



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – March 11, 2015

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** – Opened the meeting at 6:59 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any guests. There were two guests – Charles Brogan and Charlie Davies.

* **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – Need to update Crafts Supplies and Hartville Tools with our current roster so we could continue to receive club discounts. Also, I updated Klingspor and Wood Carvers Supply. They all offer discounts of varying amounts.

* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** – The treasury currently contains \$5042.05 – included in that amount is \$1000.00 educational grant. We currently have 65 paid members. There was wood donated by Larry Friedrich and Ray Conklin's shop for sale. All money went to the club. Harvey is still accepting membership dues for 2015. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. The fees are: Individual - \$25.00, Family - \$30.00.

* **Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen** – The March Demonstration was Wynn Arnold discussing what you can use to make your own tools. The **April demonstration** will be Gary Christensen – walking cane.

April VP Challenge will be G, H or I. May VP Challenge will be J, K or L.

March hands-on was how to make bottlestoppers.

April hands-on will be the annual tool swap meet. Bring your old tools and buy someone else's old tools. Great fun! May hands-on will be Ken Thurman – hand thread chasing – bring your own thread chasing set. If you don't have a thread chasing set, you need to order one before May so you will have it for the Hands-on in May. Ken recommends 16 TPI or 20 TPI. You will need to bring your own wood that is tightly grained.

Remember - Bring your own tools and safety equipment to all hands-on sessions.

* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** – Had \$750.00 towards the next order. When you place an order, please make sure to tell Jim if an item has multiple colors which color you want. If an item has multiple grits, tell him which one you want. In other words, be specific about what item you want. Write legibly on the order form. Jim isn't a mind reader and he isn't going to guess what you want.

* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano** – Has everything in stock...glue, sand paper, etc. No new DVDs, but there are a lot of DVDs to choose from. Check them out – only \$1.00 each for the entire month.

* **Web Master - Bill Howard** –Go to spacecoastwoodturners.com and see what is available. We also have a Facebook page where you can upload photos, etc. Check it out! If you have any information that needs to be on the web page (things for sale, etc.) or if you have problems uploading photos to the Facebook page contact Bill at BillH@spacecoastwoodturners.com and he will help you.

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***Charlie Ceerle** will be taking over the duties of getting shirts for the club. Bring your own new shirt to the meeting and what name you want on it and Charlie will collect the shirts, get the embroidery done and return your shirt to you at the next meeting. SCWT Logo and name on shirt is \$14.00; a patch with Logo only is \$9.00. The person can also do ball caps, jackets, etc.

Chuck Billings – Nametags for new members. If you haven't gotten yours yet, see Chuck.

Auction – There were 25 items (mostly wood) for the auction and the auction brought in \$140.00 for the club.

SHOW & TELL –

Bill Howard – Vase – Norfolk Island Pine

Ned Robertson – Lamp base – Camphor and Brazilian Walnut (also known as Ipe)

Ken Thurman – Hand-chased Bolt & Nut

George Guadiane – Bowl – He purchased a segmented bowl for \$1.00 at a garage sale. It was in pretty bad shape, so he repaired and refinished it. With a little TLC even damaged wood can be beautiful again. Don't throw it out – repair it!

Al Gustave – Vase – Norfolk Island Pine – reverse turned

Rick DeTorre – Pen – Bullet and deer antler

Gary Christensen – Walking cane – will be the demonstration for April

Mary Barrett – showed a Lidded Jewelry box with finial that her Mother, Elizabeth, made

Jim Donovan – Magnetic Pen – kit carried by Penn State and Crafts Supply

Russ Bremmer – While not a turned item, Russ made a Smoothing Hand Plane – Chactavita wood (Spelling?)

Vice President's Challenge – D, E or F

Rick DeTorre – Depth finder for bowls with laser

Gary Christensen – Lidded box with Finial – Cherry with Sea Urchin

George Guadiane – Bowl – "Dunno" wood

Neil Earnhardt – Eagle Pen - Redwood lace burl

Ned Robertson – Lamp base – Grapefruit wood

Bruce Lansdowne – Mini Goblet – Walnut

Rex Bradburn – "Eye Sight Enhancer" Magnifying glass

Elizabeth Barrett – Dental pick (toothpick) holder

Russ Bremmer – Hickory wood handle for a file

Winner of the drawing – Neil Earnhardt

Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Bob Salvetti won it but donated it to Mike Frazier

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Bill Lutian

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Read Johnson

Block of Ambrosia Maple – Rick DeTorre

Tool Blank – Bruce Lansdowne

Free DVD rental – John Cannon

Bring Back Item – Donated by Bill Lutian – Bird House Ornament – Winner Bob Davis

Share the Wealth 1 – Donated by Ken Thurman – Hand Threaded Bolt & Nut – Winner – Rick Skluzacek

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If you are not familiar with the **Bring Back** idea, it is where a member turns something and donates it to the club. Then the winner of the drawing (has to be a member, not a visitor) 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/visitor. It is a good way to collect turned items from others and the cost is FREE. What a great bargain.

Russ Bremmer brought up some suggestions for future Hands-on sessions – how to make finials, how to do blind hollowing and Christmas Ornaments (will be before September so they will be finished by Christmas).

Hope to see you at our April 8, 2015 meeting.

See next page for demo notes

Demonstrator – Wynn Arnold How to Make Your Own Tools

Wynn wasn't feeling very well and could hardly talk, so his demo was limited to discussing what could be used to make your own tools. Some of the things he mentioned were:

Old planer blades

Drill bits

Kitchen knives (to make thin parting tool) Don't use your good silver service for this – the wife will kill you!

Old band saw blades

Carbide cutters

Pry bars (3-piece set from Harbor Freight very inexpensive)

Drill rod

Don't buy new carbide cutters for your Easy Wood tools; just sharpen them with a diamond stone and Trend Sharpening Liquid. These items can be purchased from Crafts Supply. Another source to buy carbide cutters is Blackhawk Tools & Big Guy Productions at eddiecastelin.com

To make ferrules for tool handles, you can use copper coupler sleeves. You can use the actual copper tubing, but it is smaller than the coupler. Just measure what size you need for your handle and decide whether you need the tubing or the coupler.

Thanks Wynn for giving us ideas and materials that can be used for making your own tools. Hope you feel better.

See next page for pictures of March 2015 Hands-on session - Bottlestoppers

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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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