



Space Coast Woodturners

Star Chapter Member of the American Association of Woodturners

Minutes of Space Coast Woodturners – May 9, 2012

Submitted by Dotty Pugh - Secretary

* **President** Read Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asked if there were any visitors present. There were five: Kaytlin Bremmer (Russ Bremmer's daughter), Diane Worrall (Frank Worrall's wife), Bill Wiese, Steve Kinnaird and Joshua Tuten. All were given a big welcome. Read encouraged them to speak to any member and ask for help.

* **Secretary's Report** – I asked that when people did show and tell, VP's challenge, or things for sale, to please give their name so that I could get the information correct. I may not recognize their voice if I didn't see who was speaking and that I was recording the meeting.

***Treasurer's Report** – We have \$3208.59 in the treasury. That includes \$1400.00 we received from the Florida Woodturning Symposium. This amount will be used for paid demonstrators and education. Harvey announced that one of former members, Dan Dow, passed away recently.

***Vice President's Report** – The VP challenge for June will be using the letters, **M, N, or O**. Get creative with this challenge and have fun. The VP challenge for July is **JIGS**. Bring in your favorite jigs that make turning easier for you.

***Web Master** – Bill Howard said that we have a Facebook page and to use it. There is information there relating to the club. "Visit the website and Facebook." There you can find handouts from demos, items for sale, looking for items, and other useful information.

***Supply Master** – Jim Donovan said there were no back orders from the current order and that there were 2 chucks that were on back order from the previous order. New catalogs from Crafts Supply should be in next month. He had a few copies of World Of Wood, courtesy of Glenda Haskell, if interested see him at the break.

Read mentioned that Turning Southern Style was coming up in September. It is held in Unicoi, Georgia. Brochures are available on the back table.



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Notes from Tom Weber:

Since we didn't have a 'real' meeting last month, a lot of this notice will be a repeat of the note I sent out a couple of weeks ago.

We have three new DVDs for rent this month! The first is D255, "SCWT Demo #20". It features Doug Thompson of Thompson Tools and his presentation on tool steels and sharpening. Also on this disc are our own Russ Bremmer showing the different types of bottle stoppers, Ron Browning and his torus box, and Gene Gross giving his dissertation on what he learned (and purchased) at the latest woodturners symposium.

The next two are by Larry Fox, and concern the use of decorative inlay material, like turquoise or *Inlacc*. He uses it as an inlay in D257, and as an 'outlay' in D256, where he uses it to make the rim of a platter.

I have also restocked our supply of wax sheets for pen tube glueing. These work with CA, epoxy, and polyurethane glues. Great stuff. Only \$1.50 per sheet, which will do about 200 or so regular 7mm pens.

If you have any DVDs already checked out, you may bring them to the May meeting. (There's no late charge for April.)

For those of you who caught Gene Gross's presentation in March, you may remember that he showed two items he had recently purchased. One was a method of holding items for rough turning between a three point system on the headstock and your standard live center in the tail stock. It is called the "Elio Drive Center", and retails for \$40 to \$50, depending on size.

To update you, know that our club has offered a similar system for a couple of years. Wynn Arnold and myself discussed it last year or so. It consists of one of our face plates (to fit your head stock thread) and a set of two screws ground to points and one to a chisel. (You actually get two sets of screws, a regular length set and a longer set.) Plus lock washers and nuts. We sell the face plates for \$10-13 dollars, and the screw sets for \$2.00.

The second item he showed was a system for giving your CA glue a longer life once opened. It consisted of a desiccant holder and a large jar. We sell the desiccant units for \$3.50. They are easily reactivated in the oven. You supply the large jar. I've used this system for several years, and can testify that it does work. I can share the details with anyone who's interested.

One last item of business. I've been trying to come up with a system that will help me keep track of what's selling and what's not, and to help me keep the monies straight until I can enter the amounts in the money ledger. I'm providing some colored containers, each one dedicated to a particular group of items. If you would please, when possible, put your money in the correct container, it would help me quite a bit. Each container has a sticker on top, stating what the particular container is for. For instance, DVD rentals go into the green jar, sand paper into the red, and so on. I'd certainly appreciate this.

On a personal note, I'd like to give a 'thumbs-up' to one of the vendors out there. I've owned several Crown turning tools over the years, and have always found them to be a very good item for the price. As some of you may remember, a couple of months ago, I showed a 1/4" bowl gouge that had shattered into at least 4 pieces when (I believe) it ran off the edge of the tool rest and slammed into the banjo.

I took a picture of the remaining part of the gouge and sent it to Crown, along with a brief explanation of what happened, not knowing what their response would be. (At least part of the problem was mine, since the tool shouldn't have been put in such a situation.)

Their answer was quick, concise, and totally satisfactory. Crown said that they stood behind all their products, were sorry for my experience, and were shipping a new replacement tool immediately. Not only that, they upgraded the replacement to one of their new PM tools! So you can most certainly add them to your list of vendors that absolutely stand behind their product.

Hope to see you Wednesday.

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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ITEMS FOR SALE – Gary Christensen - has a Jet Mini lathe, 10-14, variable speed, less than 2 years old - \$300.00.
Virgil Morar - has very small Christmas ornament eye-hooks – 100 for \$6.00.
Russ Bremmer – has a Shop Smith Mark V complete – no band saw – \$200.00 or \$150.00 for club members.
Harvey Driver – has a brand new Super Nova 2 chuck, never been used, needs an insert. Bought for \$139 + tax, will sell for \$150.00. Inserts (1x8, 1 ¼ x 8 or ¾ x 16) can be order through Jim Donovan or from Woodcraft.
Phil & Janet Axtell – Oneway Lathe 12-24 in perfect shape, 1x8 spindle, 110 volt will take \$1500.00, (very good price!)
Also have a Hegner scroll saw, asking \$1200.00 includes stand and blades.
Harvey has 10 pairs of safety goggles for \$2.00 each.

AAW News

Harvey announced that AAW dues have gone up by \$5.00 - now \$53.00 instead of \$48.00. This information was a surprise to many. Prior to this March, if you joined AAW, your membership was from January 1 through December 31. Effective in March, when a new member joins AAW, the membership term is for one year from date of joining. Example, if you joined in May, your dues will be due the next year in May. Any questions, see Harvey at the break. Previously, Harvey would send the AAW dues in when the club dues were paid. Now Harvey will now **only** forward the AAW dues to AAW for **new members**. All others will have to deal directly with AAW regarding dues. AAW will send a notification when your membership dues are due.

The question was asked whether a person could attend the National AAW Symposium in Tampa in 2013 if they weren't a member of AAW. The answer is that they will charge you \$53.00 more than the registration fee, thus making you become a member. So, YES you do have to be a member.

The insurance benefits from AAW covers you if you are doing a demo and someone is hurt, that person cannot sue you. The insurance covers any club-sponsored function regardless of the location.

Vice President's Challenge –

Gary Christensen – ring holder, live oak & rosewood center piece
Julian Pharis – box – Lignum Vitae with rose engine decorations
Dotty Pugh – bowl -Get Help – bay (a month behind – sorry)
Randy Hardy – light pull – key wood
Bob Winburn – tall vase, hollowed from the bottom – maple painted with Krylon spray.

Show & Tell

Dotty Pugh – bowl - maple
Gary Christensen – bowl – maple, figured, spalted & Ambrosia
Tom Weber – Large salad bowl – cherry
Wynn Arnold – vase – bay root burl
Josh Tuten – Coin – rosewood, turned using a Dremel tool, super glue finish
Rex Bradburn – bowl – cherry & pen from maple
Dave Search – Jewelry box with baseball on top. Ball has 108 “stitches” that were burned in, just like a real ball. Box is charra wood (very hard) & ball is maple.

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Show & Tell continued

Bill Howard – Goblet – mahogany. Piece has a base and an S-shaped figure and then the goblet on top.

John Cannon – large bowl – ambrosia Maple

Joe Montagnino – large bowl – wild tamarind - crotch (bowl with wings – bowl within a bowl)

Ron Chambers – hollow form – camphor – worked on this since the hands-on session with David Ellsworth in March.

Virgil Morar – Christmas ornament – diamond wood – showing the small eye-hooks that he has for sale.

Al Gustave – bracelets – various woods. Demonstrated by Charlie Shrum at the hands-on session in April.

Announcements

Harvey Driver announced that he will demonstrate the 2-part Christmas ornament in September, and teach how to turn the 2-part Christmas ornament during the hands-on in September. This requires no blind hollowing.

Name Tags - Chuck Billings had a couple name tags for new members, but none of them were present to receive them.

Wynn Arnold – has wood for sale out in his truck: he had Bay wood, Cedar and Norfolk Island Pine. Donations should be put in the box. He mentioned that all of the wood was “wet” wood. It was raining at the time.

Dave Search – Announced that the Azan Shriners, on Eau Gallie Blvd., is having a yard sale and have invited our club to participate. It will be held on Saturday mid-June. Dave was not sure of the exact date.

Tonight’s demo – Gary Christensen on Safety on the lathe and in the shop.

Some of Gary’s personal “accidents”:

*Got the end of his finger caught on an oscillating belt sander – lost skin around the end of his finger, it got infected and finally had to go to ER. Don’t get too close to things that are spinning!

*He was using a gouge and holding it loosely. It came out of his hand and flipped over his face shield and hit him on the head, point first. Always have a firm grip on your tools!

*He had a roughing gouge break off at the tang. Don’t use roughing gouge on a bowl! It is a SPINDLE roughing gouge.

*He broke the tool rest. Turn off lathe before moving the tool rest!

Luckily he was not injured seriously in any of these accidents. Pay attention to what you are doing. Make sure your tool is firmly on the tool rest before beginning to turn.

Safety equipment:

Safety glasses or goggles

Dust Mask – paper (not great, but better than nothing), cloth (Dust-be-gone type – easy to use, can breathe through it, doesn’t fog your glasses or face shield)

Face Mask

Full-face face mask

Air Shield face mask – provides air across your face

Sharp tools are important

Turn of lathe if you move away from it or have to make adjustments to the tool rest

Don’t wear loose clothing, jewelry, and tie long hair back

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WOOD TOXICITY:

Gary gave a list of woods and the various levels of toxicity; from sensitizers to carcinogens. A few good places to find out about which woods can cause problems are:

www.wood-database.com/wood-articles/wood-allergies-and-toxicity

www.cs.rochester.edu/u/roche/rec.wood.misc/wood.toxic

www.woodworkerssource.com/toxicity

www.woodshoptips.com/tips/012703/index.htm

American Woodturner, June 1990 issue

Health Hazards in Woodworking – Simple precautions minimize risks by Stanley N. Wellborn

Or just go on the web and type in wood toxicity and you will find a lot of information.

Other things to consider about shop safety:

Toxic chemicals – how to handle them, where to store them, how to protect yourself from their effects

Paints

Grinders – a good rule of thumb – inhale before starting to grind and exhale as you grind.

Some of the members shared accidents of their own – minor table saw mishaps (luckily had a SawStop system) to major table saw accidents – amputation of fingers or parts of fingers; waking with sinus headache after turning the day before; flu-like symptoms, loss of smell & taste (ALWAYS wear a dust mask); rash from fiberglass insulation, wood dust/shavings.

Don't take chances – find out about the chemicals and woods you are using. Be safe and enjoy turning.

There was no bring back item this month, but there was a donation to the raffle by one of our turners, Wynn Arnold. He turned a vase, signed and dated it on the bottom. It's nice to be able to collect the work of others especially for just the price of a raffle ticket – FREE.

You too can donate an item for the raffle. Just turn something and donate it. You will be proud that your work is getting noticed and the winner will be pleased to have an item from another turner.

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