



# Space Coast Woodturners

*Star Chapter Member of the American Association of Woodturners*

## Minutes of Space Coast Woodturners – June 13, 2012

Submitted by Dotty Pugh - Secretary

\* **President** Read Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. He welcomed everyone and mentioned that we had an honored guest – longtime member Tiny Wirs. He was one of the founding members of our club. Read said that Tiny always put his name on his tools. Read always thought it was just his name, but one time Tiny explained that it really meant This Is Not Yours! That got a good laugh from the members.

\* **Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report

\***Treasurer's Report** – We have \$3306.09 in the treasury.

\***Vice President's Report** –The VP challenge for July is **JIGS**. Bring in your favorite jigs that make turning easier for you. The demonstrator for this meeting was Harvey Driver making “Summer” icicles. The upcoming demonstrators are: In July – Mike Frazier – Closed end pens; in August – Al Hockenberry – something, not sure what; in September – Harvey Driver – 2 piece Christmas Ornaments (no blind hollowing method); and in October – Al Gustave – inlay methods.

Russ asked that we all think of “**Tips & Ideas**” to share each month – things that have helped you or have made woodturning easier for you. Several members contributed ideas. Gary Christensen said that he didn't like to clean his lacquer brush, so he made a hole in the lid of a large jar, inserted the handle of the brush into the hole, filled in the area around the handle with paper towels and just let the brush hang in the jar. Read Johnson told about a “dumb stick” that Tiny Wirs had told him about. It is a home-made depth gauge. Take a piece of wood about an inch wide, long enough to go over the edges of the bowl or box that you are making, and thick enough not to bend. Drill a hole in the middle (3/8” or so), put a piece of dowel in the hole. Use this to gauge how deep the bowl is so that you don't go through the bottom.

\***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. Contact Bill at [billh@spacecoastwoodturners.com](mailto:billh@spacecoastwoodturners.com)

\***Supply Master** – Jim Donovan said he had approximately \$75.00 toward the next club order. He was expecting new catalogs from Crafts Supplies USA, but they hadn't arrived yet.

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## **New Business:**

Read said that our storage building (shipping container) needed to have the roof repaired. There were holes in the roof and the lathes that are stored in the building were getting rust spots on them from the leaks. He asked John Cannon, one of our members and a licensed roofer, how much it would cost to fix the roof. John submitted a quote for \$533.00. Read asked for a motion for this action to be taken. A motion was made that the roof be fixed by John Cannon, and it was seconded. A vote was taken and the action was approved by all members present.

**Name Tags** - Chuck Billings had a couple name tags for new members. If you haven't received your name tag yet, please contact Chuck.

## **Wood for Sale:**

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.

Al Gustave – pen blanks, various kinds of wood – all sold

## **Vice President's Challenge – M, N or O**

Al Gustave – oval box

Gary Christensen – bowl - Norfolk Island Pine and a salt & pepper container of oak & walnut

Lou Woodruff – Christmas ornament – “Mystery” wood

Julian Pharis – 4 nested boxes – various woods.

Randy Hardy – Neckerchief slides for Boy Scouts he knows. They could also be used for napkin rings

Russ Bremmer – First successful Christmas ornament, narrow stemmed goblet of Ash wood and an oil lamp of River Oak (debris from Hurricane Katrina).

Harvey Driver – Eight Christmas ornaments with icicle finials – various kinds of wood

Winner of the \$25.00 Craft Supplies gift certificate – Gary Christensen

## **Show & Tell:**

Jim Goodman – Vase – Norfolk Island Pine

Russ Bremmer – Bottle stoppers – various woods

Ron Chambers – Large Bowl (approx. 12 – 15” diameter) – Rosewood, an even larger salad bowl (15 – 18” diameter) – Cherry

John Cannon – natural edged bowl (12”+ diameter) - Rosewood

Joe Montagnino – large vase, pierced butterflies and open areas – spalted pine. He mentioned that he made a mistake by putting oil on it before he pierced it. As he pierced it, the saw dust & oil made a gooey slurry. It took a lot of effort to clean out the piercings.

Al Gustave - bracelets – one with inlaid with turquoise, one with polymer clay medallions , and one that was segmented.

## **Wood Auction:**

One log of Spalted Maple – approximately 15” long x 8-10” diameter – sold for \$4.00 to Sally Deabenderfer.

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## **Tonight's demo – Harvey Driver – Icicles**

You can use scrap wood or pen blanks for these icicles. Mount the wood in a chuck or collet chuck. Turn it down to a long cone shape. Leave enough wood on the tail stock end for support. With lathe stopped, mark a spiral line around the piece with a pencil. Still with the lathe stopped, cut along the pencil line with a saw. Rotate the lathe by hand as you cut along the line. This should be just deep enough to get started with the Dremel tool. Then using a Dremel tool with a cone shaped burr, widen and deepen the groove that was cut in with the saw. Don't go so deep that the piece will break. Go slow. Then with lathe running at slow speed, use a gouge to clean up the area at the headstock end. Turn a small ball shape, if desired. Then with spindle roughing gouge, lightly clean up the entire length of the icicle.

Harvey mentioned that it would be a good idea to practice turning with your non-dominant hand because sometimes that is the only way you can get to certain areas.

Use sanding pads with a sponge backing to sand the icicle. Start with whatever grit is necessary to remove tool marks. Then continue to sand with each successive grit. Don't skip any grits. With lathe stopped, sand inside the grooves. They don't have to be as smooth as outside, but you can make them smooth if you want to.

Put a notch in the headstock end of the icicle where it will be parted off. Move the tailstock away from the piece and make it pointed. Paint the grooves with a paint pen (any color you like). Don't let the paint get up on the top part – keep it in the groove. Part off the icicle at the head stock where you previously notched it. Drill a small hole in the top of the icicle and screw in a small eye hook. Put a string in the eye hook, tie a knot in it, twist the string and attach it to a nail or hook above you (or hold it in your hand), spray it with lacquer as the string unwinds. This will ensure that the whole item is sprayed. Remove the string and put on a decorative ribbon or cord. Hang it on the Christmas tree to fill in areas between the other Christmas ornaments.

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## **RAFFLE DRAWING:**

### **Bring Back item this month –**

Donated by Bruce Stout – Refrigerator magnets. Can be any shape, but his were shaped like Christmas trees. Turn the shape you like, leave enough room on the bottom to drill a hole for a small magnet. They can be painted or left natural.  
Winner - Jim Goodman

### **Donated Woodturning for raffle – “Share the Wealth”**

Donated by Ken Thurman – small bowl  
Winner – Jim Goodman

\$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies – Sally Deabenderfer

\$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies – Cheryl Cannon

Free DVD rental – Russ Bremmer

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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## Newsletter Survey

I'd like to know what you think of the newsletter. You won't be able to answer from this page, but if you would like to comment, please send me an email at

[dotyp51@gmail.com](mailto:dotyp51@gmail.com)

1. Do you like the newsletter being emailed to you?
2. Is there enough content that is interesting?
3. Is there too much content? Too little?
4. What else would you like to see in the newsletter?
5. Do you mind if your name is mentioned in the newsletter?

Thanks for your comments.

Dotty Pugh - Secretary

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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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