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Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne (www.henegar.org).

March Meeting:

Monday, March 9, 2009:

The SCWT meeting was called to order by **President Read Johnson** at 7:06pm on March 9, 2009 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida.

Reports:

Secretary Julian Pharis – I have printed copies of the updated club roster for anyone interested. The updated rosters have been sent to the vendors Klingspor and Hartville Tool. So your discount is just waiting for you to place your order and take advantage of it. I also have a great opportunity for anyone who would like to get a great seat up front at the meeting in April. I will be out of town and I need a volunteer to be secretary for the April meeting. Virgil Morar volunteered. Thanks very much Virgil.

Harvey's reports – The small screw chucks mentioned by Charlie Shrum have been ordered from Sears and they have arrived. They are \$9 each.

The Harbor Freight sidewalk turning demonstration will be this Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th. There are still some open hours for you to step up and volunteer for to help out the club.

The club received a thank you card from the family of John Passamonte, the club member who recently passed away, for the contribution to the John C. Campbell Folk School Willard Baxter memorial fund for woodturning.

Harvey also has Anchorseal for \$10 per gallon.

The club's bank account now has \$5621.50 including \$1800 for the educational grant.

V.P. Tom Winkelspecht - Not present. Had to work this evening.

Jim Donovan next order to Craft Supplies now stands at \$650 toward the \$1000 minimum. The new catalogs will be delayed for sometime because they are changing the format. Jim will pass them on when they arrive.

President Read Johnson recognized the guests for the evening. We had four standup and introduce themselves: Paul Cisco from New Jersey, Tom Winkelspecht son of our VP, returning his father's videos, Jim Walder, and Charles Grogan – Wynn Arnold's friend from Ohio. Charles brought some cherry wood to donate to the club for auction.

Tom Weber, Librarian and store keeper – We have two new DVD's this month. One on closed end pen turning, you end up with only wood showing and the other is a combination bandsaw and lathe work video.

The pin vises will not be available until next month. They will hold drills down to #80 size. They are \$20. Three of the seven are sold.

President Read Johnson – he has rediscovered the many sheets of instruction material and turning tips that he has and he knows we all have such a store of material we have gathered. He proposed that we share these with other SCWT club members by bringing in a copy of the material over the next couple of months and he will get it scanned and placed on a CD as PDF files for use on your home computer. You could also submit a PDF file if that is what you have. This idea was met with a lot of enthusiasm.

Old Business – **Glenda Haskell** asked about the status of the projector that has been discussed at earlier meetings. Harvey Driver has promoted the idea of a digital projector and large screen so that we all may see the demos and show-and-tell better like they do at Central Florida Woodturners and Brevard Woodturner clubs. After much discussion Stan Rhoden said he would bring his 1200 lumen projector and 6 foot screen to the next meeting for us to try it in the meeting room. Read promised that the steering committee would discuss this before the next meeting and bring some equipment suggestions and prices

New Business – none

Bill Howard the newsletter editor – If you will send Bill a description of the items you have for sale he will post it on the web site for all to see.

Show and Tell-

Wynn Arnold – He brought a bowl that was to be a natural edge bowl but during the turning a “design change opportunity” presented itself when the bark hit his face shield.

Ray Zakrajsek – reminded us that there are opportunities to get nice wood from a variety of places that we may not usually think of. He had some examples of mystery

wood with good grain and color that was part of a shipping pallet that had come from South America.

Dotty Pugh – She brought her first bowl that she has turned. It was larger than the jewelry she has been making. After getting all kinds of “educated guesses” as to what type of wood it was from the club members, I think it was decided that it was probably cypress.

Russ Bolton – a ring box ala Jimmy Clewes with a juniper top.

Bill Howard – a nice shallow black cherry bowl from his deceased uncle’s woodpile stash.

Larry Gonyea – another example of Larry’s segmented turning. This bowl has 794 pieces. He stressed that “when” you get a catch and it explodes you sure have a lot of shrapnel coming at you. The design process is helped by using a computer program. Larry offered to guide anyone interested thru the whole process.

Julian Pharis – a western cedar goblet turned from a 4X4 post. It is interesting because it had 110 growth rings across the 4X4. Lacquer finish buffed with wax.

Auction – Wynn Arnold

John Passamonte’s widow sent some of John’s woodturning tools to the club by his friend Jim Goodman. We will auction about half of the tools tonight. Mrs. Passamonte will give the club 15% of the proceeds for our help in disposing of the tools. Wynn described the tools as to type, manufacturer (when possible), and condition. The lively auctioneer brought in bids of \$285 for the tools.

Wynn continued with the wood auction for the 17 lots of donated wood. This brought \$151 for the club treasury and SCWT members carried home plenty of wood for new projects. Let’s see some of them at next months show and tell.

Meeting adjourned for Ken Thurman’s turning demonstration of hand chasing threads.

Submitted by

Julian Pharis, SCWT Secretary

Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for March 9, 2009

Reports:

Business Meeting Adjourned

DVD library

We have three new DVD's for this month.

They are from the AAW Symposium of 2008, (D194, D195, and D196). The first two are the standard techniques presentations, and feature such turners as Richard Raffan, Dale Larson, Binh Pho, Mark St. Leger, Al Stirt, and Bill Smith. The third DVD is the Instant Gallery, and has our spinning wheel shown, and mentions the prize it won.

This month I'll have a limited number of hand drill kits available. These kits will contain everything you need to make a hand drill kit including the drill chuck itself. All you need to furnish is the wood and your own turning artistry. Again, refer to the Craft Supply catalog, page 60. (Theirs is \$40, and worth every penny. Ours will be half that price.)

These hand drills are unbelievably handy once you've started using them. You can use a 3/8" bit with the standard high tech masking tape indicator, and drill your depth indicator in a bowl blank. One place that I really value mine is in the making of small bird houses and Christmas ornaments. I hang them using very small eye hooks. The pilot hole for these eye hooks are about a #65 or so (0.035"). The chucks we're offering will actually grab a #80 bit (0.0135"). Even though they weren't advertised as being able to do so, I tried it, and the chuck held the smallest bit you're ever likely to see, and did so without the use of an add-on pin chuck.

I'll have them next month, along with some basic instructions. Five people have already reserved theirs, and those five kits will be marked with their names. So that leaves only five more. Or maybe four - keep reading.

In addition, one of the five will be auctioned off as a finished tool. I turned it during our latest Harbor Freight demo day. The wood is bocote, a member of the rosewood family. Extremely hard, durable, and in my opinion, very attractive. It's finished with a tung oil/spar varnish wipe-on mixture, then buffed and waxed with carnauba on the Beall system. It's topped off with a heavy copper ferrule, which has been polished and lacquered. See photo below.

Obviously, the bidding on this exquisite piece of work has to start at a minimum of \$20. The proceeds will of course go to the club library. (If there are no takers, I'll keep it, and do something with it. Don't know what - I already have one, but I'll think of something.)

If the demand is there, I can get some more chucks and additional material to make a few more, but for the present, these are going to be all we have.

See you next Monday.

Tom Weber

Photographs:







Upcoming Demonstrators:

Monday, April 13, 2009 – Robert Browning, he will be turning his design or a new twist on the Salt & Pepper mills

SCWT Shopping Club

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

Item	Price
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, 1200, & 1500)	\$15.00

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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