



Space Coast Woodturners

Star Chapter Member of the American Association of Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – July 11, 2012

Submitted by Dotty Pugh - Secretary

* **President** Read Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and recognized our visitors: Diane Worrall, Stan Wiese, George Gardiane and Charles Graves (who joined the club tonight).

* **Secretary's Report** – I received several comments about how to improve the newsletter and I will be incorporating them in this newsletter.

***Treasurer's Report** – We have \$3260.00, minus the storage building roof repair, in the treasury.

***Vice President's Report** –The VP challenge for August is **P, Q or R**. The demonstrator for this meeting is Mike Frazier – Closed end pens.

The upcoming demonstrators are: in August – Al Hockenbery – “Turning Triangles.” This demo has two main Elements: Multi center turning and using the side-ground bowl gouge effectively. These can be used for napkin rings or ornaments.

September – Harvey Driver – 2 piece Christmas Ornaments (no blind hollowing method)

October – Andy Cole from Hawaii - Coring and how to make nested natural edge bowls. See his demo at spacecoastwoodturners.com

***Web Master** – Bill Howard said that we have a Facebook page and to please 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

***Supply Master** – Jim Donovan said he had approximately \$400.00 toward the next club order. New catalogs from Crafts Supplies USA have arrived. The eccentric chucks that had been on back order, should be in next month.

Old Business:

The storage building roof repair has been completed. Thanks John. Now our lathes and equipment will be dry.

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. Donations should be put in the box.

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PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

Read Johnson made a request for volunteers to help set up and take down the equipment used for the meetings – lathe, video equipment, etc. It is too much for one person to do by themselves as Read had to do this evening. It only takes 10 – 15 minutes. So if you could come to the meeting a little early and help set up the equipment, that would be a great help to all of us.

Items For Sale: Terry Justice has Robert Sorby tools for making beads and for making captive rings. See him at the break.

HANDS-ON FOR JULY 21st, 9:00 AM till Noon – Tom Weber will be showing us how to make a small clock. You will need a piece of wood approximately 2" x 2" x 2". You will need to bring a spindle roughing gouge, a 3/8" spindle gouge, and a chuck with #2 jaws and pin jaws (if you have them).

New Turners - There will also be help available for learning how to sharpen tools, how to use your tools and to answer your questions. Bring your own tools or use some that the club has available.

Loaner Lathes – Small lathe – Jim Goodman, Large lathe – Bill Wiese

Vice President's Challenge – JIGS

*Gary Christensen – Pen assembly jig made from scrap wood

*Rick DeTorre – Sandpaper cutter – has lines to show where to cut various size pieces of sandpaper and a hacksaw blade mounted on the edge to cut the paper.

*Bob Winburn – Adjustable stand that mounts in the tool rest tube – Used with Dremel tool or similar item for making lengthwise or spiral grooves in a turning. This can also use to make equal sized square lines for decoration.

*Lou Woodruff – Small version of a Steady rest to keep small items from whipping around and breaking.

*Frank Worrall – Faceplate for bottomless segmented turnings

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

Show & Tell:

*Frank Worrall – Segmented Bucket for kitchen tools – 12 segments glued together with no bottom or top. (Bottom added later from separate piece of wood.) He showed the jig in the VP challenge.

*Wynn Arnold – Camphor Bowl. He got instructions from David Ellsworth book "Ellsworth on Turning"

*Rick DeTorre – Rosewood Vase/Bowl

*Jim Goodman – "Mystery" wood Votive candle holder with glass insert. Jim won the Bring Back Item last month, so he turned this item for the Bring Back Item for this month. Randy Hardy won the drawing for the Bring Back Item for this month so he will have to turn something for the Bring Back Item for August.

*Randy Hardy – Icicles (from Harvey's demonstration last month) – the single groove & double grooved ones worked OK, but the triple grooved one didn't work out so well.

*George Gardiane – Segmented, threaded Urn; Black Locust burl Hollow Form; and large Maple burl bowl.

Bob Winburn – Soft Maple large deep bowl with squares decorating the outside. (He showed the Jig he used for the squares in the VP challenge.)

Wood Auction: East Indian Rosewood blank – approximately 9 – 10 inches x 4 - 5 inches thick – sold for \$13.00 to Bill Lutian.

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Tonight's demo – Mike Frazier – Closed-end Pen

This is Mike's first demonstration so he was a little nervous, but he did a great job. He learned the technique for the closed-end pen (also called the No Kit Pen because it does not use any parts from a kit) from Kurt Hertzog at the 2012 Florida Woodturning Symposium.

You will need:

Wood of choice

6" long drill bit – 7/32 size (You will need to special order this length of drill bit as most stores don't carry this length.

Possible sources – Ace Hardware on 192 in Melbourne, Grainger or Travis Hardware.)

Pen – Papermate Write Bros. style (don't use the Eagle type)

7/32" drill rod to make a mandrel

Jacobs chuck or collet chuck or jaws that will close down pretty small

Various sand paper grits

Finish of choice

METHOD:

*Cut the wood to the length you want your pen to be, plus about a half inch of waste wood at the tail stock end.

*Remove insert from pen

*Measure length of pen insert. Mark length on drill with tape. Drill through one end of the wood to this depth.

*Make mandrel – cut drill rod longer than the insert. Grind one end so that it is flat (like a screwdriver blade), then file the middle down till you have two points on the end. This will act as a spur drive.

*Put the mandrel in a Jacobs chuck, or other holding device as mentioned above, into the headstock.

*Put the piece of wood on the mandrel. Bring up the tailstock but don't tighten it yet. Let it lightly touch the end of the wood, turn on the lathe and let the wood "find its own center." (It will wiggle some.) Once it seems centered, tighten the tailstock.

*Mark the end of the insert on the wood leaving a half inch or so beyond the length of the insert. This can be a decorative end (bead or whatever) or it can just be rounded off at the end of the pen.

*Square off end of blank at headstock end. Rough out blank to a taper shape (smaller at the headstock end). **Be sure to measure the diameter of the nib on the pen refill nib – this will be the outside diameter of your pen!** (Remember that there are no bushings used for this type of pen!)

*Refine pen body to the shape you desire. Refine end to shape desired, but don't part it off yet.

*Reduce speed of lathe and sand to desired grit, using all grits in between. Don't skip grits.

(Commercial Ad: Try Abranet sanding mesh – it comes in various grits and can be washed out and reused. Buy it from The Sanding Glove.)

*Apply finish of choice

*Part off at tailstock end and sand & finish nub

*Check the fit of the insert in wood pen. Use a small rattail file to widen hole a little, if necessary. Test fit & file more if necessary. Insert refill into pen. **Don't force it in - it will split the wood!**

Enjoy your new pen!

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RAFFLE DRAWING:

\$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies – Dotty Pugh
\$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies – Bob Winburn
\$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies – Stan Rhoden
Free DVD rental – Bill Wiese

Bring Back item this month –

Donated by Jim Goodman . “Mystery” wood Votive candle holder with glass insert
Winner - Randy Hardy

Donated Woodturning for raffle – “Share the Wealth”

Donated by Bob Winburn – small vase (could be a votive candle holder) with spiral cutouts (looked like a flame to me)
Winner – Sally Deabenderfer

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.

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

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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