



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – April 9, 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.

\* **President Russ Bremmer** called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any guests. Guests this evening were Matt Gonyea, Steve Franek (& wife Carmen, placed membership), Dennis Acker, and Diane Worrall. On a sad note, Fred Strahorn, a former member, passed away on March 31, 2014. He was 78 years old. Fred was a great help to Harvey with the demonstrations at Harbor Freight in the past.

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

\* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** said that at the beginning of the month, the treasury had \$4394.34, less approximately \$300.00 for a new projector for the club. He will be selling the items from Ray Conklin's garage at the **April swap meet on Saturday, April 19, 2014** – our normal hands-on time. Harvey is still accepting dues for 2014. They are \$25 for individual and \$30 for family memberships.

\* **Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen** – announced that he would be our demonstrator, talking about how to buy and sell on EBay. He also mentioned that the **VP Challenge for May** would be **J, K or L** (the name of the item or the type of wood used starts with those letters.) He also announced that the demonstrator for May will be Frank Worrall, showing how to use an air brush.

\* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** reported that the previous order had come in. If you place an order, make sure that you use the 2014 catalog. He had several of the new catalogs for those interested.

\* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano** – There were no new DVDs this month. Bob has just taken over the responsibility for the DVD Library and Club Store.

\* **Chuck Billings** – Has nametags for new members, please pick up your nametags from Chuck.

\* **Web Master - Bill Howard** had nothing to report. Go to [spacecoastwoodturners.com](http://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 this year's convention. **The deadline to turn in pens is the May meeting.** 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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**The Hands-on session**, Saturday, April 19, 2014, was the annual swap meet. There were 26 members present, plus several guests from the surrounding community. If you didn't attend, you missed out on some great bargains. Upcoming topics for the hands-on sessions are bowl turning, hollowing, safety, and lathe maintenance. Bring your own tools and safety equipment (face shield, safety glasses, and dust mask) to all hands-on sessions.

The **May 17<sup>th</sup> hands-on** will be making hand drills with Tom Weber. The kits will be \$30.00 and the profits go to the sand paper project. The instructions are on the main page of the Space Coast website. Go to DEMO HANDOUTS, and scroll down until you get to Drill Driver, click on that and the instructions will open. You should be able to print out the instructions.

The **June 21st hands-on** will be Russ Bremmer showing how to make a lidded box.

**Chuck Ortt** collected donations to help fund the travel and expenses for the participating teens for the annual Honduras mission. These items will be auctioned off at the Melbourne Church of Christ. The donations can be anything that has been turned by you, but since the auction is one week before Easter, eggs would be a nice thing to make. Easter this year is on April 20<sup>th</sup>, so you can bring your donations to Chuck any time, but definitely by the April meeting (April 9<sup>th</sup>).

**Harvey Driver** – mentioned some of the items that came from Ray Conklin and would be for sale at the swap meet. He also had a lot of Fine Woodworking magazines from Glenn Baxter that were bundled in plastic wrap. They were free, but you had to take the entire bundle, not individual magazines.

**Wynn Arnold** – had wood in his truck. Donate whatever you think the wood is worth, or just take it. The money goes to the club.

**Dotty Pugh** – had yard tools and other things for sale. Craftsman lawnmower with Briggs and Stratton 6.0 HP engine, runs good, needs oil change (deck and wheels in need of repair); Toro electric leaf blower; Delta 10" Table saw with legs and mobile base; Troy-Bilt 20 Volt Lithium-Ion Battery powered String Trimmer with battery and charger; Sharp Microwave Oven – 1.6 Cu Ft, 1200 Watt, still works; and a Swivel, Rocker, Recliner that has been used very little. If you are interested in any of the items, give me a call at 259-4991 and make me an offer. Making room for new "toys"!

## SHOW & TELL

Ed Hall – Spin Top with string pull, oak wood

Gary Christensen – Lighthouse of cedar on "rocks" made of Big Leaf Maple Burl

Ron Miller – Vase, Oak Burl with holes and splits, "sewn together with maple stitches"

Bruce Lansdowne – Pens, English Walnut

John Cannon – Oil cap for his truck – His nephew changed the oil for him, but didn't put the cap back on tight enough and it fell off and got lost. New one cost lots of money at dealer, so John ordered on online, but used the wooden one until the new one came.

Russ Bremmer – Lidded Box for his daughter inlaid with Aries symbol and constellation made from silver wire

## Vice President's Challenge – G, H or I

Dave Search – Hollow forms, Spalted Hackberry and Spalted Maple

Tom Weber – Pen, Imbuaya (spelling?) wood

Bob Cusumano – A "Heck of a Box" with finial, Oak; Hollow form, Pepper tree with bark still on

Gary Christensen – Platter, Spalted Hackberry

Bruce Lansdowne – Oil burning Hurricane Lamp

Winner of drawing for the VP Challenge – Bruce Lansdowne

**Wood Auction – brought in \$60.00 for the club.** The wood was donated by Chuck Billings and John Conway. They

## Demonstrator – Gary Christensen Ins and Outs of Buying and Selling on EBay

A few words about Gary Christensen – he is the Vice President of Space Coast Woodturners and has recently taught 18 different classes on a variety of subjects.

This demonstration will mostly be about buying wood on EBay. Gary doesn't buy or sell tools, just wood. In order to buy or sell items on EBay, you need to have account with them. To set up an account, you need:

1. An active Email account
2. Set a Password
3. EBay will give you an ID number
4. Get an Account with Pay Pal – you just have to sign up. Pay Pal is safe and has no breaches of security. The seller pays the fee (2.9% or minimum of \$0.30), not the buyer.
5. Have a checking account or a credit card
6. Sign in with password.

Some bidding basics to look for: **How is wood treated?** Wood is green and waxed; kiln dried; air dried and number of months it has been drying; or forest log cut after number of months. **What does the wood look like?:** does it have cracks or checks; what is the grain and color. Generally speaking, if the wood has the pith included, you make not want to get that piece.

You should look for sellers that have high positive ratings, near or at 100%. Be aware that most bidding occurs on the last day. You can search listings by ones ending soonest.

When you do a search, you can use a generalized search – Maple Burl. Or you can be more specific – Big Leap Maple Burl. You can also search for lumber, bowl blanks, pen blanks, etc. Be specific about what you are looking for and the list of items you will see will be smaller. If you only want to see Big Leaf Maple bowl blanks and not anything else, then use that as your search words. Be as specific as possible.

Look for free shipping. You can get a lot of wood for a low cost by using Flat Rate Boxes from the post office. Another shipping option is Priority Mail at the standard rate. Gary noted that USPS (post office) is generally slower than other methods, and UPS (United Parcel Service) is faster, but not always too gentle with their handling of packages.

A typical bid page will have multiple pictures of the items, the correct size, and good feedback about the seller. A bad bid page will have only one picture, size not specific and negative feedback.

You don't have to bid the minimum price listed, you can overbid. You'll get an email that says your bid is not the highest anymore. You can then decide to keep on bidding if others have bid higher than you or you can stop bidding. Bids usually, but not always, increase by \$0.50. You can use Buy Now and you won't have to bid at all. Some items have Buy Now and some don't. When you bid on something and you win, you'll get a message that says you won. You should put the money in Pay Pal right away; except when you are bidding on multiple items from one seller. You might win multiple items and you can save a little money with combined shipping.

Notice where the seller is located. There may be higher shipping cost or exchange rates to consider. Some sellers also have a store. You can check there to see if there are other items you want. Again, combined shipping is possible.

If you are selling, you should note any problems with an item. You want to be honest about the items that are listed. Show multiple good-quality pictures and give a brief description of the items.

Some items that you shouldn't sell on EBay are finished work or damaged items. Some items that are of interest to woodturners are wood sealed with wax, turning tools, chucks, shop tools, and lathes (pick up only – high shipping costs).

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You should know what the seller's return policy is. Some sellers specify that the buyer pays return shipping fees. Check with the seller before returning an item.

Will it Sell? You should do a search of like items before listing your items to see what the prices are and whether there has been moderate or heavy bidding on the item. You can sort by item or bids ending soonest.

Things to look for about sellers; promptness in shipping is important; good ratings and positive feedback are good indicators of good sellers. Be aware of all the information that is available. As in everything, let the buyer beware.

Thanks Gary, for the well-planned and informative discussion on the Ins and Outs of buying and selling on EBay.

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## Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Crafts Supply – Bruce Lansdowne (actual)

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Crafts Supply – Justin Cusumano (virtual because Russ didn't actually have it with him)

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Crafts Supply – Stan Wiese (virtual because Russ didn't actually have it with him)

Free DVD rental – Rick DeTorre

Share the Wealth – donated by John Cannon – Small Baseball cap – Winner – Bill Howard (accepted by Wynn Arnold)

Bring Back Item – donated by Randy Hardy – Razor and Stand made of Cherry – Winner – Bob Davis

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 that you turned.

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.

Hope to see you at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and the May 17<sup>th</sup> Hands-on.

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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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