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# Turning Points

Newsletter of the Space Coast Woodturners

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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne.

(<http://www.henegar.org>)

**September Demonstration:**

**Monday, September 8:** Stan Rhoden *Photographing Your Work*  
Professional Photographer and SCWT member, Stan Rhoden, will demonstrate how to take photographs to market your work for ebay, online sale, or just to document your art.

## Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for August 11, 2008

### Reports:

**President Read Johnson** The SCWT meeting was called to order by President Read Johnson at 7:00pm on August 11, 2008 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida. No guests stood to be recognized.

Member Paul Ragona passed away. A sympathy card was sent to the family from the club and a memorial gift of \$25.00 will be sent to John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC

Read announced that this year the club plans to have a Christmas party for the December meeting on the regular meeting night. Location will be announced at the next meeting.

The AAW printed a bound volume of the demonstration handouts from the recent symposium. Cost at the symposium was \$10 or two for \$15.

**Vice President Tom Winkelspecht** Our program for tonight will be our own Harvey Driver demonstrating how to make a three part Christmas ornament. For September Stan Rhoden will demonstrate how to take better pictures of your pieces and how to market them on the Internet. October will feature Bob Winburn and his method of making wine stoppers. November TBD. The December meeting will be the Christmas party. We have Stuart Batty signed up for demo at the January meeting.

Stan Rhoden requests some turned items be loaned to him to photograph for preparation for the demonstration next month.

Glenda will hold a Corian turning workshop at her house. Contact her for schedule.

**Treasurer Harvey Driver:** \$4345.72 in the bank with \$1000 from the grant earmarked for education. Harvey reminded us of the Harbor Freight sidewalk demo in October. Sign up list at the next meeting.

**Secretary Julian Pharis**

**Craft Supply Order Jim Donovan** last months order has been received and distributed. There is nothing so far for the next \$1000 minimum order.

**DVD Dock Tom Weber** First of all, I'd like to thank Charlie Ceerle for his donation of a hand cart and quite a few DVD jewel cases to the club. The cart makes it a lot easier to get those DVD cases up and down the stairs each month, and the DVD cases saved your club a few bucks. Along those lines, I'd like to thank all the members who pitch in and help carry all that stuff up and down those darn stairs each month, and secondly, if anyone is considering throwing away some old CD's/DVD's, if they come in the type of cases we use for our DVD's, give them to me instead. I can scrape off the old labels and use them for our library.

Thanks to your support, the DVD library has become financially independent and self-supporting. Shouldn't ever be needing any more help from the general club treasury.

I have replaced one of our most popular DVD's, Bob Rosand's 'Turning Projects from Scrap'. The original somehow 'disappeared' a while ago. The replacement is not pristine, as it pauses momentarily several times later in the DVD. However, no data is lost, and the entire presentation is preserved. It's #D39. He covers weed pots, ring holders, oil lamps, lidded boxes, and both birdhouse and Christmas ornaments. One nice thing about this DVD is his use of small pieces of wood (AKA scrap pieces).

We also have ready another in our series of the past presenters who have graced the podium of our club. This latest addition is #D183. It features Ken Thurman turning one of his small (but quite elegant) lidded boxes and Bob Rosand's demo on Christmas ornament and Osolnik style candlesticks. Also included is Harvey Driver's presentation last summer of his collection of tools for holding your work on the lathe. While some may describe Harvey's collection of gadgets as bordering on an obsession (fetish?), it nonetheless gives the rest of us a unique opportunity to view an array of tools not seen anywhere this side of a national conference of woodturners. Thanks for sharing to both Ken and Harvey.

We also have Alan Lacer's new release, "Projects along the Woodturning Trail", Volumes 1 and 2. They are D184 and D185. Alan shows some basic exercises, weed pots, a screwdriver, pepper mill, a couple of types of bowls, and an end-grain toothpick holder.

Hope to see you on the 8th.

**Newsletter *Eric Thaxton*** Reminder that the deadline for submissions to be included in the newsletter is TEN days before the next meeting. Eric will be traveling a lot for the next several months and wants someone to volunteer to make sure we have pictures taken of the show and tell and demonstrations and submit them for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

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

**Club tee shirts by Bob Davis** – See Bob to place your order. Also Bob has a growing supply of Corian cutoffs for a small donation to the club. He has obtained a supply of pulleys that you may use to change the speed of your lathe or other shop projects.

**Wynn Arnold** – The Brevard Woodturning Club has signed up Ron Browning to demonstrate his hat turning methods. Date still TBD, but you can sign up to be notified as new information becomes available. The cost will be in the \$25-30 range.

Member Paul Pouliott has expressed interest in having his pepper mill class. Stay tuned for further info.

**AAW Membership Requirement:** Harvey Driver made an announcement that the club officers have been considering a change in the membership rules in order to be in line with the strong suggestion of the AAW. Future club membership will also include membership in the American Association of Woodturners. Space Coast Woodturners membership has been \$20 and AAW membership has been \$45 if you chose to join. The future membership cost will be \$65 and will include both memberships. Most members of SCWT are also members of AAW. There would be a three year grace period for current members in which they would not have to join AAW if they are not already a member. This does not allow current members of AAW to drop their membership and remain in the club. A major consideration is the insurance and the club liability. The \$45 includes \$1,000,000 of insurance coverage for injuries that might occur at any club sponsored event. There is also the quarterly magazine and the annual symposium and education grants. The national organization provides a lot of promotion for woodturning and is working hard to get woodturning better recognized throughout the nation. There will be time for discussion and voting at the September meeting.

## NOTICE

As announced at the August meeting, On September 8, 2008, Space Coast Woodturners will vote on the proposition put forth by the Steering Committee, that membership in The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) will be mandatory for membership in Space Coast Woodturners. This change will become effective immediately except for those members who previously joined in good faith and are not currently in AAW. Non members of AAW will have either 1 or 2 years to come into compliance, (to be determined by vote after discussion at the meeting.) Current AAW members will not be allowed to take advantage of this "grandfather" loophole.

Some, but not all, of the reasons are:

1. Space Coast Woodturners is Chartered and supported by AAW
2. AAW is getting ready to require full membership in all newly chartered clubs and it is felt that the board will eventually proceed to push for full membership in all clubs.
3. AAW provides a Million Dollar Liability Insurance Policy that covers AAW members only. Therefore, the club has exposure whenever a club member who is not an AAW member takes an action which may injure another. Therefore, non AAW members cannot demo. or teach.
4. According to the Charter issued by AAW, You must be a member of AAW to become an officer of the club. Non AAW members cannot contribute to leadership positions, leaving all the responsibilities to others.

Space Coast Woodturners was originally formed by a small group of AAW members in February 2002 with the intent of bringing Woodturning to the Space Coast. AAW membership was encouraged, but not required in order to introduce novices to the craft. For many years, almost all members joined AAW. However, non AAW members have grown from one or two novices to about 20% leaving the rest of us to carry the load.

All interested parties must attend the September 8, 2008 meeting to make objections known to the general membership.

### **Items for sale**

1. Hitachi 13 inch wide, thickness Planer. New, never used. With stand, casters, and leveling legs. Manual included. \$245
2. Power generator, Genrac 4KW continuous (B&S engine), with control panel and digital voltmeter. About 12 to 14 years old. Only used for hurricane backup. Manual included. \$275
3. Power generator, General Power 6KW continuous. Never used (bought large unit for entire home). Manual included. \$480

Items 1, 2, and 3: Will gladly email photos and try to answer any questions. Jim Ford. 321 727 0629 [jirofo@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jirofo@cfl.rr.com)

### **Wood Auction:**

Wood auction made \$24 for the club.

### ***Business Meeting Adjourned***

### **Woodturning Show and Tell**

*The “Showers and Tellers” were ...*

**Dotty Pugh** – hollowed out earring in black-and-white ebony; two maple pens (one with a blackwood band); and a wire ribbed Christmas ornament with black-and-white ebony based on an idea from a recent magazine article.

**Terry Justice** – Natural Edge Bowl of Spalted Maple

**Harvey Driver** – Ornament Tree including the type of ornament for the evening’s demonstration

**Ray Blier** – Two pens with CA finish, one in Acrylic, one in Mahogany.

**Glenda Haskell** – Several Corian pens, some with a Navy insignia made from a tie tack.

**Julian Pharis** – a pen with Western Diamondback rattlesnake and a pen from a 30-06 rifle cartridge and deer antler

**Jay Thornton** – Large walnut chalice with a spiral carved stem.

**Anthony Reeves** – a small mahogany goblet.

**Virgil Morar** – Ornament tree including a sea urchin ornament. He said they are very easy to turn for it only takes a top piece and a finial. Virgil also had some Corian pens that he made from 1/8 inch layers of many colors. Nice job.

**Bob Winburn** – Cedar bud vase with captive ring and a carved flower bud at the top.

**Show and Tell Photographs**

 <p>Bob's Bud Vase</p>	 <p>Harvey's Ornaments</p>	 <p>Jay's Chalice</p>
 <p>Dotty's Wire Ornament</p>	 <p>Dotty's Pens</p>	 <p>Glenda's Pens (Go Navy)</p>
 <p>Julian's Pens</p>	 <p>Ornament Trees</p>	 <p>Dotty's Earrings and her Inspiration</p>
 <p>Terry's Bowl</p>	 <p>Reeves' Goblets</p>	 <p>Jay's Pens</p>

## August Demonstration – Harvey Driver

 <p>Harvey Driver at SCWT</p>	 <p>Laying out the ornament</p>	 <p>Turning a sphere</p>
 <p>What it looks like inside</p>	 <p>Hollowing</p>	 <p>Hollowing the ball</p>
 <p>Hollowed Ornament ball</p>	 <p>Work in Progress</p>	 <p>Finished Ornaments</p>

**Upcoming Demonstrators:**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008** - Ron Browning *Turning a Full size Cowboy Hat*

Here is an opportunity to see a master at work. There is plenty of room, and for those not right up front, all the action will be projected on a large screen.

Brevard Woodturners AAW Chapter is a new club formed this year, and Ron is donating this Demo as a fund raiser to help the club get off the ground. So get a car pool together, come and enjoy the fun. They will raffle off the hat that Ron turns. There will also be tools and accessories for sale to benefit the club.

**Directions:**

From US 1 North or South, US 1 to Fay Boulevard in Port St John, West on Fay Boulevard: go 1.8 miles to the Christian Church of Port St John on the left.

From I-95, take Port St John Exit (first exit North of Beach Line Hwy or 528); drive east to Grissom Parkway, turn left, (North) 1 mile to Fay Boulevard (first traffic light). Turn right (East) 0.4 miles to Christian Church of Port St John (second church building) on right. See large steel building next to church. Extra parking in back. Note: Landmark - Near Kangaroo Gas Station

Cost is \$25.00 for about 6 hrs of Demo and Camaraderie (includes lunch). Reservations are not absolutely required but would be appreciated to help plan lunch. For more info and/or reservations, call Wynn Arnold 321-242-4822 or Jack Gregory 321-269-5855.

**Monday, October 13, 2008** – Bob Winburn *Turning a Bottle Stopper*  
SCWT member, Bob Winburn, will demonstrate how to turn a wine bottle stopper with a captive ring. He will also demonstrate the use of a homemade shop jig.

**Monday, November 10, 2008** – TBD *TBD*

**Monday, December 8, 2008** – SCWT *Holiday Party*

**Monday, January 12, 2009** – Stuart Batty *Spindle Turning Project*

### **Hands on classes:**

Our September project has been moved to October.

**25 October 2008:** Harvey Driver will instruct us in the making of a Christmas Ornament. There are 8 signed up with only a few spots open. Date to be determined: Paul Pouliot is offering a Pepper mill class; the cost will be determined by the number of class participants, i.e. 10 - \$35.00, 9 - \$38.00, 8 - \$44.00, 7 - \$50.00, 6 or less \$58.00. At the end of the day you will leave the class with a finished 8" peppermill. Additional pepper mill parts can be purchased for \$6.75. A bung plug and top for \$1.75 each. This is a spindle type course and is not recommended for the beginner, Paul's words, not mine.

**12 January 2009:** Stuart Batty is scheduled to be with us for the entire day. He will put on a demonstration during the day as well as our evening meeting. I'm not 100% sure what he will be demonstrating at either session. The cost for the daytime demonstration has not been determined yet. More information is coming soon.

For any of the events listed above contact Thom Winkelspecht at 254-6308 or [tawinkii@hotmail.com](mailto:tawinkii@hotmail.com).

## **SCWT Shopping Club**

*Items available at the club meeting from Tom Weber. Sales support the club and the Woodturning DVD Collection*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>
DVD Rental (per month)	\$1.00
Faceplate - 3/4 X 16 - 2"D	\$10.00
Faceplate - 1 X 8 - 3"D	\$12.00
Faceplate - 1-1/4 X 8 - 3"D	\$13.00
Faceplate - 1-1/4 X 8 - 4"D	\$14.00
Faceplate - M33 X 3.5 - 4"D	\$18.00
Faceplate Screws (Hex head sheet metal)	As Marked
Hand Drill Kit	\$3.00
Spindle Washer (any size)	\$1.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 1-1/2"	\$8.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 2"	\$10.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 3"	\$12.00
Sandpaper 3" H&L Material (80-400 Grit)	\$3.50
Sandpaper 4-1/4" H&L Mat'l (80-400 Grit)	\$3.50
Sandpaper 6" H&L Mat'l (60 Grit)	\$4.00
Ultra Fine Sandpaper, Pkg of 5 sheets: (1 each 600, 800, 1000, 12000, & 15000)	\$5.00
Ultra Fine Sandpaper, Pkg of 25 sheets. (5 each 600, 800, 1000, 12000, & 15000)	\$15.00

## **Benefits of AAW membership**

by Tom Wirsing - AAW Board Member

It's August already. Summer is drawing to a close. School will soon be back in session. The weather will turn cooler, and our focus will turn from outside activities to inside. Many of us will be spending much more time at our lathes over the coming months and attendance at AAW Chapter meetings will increase with the change of seasons.

All AAW members know what they like best about their membership but some chapter members may not yet be AAW members and may wonder what benefits await them when they do join the AAW. If someone does not join AAW, the result may be they do not get as involved, may not learn as fast as they could, may not get "hooked" on woodturning, and may not become contributing members of your AAW chapter. What a lost opportunity that would be.

There are eight primary benefits of membership in the AAW. Following is a brief description of each benefit:

- 1.) 300 AAW Chapters in North America and around the world which are a great place to meet other woodturners, to share ideas, and to learn. They have monthly meetings with demonstrations and many other activities
- 2.) AAW Journal: American Woodturner is The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners with high quality, full-color publication with a wealth of information for woodturners with articles on all aspects of woodturning and is published quarterly
- 3.) AAW Resource Guide: Lists all AAW members with contact information and lists all local chapters, with addresses and meeting times as well as information on Chapter Best Practices, the AAW Member Web Site, Star Chapters, 20th Anniversary Chapters, AAW bylaws, AAW Board of Directors, educational materials such as books and videos, lathe safety guidelines, and a host of other things and is published annually
- 4.) AAW Symposium: World's largest gathering of woodturners with approximately 60 world-class demonstrators, a trade show with every major manufacturer of lathes, tools, and turning supplies and accessories in the world, an instant gallery with hundreds of the world's best wood turnings, a

Youth Training Program, with lathe/equipment give-aways to participants, a banquet and auction of selected woodturnings from the Instant Gallery and much, much more. The 2009 Symposium in Albuquerque June 26-29, 2009

5.) AAW Website: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) which is a great source of current information about the AAW and contains contact information for every AAW member world-wide, contact information for demonstrators, a guide to all local chapters, meeting times, locations, and contacts. It has current events, a gallery of current work, membership information, and much, much more.

6.) AAW Forum: [www.aawforum.org](http://www.aawforum.org) which is an interactive web site for AAW members where you can interact with woodturners from around the world. It is a great source of current information where you can post your questions, comments, information about your woodturnings, photos, etc. and seek information about woodturning resources

- Machinery, tools and supplies
- Wood
- Publications

7.) Educational Opportunity Grants: Almost \$100,000 in grants given away this year for individuals, clubs, schools. They are for any qualifying educational opportunity. See the AAW web site for details

8.) AAW Liability Insurance: Liability insurance for Chapter sanctioned events. See the AAW web site for details

Anyone who wishes to join the AAW may become a member simply by visiting the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/> and signing up.

*To see a presentation on the Value of Membership in the AAW,*  
[http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW\\_Value\\_Proposition.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW_Value_Proposition.pdf)

### **AAW Disaster Emergency Relief Fund**

Immediately after the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the AAW Board of Directors created the AAW Disaster Emergency Relief Fund. The fund was created through generous donations made by many world famous artists from the online sales of their donated art pieces and by cash donations made by many chapters and individual members. This fund helped 8 AAW members with their losses by distributing \$54,800 and retained 20% for future disasters. As Katrina was our first major tragedy, we had to invent the wheel as to how to get the money, identify AAW members affected by uninsured catastrophic losses, and how to verify those losses.

With the rapid approach of Hurricane Gustav into the Gulf of Mexico with tragic loss expected from Florida to Texas, all AAW members should have this information. If any AAW member suffers catastrophic uninsured losses during this event, future events, or recent past events like fires in the West, floods in the Mid-west or floods in the East, they should contact the AAW office at [mary@woodturner.org](mailto:mary@woodturner.org) or call 651-484-9094. It will be the responsibility of the AAW chapter officers to confirm losses. If anyone knows of another AAW member affected, possibly dislocated, please let us know that as well along with any possible contact information.

Chapter presidents in areas affected should stay in contact with the AAW Chapters committee.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the AAW Disaster Emergency Relief Fund. All chapters and members are encouraged to donate and help out fellow woodturners during their time of loss.

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**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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