



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – January 8, 2014

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.

* **New President Russ Bremmer** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any guests. Guests this evening were Dick Verona (new member), John Conway (new member), Jim Ragusa (new member), Charlie Shrum, Virgil Morar and Ty Billings. In December, Gary Christensen volunteered to be our new Vice President. He was unanimously voted in to be Vice President.

* **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – Nothing to report.

* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** said that at the end of the year the treasury had \$3940.45. Out of this, he used money to repair some of the lathes, stands and wheels; and paid for the Christmas Party. Harvey is accepting dues for 2014. They are \$25 for individual and \$30 for family memberships.

* **Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen** – announced that our demonstrator for tonight would be Dave Barriger. He also mentioned that the VP Challenge for February would be **A, B or C** (the name of the item or the type of wood used starts with those letters.) Gary wrote an article for the American Woodturner magazine about how and why you should think about safety. He called it the 10 Commandments for Safety. One of Gary's new ideas for the club is to take pictures of your shop and bring them to show the club.

* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** reported that he had \$70.00 towards the next club order and if you wanted to order anything, to see him at the break.

* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Tom Weber** – Not present at meeting.

* **Chuck Billings** – Has nametags for new members. See him at break.

* **Web Master - Bill Howard** mentioned that no one was visiting the website and wondered why. Go to spacecoastwoodturners.com and see what is available. We also have a Facebook page with photos, etc. Check it out!

* **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 past 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

* **Rex Bradburn** said that Larry Gonyea was taken out of the induced coma and he was highly medicated. Larry was at home, but not doing well.

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Hands-on – Saturday, January 18, 2014 topic was on how to sharpen spindle gouges. Upcoming topics for the hands-on sessions are how to turn spindles (beads and coves), bowl turning, hollowing, safety, and lathe maintenance. Bring your own safety equipment (face shield, safety glasses, and dust mask) to all hands-on sessions.

SHOW & TELL

Wynn Arnold – Pig tail steak turner

Rick DeTorre – Miniature hat and glass stand

Dave Search – Plate, Maple crotch

Neil Earnhardt – Pen, Thai Burl

Charlie Shrum – Large hollow vessel with lid, Maple – carved bird & heron

Lou Woodruff – Pen, Olive wood from Bethlehem

Russ Bolton – Boxes, “Mystery” wood, Finials of ebonized Walnut

Al Gustave – Bowl, Indian Rosewood, spalted and worm holes

Ed Hall – Bowl from the firewood pile

Don Tyler – Open segmented Vase with X & O; Bring back for Val – Natural edged bowl

Gary Christensen – Shallow bowl, “Truck” wood

Read Johnson – Gavel for incoming President – Presented to Russ Bremmer

Bill Howard – Bullet pen, White Oak from Jack Daniels Brewery – you can “almost taste the whiskey”

No VP Challenge this month – Next VP challenge will be February – A, B or C

Wood Auction – \$70.00 went to the club for Ambrosia Maple donated by Dave Barriger

Sheri (a former member) announced that it was Jim Donovan’s birthday month and that she had refreshments and cake for him and they would be served at the break. Happy Birthday Jim! Jim said later that he didn’t celebrate birthdays anymore, so I wished him a Happy Day, instead.

Demonstrator – Dave Barriger – ABC's of Natural Edge Bowls

Dave is a member of the Central Florida Woodturners Club. Dave has been turning for about 40 years, but for the first 20 he “didn’t know what he was doing.” There were no clubs around at that time. He taught Biology and Micro Biology. Then after he retired from teaching, he was elected to the board of AAW. He served as chairman for the San Antonio AAW Symposium. He has been the chairman of two other AAW Symposiums: Akron and Tacoma. He served as President of the AAW for six years and has been on the board for eight and a half years.

- * Start with a half log with bark
- * Drill a 3/8” hole in the center of the bark side of the log
- * Attach a worm screw in the chuck and then attach the wood blank to the worm screw.
- * Use the tail stock for safety while turning.
- * Begin shaping the bowl from the bottom towards the rim (bark edge)
- * Form a tenon on the bottom and make sure it fits your chuck. (You can make a min/max gauge from metal, aluminum, wood or whatever so you will know the size of your chuck. This will help when you make the tenon.)
- * When desired shape has been done, sand the outside with an electric sander. Do NOT use sander with lathe running. You will knock the bark off the edge.

Tips: *To keep the bark on, use sharp tools and make smooth cuts. *To remove wood from worm screw, put the key in the hole in chuck and against the tool rest. Then turn wood off the worm screw. *Make sure your hands are on or behind the tool rest – edges of bowl will hurt you! * On outside of bowl, turn from small to big; on inside of bowl, turn from big to small.

- * Turn bowl around and place tenon in chuck. Start hollowing bowl from the edge to the center.
- * Angle tool rest into bowl. Make sure everything is clear before turning on lathe. Hollow the bowl to desired depth and wall thickness.
- * After hollowing to desired depth, sand with electric sander. Again, do NOT have the lathe running when using the sander. You will knock the bark off the edge.
- * To finish the bottom of the bowl, remove bowl from chuck. Turn bowl around (reverse chuck it). Use deer skin or chamois as a pad between bowl and block. Bring up the tailstock to hold bowl on.
- * There are many ways to finish the bottom of the bowl. Your choice: decorative or plain.

Dave finished the bowl, removed it from the lathe and **THREW IT ON THE FLOOR!** The entire club gasped. Asked why he did that, he explained that this was just a practice bowl to show technique; it had no bark; the wood was plain; it was not pretty; it had no exciting grain! Dave said, “Whatever you do, you want to make it look intentional: the size and shape of the bowl; the edge shape. All should look like that is what you planned.”

A few facts about wood and how it behaves:

- * Bark (growth of tree) is more active in the Spring and Summer and if tree is cut down then, the bark is more likely to fall off. Fall or Winter is the best time to cut the tree down if you want the bark to stay on. Of course in Florida, that time is very short – about a week in late January/late February is all the winter we get!
- * Bark has different colors on different types of trees. You can learn how to identify tree species by the bark.
- * The high side of a natural edge bowl will shrink more than the lower side.
- * There are two types of water in a tree – Free water and Imbibed water. With Free water, there will be no shrinkage, but with Imbibed water, there will be lots of shrinkage.
- * Logs will shrink about 1 1/2” – 2” on end. Some woods shrink to wavy or wacky shapes.
- * Height of bark should be equal to thickness of bark.
- * Natural edge bowl doesn’t have to have bark on it to be a natural edge bowl.

Thanks Dave for a great demonstration.

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Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supplies – Rick DeTorre

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supplies– Lou Woodruff

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supplies – Gary Greenberg

Free DVD rental – Dawn Petrie

Share the Wealth – from Don Tyler – Open Segmented vase – Winner – John Conway

Bring Back Item – from Don Tyler – Bowl and a piece of wood that the bowl was made from – Winner – Harvey Driver

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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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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