



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – September 14, 2016

Submitted by Randy Hardy – 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 – 5:00 PM at Melbourne Village. Doors will be open at around 8:00 AM so come early and help set up. We always need extra help with the lathes, etc.

President: Russ Bremmer opened the meeting at 6:58 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any visitors. There was 1 – Sue Fox. She turns pens and just started turning bowls.

Russ Bremmer will demonstrate turning Loose Leaf Tea Cabinets tonight. Bob Winburn had some medical issues. The current schedule of demonstrations is:

Month	Presenter	Topic
October	Ron Browning	
November	Chris Diesch	Fractal Woodburning
May, 2017	Jimmy Clewes	

Treasurer – Harvey Driver: The club has \$xxx in its account and just paid \$xxx for the next year for the meeting room on the 2nd Wednesday and the 3rd Saturday of the month plus renting the space for our storage container. He is accepting club dues for next year. It is \$xx/year. AAW dues are not included in this. AAW membership is not required (unless you are an officer in the club) for membership in the SCWT club. Dues for American Association of Woodturners (AAW) are increasing this year from \$xx/year to \$xx/year.

Secretary – Randy Hardy: Nothing

Webmaster – Bill Howard: Nothing

Librarian – Bob Cusumano: Nothing new.

Supplies – Jim Donovan: Jim has ~\$xxx toward the next club order and a promise of another \$xxx order. Since there is no meeting in December, anything you want by Christmas must be ordered tonight or this Saturday at the workshop. Jim collects the orders for this club., the Brevard club, and the Orlando club. When he gets \$xxx, he places an order with Craft Supply. We get free shipping, no tax, and a 13 % discount.

New Business:

Hands-on Workshop this Saturday (9/18/2016). It starts at 9:00 A.M. and the room is reserved for the whole day. It usually goes until noon, but Russ will keep it open for the entire day (until 5:00 PM), as long as someone is interested in using the equipment. Everyone is responsible for cleaning up their own area. Russ will put the cleaned up lathes back in the storage at the end of the session. We will have a shop vac available.

Russ Bremmer will be doing the demo. He'll be making a tea cabinet for storing loose leaf tea.

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There will not be a meeting in December. The club will host the Family Holiday Party in the AHF hall on December 14, 2016. The club provides the turkey, dressing, cranberry salad, rolls, and drinks. Sign up sheets for jobs, attendance, and what dish you will be bringing will be available at the next meeting.

Gary Christensen will be collecting turned pens for WWII veterans. There are about 40 that go to Washington, DC from Orlando twice per year (Honor Flight).

Melbourne Village will be having a Flea Market this Saturday (9/17/2016) in the AHP starting at 8 AM. Hot dogs will also be for sale at about 11 AM.

Florida Woodturning Symposium will be held at Lake Yale on January 27, 28, & 29. Registration is now open. Hurry, because it fills up fast. They have 8 new 50" TVs.

For Sale:

Bob Haarer (president of the Treasure Coast Woodturners) has a brand new Grizzly 2242 with lift, lock, and roll wheels. They lost their facility that had 220v power and are offering to sell for \$xxx or best offer. They got an offer of \$xxx, but rejected it. It's valued at \$xxx, shipping is \$xxx. They'll deliver it (within a 100 mile radius). It has a 3 horsepower motor.

Harbor Freight lathe for \$xxx. See Randy Hardy, if you're interested.

Jim Donovan has a couple of sink cutouts and some veneer.

Show and Tell:

Russ Bremmer	2 bowls - spalted maple with bees wax and olive oil finish. 2 nd bowl from Magnolia – knots drilled out and replaced with walnut plugs using his indexing system finished with shellac, friction polish, and the Beall buffing system
John Conway	2 natural edge bowls - one from mimosa, one is camphor finished with lacquer
Gary Christensen	Unfinished stool – tenons for legs and mortises for seat done with tenon cutter & reamer.
Randy Hardy	Inside out candlesticks from demo last month and a small cremation urn made from banyan.
Paul McDaniel	Bought a wet suit from a thrift store for the neoprene to use on a faceplate he used with his vacuum chuck. Another faceplate for his vacuum chuck with PVC attached with hot glue. Right angle drill for sanding attachment. Center punch for his chuck

Auction:

None this week.

Demonstration – Tea Cabinets Russ Bremmer

Russ demonstrated making a Tea Cabinet – basically a lidded box for storing loose leaf tea. Don't use certain woods that may cause a reaction - aromatic cedar, for example. Don't use camphor – you don't want to use a oily or green wood. The tea cabinet can retain the flavor of the tea that it stored. The first thing to do is turn a cylinder and put a tenon for your scroll chuck on one end. Mount the cylinder in your chuck and then put a tenon on the other end. If you make both tenons when the cylinder is held by the drive spur, the tenons might not be exactly “true”. A 4” diameter cylinder is a little tight – try to make the cylinder slightly bigger – it makes it easier to scoop out leaves with a spoon. To part the lid from the body, the smaller kerf will let the grain match better. He recommended using a high quality hacksaw (he turned the blade around) as opposed to a parting tool. Brace the saw well, turn the lathe speed down low, and separate the lid from the body. Hollow the lid out. He uses a round nosed scraper, but you could use a hook tool. Most boxes we do have a very narrow lip. He uses a longer ridge (about 1/2”) to ensure an air tight seal. To hollow the body, he recommends drilling it out with a Forster bit to remove most of the waste. Then he uses a scraper to sneak up on the correct diameter. He made the lid and put an arch in the lid. He then applied a finish to lid. He put a slight chamfer on the inside of the lid, so the edge wouldn't get banged up as much every time the box was closed. To avoid “fuzz” , especially on parting cuts, Russ scribes the cut first with a skew.

He then made an “inner lid”. It's flat and fits in the body of the tea cabinet. He used contrasting wood for the inner lid, but that is personal preference. To sand the inside off the body. Use foam backed sandpaper held by hemostats (you can pick up a pair of hemostats at the flea market for ~\$3). If you try to hold the sandpaper with your fingers and insert your finger in the hole, you could break your fingers. Don't put your fingers in the holes of the hemostat - hold the body of the hemostat.

Old rolling pins from the flea market might be a source of wood. You can also glue up blocks to get the size blank you need.

He applied hot wax to the lip. He sealed the outside with shellac and then applied Myland's friction polish, For the inside, he used a finish he makes (3 parts walnut oil, 1 part bee's wax). Go to Walmart and buy the 16 ounce can. Put the walnut oil in a double boiler with approximately 5 ounces of bee's wax, mix them together, and then let it cool. You get a food safe finish that has the consistency of a very thick paste wax.

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Raffle:

Gift Certificate	Bob Cusumano
Old AAW magazine	Sue Fox
Gift Certificate	Jim Donovan
Old AAW magazine	Rick DeTorre
Florida Rosewood	Bruce Gell
Gift Certificate	Sally Deabenderfer
Bring back item (Kaleidoscope from Read Johnson)	Harvey Driver
Share the wealth (Tea cabinet from demo by Russ Bremmer)	Rick DeTorre

The next meeting is October 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

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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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