



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – November 13, 2013

Submitted by Dotty Pugh – Secretary

Just a reminder – the meetings are held on the **second Wednesday** of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and the hands-on sessions are held on the **third Saturday** of the month from 9:00 AM – Noon at Melbourne Village.

- \* **President Read Johnson** called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any guests. The guests were Bruce Lansdowne (joined tonight), and Steve Hughey.
- \* **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – Reminded Read about the Florida Woodturning Symposium on January 31, 2014 through February 2, 2014. Registration is open, so if you are planning to attend, you should register soon. Go to Florida Woodturning Symposium, 2014, to register.
- \* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** said that at the beginning of the month, we had \$xxxx.xx in the account. Harvey read the "Woodworker's Prayer" from Ray Conklin's Memorial. See last month's newsletter for more about the passing of Ray Conklin. Harvey is accepting dues for 2014. They are \$25 for individual and \$30 for family memberships.
- \* **Vice President's Report – Russ Bremmer** – not present at meeting.
- \* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** reported that he had \$1000.00 towards the next club order and if you wanted to order anything, to see him at the break. Orders for more than 50 pen kits gets an additional discount for the pen kits.
- \* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Tom Weber** – He has no new DVDs. He has small clock inserts for \$9.00 each. They make good stocking stuffers. There was a donation of some closed cell rubber (used for the backing on hook & loop sanders); if interested, they are \$2.50 each. See Tom for more info. The "Store" will NOT be at the Christmas party, so if you need anything, contact Tom.
- \* **Chuck Billings** has, again, graciously accepted the responsibility for organizing the Annual Christmas Party, which will be held on December 11, 2013. Sign-up sheets were passed around to let Chuck know how many people would be attending and what they would be bringing. If you weren't at the meeting, you can still attend the Christmas party. Just contact Chuck at [kkbcrb@aol.com](mailto:kkbcrb@aol.com) or phone him at 321-783-7049 and let him know you wish to attend. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to notify Chuck if you signed up, but find you are unable to attend. He needs to know how much food to order and he bases the amount on how many people are signed up.
- \* **Web Master - Bill Howard** mentioned that he will be up-dating the website. Go to [spacecoastwoodturners.com](http://spacecoastwoodturners.com) and see what is available. We also have a Facebook page with photos, etc. Check it out!
- \* **Read Johnson** mentioned that there were pen blanks on the table that had been donated by Charlie Cecrle and that they were only to be used for Pens for Soldiers. **Gary Greenberg** is involved with Freedom Pens (Pens for Soldiers) and would like to challenge every member of our club to turn a pen (or lots of pens, if you would like to) and donate it (them) to this program. He had around 1,000 pens this year and would like to have 2,000 pens for next year's convention. If you would like to know more about this program contact Gary Greenberg at [garymg@gmail.com](mailto:garymg@gmail.com)

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**Terry & Sonya Justice** were fortunate to be able to spend two days with Jimmy Clewes at his home in Las Vegas. Terry got to use some of Jimmy's tools and get some one-on-one instructions from Jimmy. I am so jealous!

\*Al Gustave had wood for sale. Harvey Driver had three slow-speed grinders for sale.

Election of Officers for 2014 was held during the meeting. The proposed nominees were Russ Bremmer for President, no one for Vice President, Dotty Pugh for Secretary and Harvey Driver for Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to approve these nominations. At the hands-on session on Saturday, Nov. 16, Gary Christensen volunteered to be Vice President. If there are no objections, Gary will become Vice President in January 2014.

## SHOW & TELL

Ken Thurman – Pepper mill – Black Palm

Neil Earnhardt – Old-fashioned Pepper mill

Bob Winburn – Lots of Christmas Ornaments

Don Tyler – Segmented vase with 1681 pieces

Mike Frazier – Pens that he had made for his Sister who had recently passed away (sorry to hear about that)

Rick DeTorre – Bowl

Bruce Lansdowne – First Bowl; pen

Stan Knopf – 2 Ornaments

Ned Robertson – Clocks (Small inserts like Tom has for sale)

Jim Goodman – Egg cup – Cedar

Terry Justice – Square Charred Bowl; Vase Both made while visiting with Jimmy Clewes

Al Hockenbery – 4 Natural Edge Bowls

Chuck Ortt – Multi-axis golf tees

## VP Challenge – X, Y or Z

Rick DeTorre – Sea Urchin Ornament

Neil Earnhardt – Zebra wood pen

Bob Cusumano – Trinket Box

Gary Christensen – Yo-Yo

Dotty Pugh – Zany Zipper Pulls – Very Small skew with Narrah wood handle and Sterling Silver blade embedded in Epoxy Resin; Very Small scraper with Narrah wood handle and Sterling Silver blade embedded in Epoxy Resin; Formed craft wire and Mylar stars embedded in Epoxy Resin

Winner of drawing – Rick DeTorre

**Wood Auction – \$64.00** went to the club for various types of wood, including walnut, mahogany, monkey pod, citrus, cedar, black cherry, black walnut, eucalyptus, pen blanks, and Australian cypress.

## RAFFLE DRAWING WINNERS:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Neil Earnhardt

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Frank Worrall

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Sally Deabenderfer

Free DVD Rental – Chuck Billings

**Share the Wealth** – Donated by Randy Hardy – Streptohedron – Winner – Don Tyler

**Bring Back Item** – From Rick DeTorre – Vase/Goblet – Toothpick Holder – Winner – Don Tyler

If you are not familiar with the **Bring Back** idea, it is where a member turns something and donates it to the club. The winner of the drawing gets to keep the item and then must turn something and bring it back the next month and donate it. The item doesn't have to be the same thing, it can be anything.

If you are not familiar with the **Share the Wealth** idea, it is where members donate an item that they have turned and it is raffled off to another member. It is a good way to collect turned items from others and the cost is FREE. What a great bargain.

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**Demonstrator – Al Hockenbery**  
**Natural Edge Bowl from Crotch**

This type of bowl can be turned from a whole log or a half log. The crotch area usually has lots of figure like feather and flame, etc. If there is a rough area (puckered seam) on the log, that is usually an indication of a bark inclusion. According to Al, the best crotch looks like a capital Y. You want to cut the piece so that all of the piths are centered.

- \* Find the center of the piece for mounting – use a circle with a line drawn across the center. Line up the piece so the middle of the crotch goes across the center line of the circle.
- \* Make a flat spot on what will be the back side of the wood (which will be the top of the bowl) so the 4 tooth spur drive will contact wood instead of only bark. Drive the spur drive into the wood with a mallet or another piece of wood so that the spurs are at a 45 degree angle to the grain of the wood. This will securely hold the wood.
- \* If you want the points of the bowl to be even, mount the piece so that the points are the same height. To do this, move the blank around from the tail stock end until the points are even. Use a cup center without a point so you can move the blank easily.
- \* Al used a side grind bowl gouge (Ellsworth grind) to begin shaping the bowl. Ride the bevel and use a push cut. Then use a pull cut from the center to the edge.
- \* Form a tenon and a “false bottom” (extra tenon) so you will have enough wood left in the bottom so you can remove the tenon later. Continue to shape bowl.
- \* TIP – If you want to keep the bark on the bowl, the wood should be cut when the tree is dormant. (In Florida, that is about 2 weeks or less in January – Ha Ha!)
- \* Match the tenon profile to the shape of your chuck jaws – dovetail or straight.
- \* Turn blank around and mount in chuck. Shear scrape the bottom of the bowl (area just outside the chuck) to reduce some sanding later. This should produce very small shavings.
- \* Begin hollowing the bowl. Start from the rim & get edges as thin as you want. Then start removing material from the center. Blend the areas so that the thickness is the same throughout the bowl.
- \* Keep the tailstock engaged as long as possible for safety and stability. When it becomes necessary to remove the tailstock, start removing the center cone that is left.
- \* WATCH WHERE YOU PUT YOUR HANDS ON OR NEAR THE TOOL REST – THE WINGS OF THE BOWL CAN HURT YOU!
- \* Determine how thick the bottom of the bowl is and mark it. This will let you know how much of the tenon you can safely remove without going through the bottom. Now is also a good time to determine what kind of foot you want on the bowl. You can even decide whether to have a foot or not.
- \* Reverse bowl. Use a jam chuck with paper towel or something similar between jam chuck and bowl to cushion bowl. Stop and measure often as you finish the bottom of the bowl. Remove the tenon and finish as desired.

Al didn't have a hand-out specifically for turning a bowl from the crotch, but he sent me a hand-out about turning green wood. It was 28 pages, so I will not include it here. I will forward his email that contains the hand-out to all of you.

Thanks Al, for the great demonstration. It was interesting and informative.

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Here are a few pictures from previous hands-on sessions.



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More pictures



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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
5. Exhibit finished projects

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