



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – August 12, 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 7:01 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were guests. There were several and two visitors joined the club. Names will be provided in the next newsletter.

* **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – Will be resigning as secretary at the end of the year.

* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** – The amount in the treasury at the beginning of the month was \$5,052.30. 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** – Demonstrator for **August** was **Don Watson** and he did a **3 cornered bowl**.

Demonstrator for **September** – Ron Browning – Christmas Ornaments

Demonstrator for **October** – Bruce Lansdowne – Bracelets

VP Challenge

September – S, T or U

October – V or W

November – X, Y or Z

* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** – At the beginning of the meeting had \$800.00 towards the next order. Just a reminder – Gift Certificates have an expiration date. Use them before they expire. Jim has new catalogs for John C. Campbell Folk School.

* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano** – He has sandpaper and other items available.

* **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 contact Bill at BillH@spacecoastwoodturners.com

***Chuck Billings** – Volunteer(s) needed to coordinate Christmas party. Chuck will mentor you on what needs to be done. Two members volunteered – Mike Frazier and Bruce Lansdowne. Thanks guys.

***Charlie Cecrle** 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.

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Hands-on Sessions – Saturday, August 15, 2015 – “Sawdust” session. If you are working on a project and need help with it; if you need to learn how to sharpen tools; if you are stuck and don’t know how to continue on a project...come to the sawdust session. There will be people there to help you with all of your questions about woodturning. These sessions are not just for beginners, but for anyone that needs help with something. We have 10 – 12 lathes available for your use and people to help you. The club (meaning you – the members) pays for the use of the meeting facility, so make use of it and the expertise of others.

September – Christmas ornaments – 3 different kinds

October – Finials

November – “Sawdust” session – see above.

If you have suggestions for a hands-on session or would like to lead a hands-on session, contact Russ Bremmer.

SHOW & TELL –

Wynn Arnold – Cherry Bowl

Mike Frazier – Walnut Lidded Box

Jim Goodman – Miniature Rosewood Vase

Bob Cusumano – Segmented Lidded Box; Corn cob pen

Kevin Nowak – Segmented Bowl; Segmented Vase

Neil Earnhardt – Show how he corrected making the “outside of the bowl larger than the inside.” From “funnel” to bowl – he added a contrasting piece of wood to the bottom.

Terry Justice – Natural edge bowl – Dyed Hackberry; Acorn lidded box

Dotty Pugh – Earrings – Copper pods with turned Blackwood beads and Argentium ear wires. This was for the Bring Back item.

Vice President’s Challenge – (mix up in letters – I announced O, P or Q, but should have been P, Q or R so we accepted all of those letters)

Gary Christensen – Red Oak music stand

Ned Robertson – Step Pulley – Ipe wood - he’s rebuilding a lathe and the metal step pulley cost too much so he made one out of wood.

Randy Hardy – Pepper Mill - Purple Heart

Bob Cusumano – Pink pen

Bruce Lansdowne – Pepper Mill – Poplar

Elizabeth Barrett – Penguin; Ring holder

Winner of drawing – Bob Cusumano

Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Gary Greenberg

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Dewey Trainer (Spelling?) – New Member

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Rick DeTorrè

Free DVD rental – Mike Frazier

Block of Sycamore from Don Watson – Kevin Nowak

Block of Sycamore from Don Watson – Bob Cusumano

Share the Wealth – Nothing this month

Bring Back item – Donated by Dotty Pugh – Earrings – Copper pods, turned blackwood beads, Argentium ear wires –

Winner – Bob Cusumano

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.

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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.

Auction

The auction brought in \$27.00 for the club.

Demonstration notes on following page. Good job Don for a very interesting demonstration.

Demonstrator – Don Watson
Three Winged Bowl

Don is from Dade City, Florida and is a member of Tri-County Woodturners Club in Lutz, Florida. He has been turning for about 10 years. He said about his turning, “My way is not the only way, but it works for me.” He also said that you can’t get to the next level of turning by yourself, but you need the help of others. Take lessons, ask questions and learn from others.

Don stresses the importance of SAFETY FIRST. Face shields are a must – spinning wood coming loose from the chuck can cause a lot of damage. Dust masks are a must - it’s not the dust particles that you can see that will hurt you, but it is the tiny dust particles that you can’t see that gets into your lungs and causes problems. Don was given a spindle roughing gouge that had been used in a bowl. The gouge was bent at about a 45 degree angle instead of being straight. He always brings this with him when he does demonstrations to show what can and will happen if you use a SPINDLE roughing gouge on bowls. It can be very dangerous so DON’T DO IT. Before he started on the demo, he said, “**Keep your hands and fingers behind the tool rest at all times.**” He repeated this multiple times as he turned. This is especially important when doing interrupted turning (turning air). The spinning points (wings) can damage your hands or fingers.

Some of the other things Don mentioned are common turning “rules.”

- *Use the tail stock as long as you can to increase stability and safety.
- *Use the tool rest correctly to give the tool as much support as possible.
- *Tuck the handle of the tool in next to your body. This will give good control to your cuts and will lessen fatigue in your arms and shoulders.
- *A good idea is to make a tenon jig to match the size of your chuck jaws. This reduces frustration of making the tenon too small and having to start over again. Do this for each chuck you use.
- *Cut tenons to match the shape of your chuck jaws – dovetail or straight. Make a shoulder for jaws to rest against. Make sure that the shoulder is square and that there are no gaps where the wood doesn’t seat against the jaws.
- *When turning air, increase lathe speed and use sharp tools. Turn at a speed that you are comfortable with, but try a little faster for this type of turning as it will give you a smoother cut.

It is difficult for me to describe the methods used to create a three winged bowl, but luckily I don’t have to because Don has written instructions on his web site. Go to awoodentreasure.com then go to How-To and click on Three Winged Bowl. This will give you pictures and descriptions of how to make this type of bowl. While you are at his web site, look at the things he has made, his bio and contact information.

Don gave a very interesting demonstration. If you weren’t present you missed a good demonstration. Thanks Don.

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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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