. Check it out.

**Glenda Haskell** – made a request for ALL members to pitch in and help with the setup before and cleanup and transporting the 'stuff' to the vehicles after the meeting. Please.

**Bob Davis** – Bob has a continuing access to Corian cutoffs from a local business and urged members to try it as a material. It glues well and turns well. Check with him if you need some.

Someone checked with Woodcraft about club discounts and found that they are not offering discounts. That settles the question that was raised at the last meeting.

**Tom Weber** – It was mentioned at the last meeting by **Wynn Arnold** about a "Dry Box" for CA glue. Well, Tom obtained some in bulk and added it to the club store. He has small packages for \$3.00. You put your un-stoppered

bottles of CA glue and some desiccant in an airtight container and it prevents it from hardening in the bottle due to the moisture in the air.

**Ken Thurman** – offers free training at his shop but he will not be available from May 6 until September.

**President's Challenge:** The president's challenge had seven who turned something from the wood he supplied. The prize was a \$25 gift certificate to Craft Supplies USA.

Bruce Binns

Ray Zakrajsek

Julian Pharis

Troy Porter

David Search

Joe Forman

Chuck Ortt

And the winner by a show of hands was **Julian Pharis**.

**Items for sale –**

**Harvey Driver** has 6 size gages for spindle turnings \$6 each. Harvey will make a bulk order for Bedans \$35 and beading and porting tools \$33 from Packard before his current stock is gone and the price will be about \$50 from Sorby. If you are interested see Harvey for the sign up sheet. He also had a heavy duty lathe cart for \$45.

**Glen Baxter** has an industrial grade Dewalt 746 \$1200 table saw for \$600. Pick it up in Rockledge.

**Wood Auction:**

The wood auction made \$80

Wood Sales by Houks \$64.00

Donation received for donated Lathe, \$25.00

***Business Meeting Adjourned***

### **Packard Tool Order**

Harvey's \$600.00 "Packard" order came in. Those individuals who ordered a Bedan and/or a 3/8 Beading and Parting tool, can (should) pick up their tool(s) at the May meeting. Those who ordered a Bedan owe \$33.50. Those who ordered a Beading & Parting tool owe \$32.50. It follows that it amounts to \$66.00 for the set. Please make checks out to Harvey Driver, or bring exact change. 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: May 21 at 7:00 PM*

### **AAW Symposium Volunteers Needed!**

The AAW needs several more people to help out at the Richmond Symposium, June 20 – 22, 2008. [www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/)

One great opportunity for a spouse or member is to help out at the Instant Gallery. There is already a great group of people that socialize and have a great time together and they get to see everyone and have fun to boot. To help here, contact Lynn Geller at [lynnigel@pacbell.net](mailto:lynnigel@pacbell.net).

Another area where we need help is the demonstrator's assistants. Here is your opportunity to get up close and personal with the great demonstrators from all around the world. You will not have to operate the camera but will be there to help the demonstrator and have the best seat in the house.

We have a great opportunity for you to help in the Youth room. There is no greater feeling than helping a young person to learn to turn.

You will receive free, a special T shirt identifying you as an AAW volunteer. For any of these positions, please contact [inquiries@woodturner.org](mailto:inquiries@woodturner.org) as soon as possible.

**HARBOR FREIGHT  
SIDEWALK DEMO SCHEDULE  
June 6th & 7th 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 7th of June 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)

## Woodturning Show and Tell

*The “Showers and Tellers” were ...*

**Tom Beswick** – cedar bowl a lidded toothpick holder from camphor

**Dan Houk** – picks from Corian, marblewood, amboyna burl, first time for a goblet with captive ring

**Julian Pharis** – an adaptation of a Rude Osolnik candlestick but with the base and top left square and the challenge wood used to make a multi-axis turning with 13 axes and a weed pot with a spiral groove decoration.

**Ray Zakrajsek** – potpourri disk from rosewood and a small version of his serving dish on a stand. Ray brought his challenge pieces turned with offset centers, one with a skewed center to give a twist, and one with multi-axis turning that looks like a crankshaft.

**Dotty Pugh** – earrings from Zebra wood and a miniature hollow form.

**Bill Lutian** – made two Tomahawks for the Scouts and then made some from wood that were hard to tell from the real ones.

**Joe Forman** – made a ‘no measure’ box similar to the one in a recent club demonstration.

**Russ Bolton** – pen and key chain from poison ivy wood and his challenge piece

**Troy Porter** – two multi-turning-center candlesticks from the challenge wood. Turning air is more difficult than it looks.

**Bruce Binns** – used the challenge wood to make a box with an offset Plexiglas ring inserted in the wall of the box. Heat the plastic until pliable and it will conform to the shape of the wood when clamped. Cool it and finish turning

**Tom Walden** – 6 miniature doll house size goblets from holly and zebra wood.

**David Search** – a cherry bud vase with a test tube inserted .

**Larry Gonyea** – segmented African bowl and two open segmented vessels, one with 229 pieces of paduk and hard maple and the other with 397 pieces of Bloodwood and hard maple.

**Harvey Driver** – brought a dipper he finished that Michael Hosaluk had rough turned at the Florida Woodturning Symposium and also one Harvey made from scratch. An olive ash bowl, a hollow vessel of spalted hackberry, two bowls of Florida maple, a cherry bowl, a camphor bowl using the ‘missing wood’ method where you turn a round bowl and cut out the middle section and glue the remaining parts back together - makes an unusual non-round shape.

## **The demonstration program**

Meeting was adjourned to a demonstration by Dotty Pugh. You may remember that Dotty admired the miniature turnings of one of the demonstrators at the Florida Woodturning Symposium and he gave her the tool he was using made from an Allen head key. The catch was that she had to come back to the club and demonstrate the procedure within 3 months. Her night has arrived.

Dotty came well prepared and had a seven page handout with step by step color photographs of the turning procedure. She demonstrated how to make a miniature end-grain hollow vessel about a half inch tall and about a half inch diameter. A glue block was used to mount the piece on the lathe. She said the key is to make light cuts and check the wall thickness often. Also don't make the inside bigger than the outside.

The cutoff part left when you make a pen is enough to make these small miniatures.

Dotty accepted the challenge and did a great job for her first demo. Congratulations Dotty.

**Demonstration: *Miniature Vessels by Dotty Pugh***



**Upcoming Demonstrators:**

**Monday, June 9, 2008** – TOM WEBER *Turning a Square Bowl*  
Tom will be turning a square bowl or platter.

*This demo is still TBD*

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In addition to supporting the  
general purposes of the  
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are to:

1. Provide a meeting place for  
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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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