



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – June 14, 2017

Submitted by Randy Hardy from notes taken by Dotty Pugh (Thanks Dotty!)

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 7:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any visitors. There were none.

Russ spent last week at Arrowmont. His instructor was Paul Fennel doing embellishing on hollow forms.

**Vice President: Bruce Lansdowne** – The demonstration tonight is Gary Christensen demonstrating a birdhouse ornament from a sea urchin.

Joel from Nova (Teknatool) is bringing “toys” for the July meeting. They will be selling tools. See the catalog that was sent earlier. If there are specific tools you want to see, let Bruce know.

He said the Brevard club has resin.

**Treasurer: Reenie Pirjevec** -

**Secretary: Randy Hardy** – not here – Dotty Pugh covering for him.

**Webmaster: Bill Howard** – He is retiring as Webmaster. Read Johnson is taking over temporarily. Gary Christensen will be taking photos.

**Librarian: Bob Cusomano** -

**Supply Master: Rick DeTorre** – We have ~\$400 toward the next order. Reminder – Rick puts together a club order into Craft Supply when he receives orders from the club exceeding \$1,000 & we get the orders discounted by 10%, no tax, & no shipping cost.

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## **Old Business -**

The pen class at the hands-on for May was successful – 18 pens were made.

Jimmy Clewes demo feedback & constructive criticism

Terry & Sonja Justice began setting this demo up about 3 years ago. Planning for a demonstration with a big name turner is a long term effort. If you're interested in setting up a future demo, see Russ or Terry.

Three lathes are down after the Jimmy Clewes workshop. The Nova Comet lathe ate the belt (it has since been replaced) and the Harbor Freight & one of the Jet mini lathes need a quill knob/screw.

## **New Business -**

Hands-on for Saturday, June 17, 2017 is Basic Bowls. Russ has bowl blanks & the class costs \$10. Bring tools, safety gear, & a scroll chuck/worm screw.

Ken Thurman has a sweet gum tree (green). The wood needs to be cut into smaller pieces & Ken will bring the wood in for the club auction.

The demo (?) for the July 12, 2017 meeting is Christmas ornaments.

## **For Sale -**

Nothing.

## **Show & Tell**

Bill Lutian

Two Jimmy Clewes style flasks. Made at the demo last month. Mystery wood for body & inserts.

Rick DeTorre

Lidded box with brass inlay. He had a problem getting inlay to stay in, so he changed the design & used wood inlay instead

John Conway

Spalted maple bowl & a bowl made from old growth Cypress that had been underwater for 80 years

Gary Christensen

Natural edge with finial on top.

## **Vice President's Challenge – Duplication**

Rick Detorre

Two pens

Rick DeTorre won the raffle (\$10 gift certificate to Craft Supply). VP challenge for July – “TNT”- tips & tricks.

## **Demonstration – Gary Christensen Christmas ornament made with sea urchin shell**

Gary spent one day with Ron Browning at Gary's shop – Ron taught turning & Gary learned a lot.

There are different kinds of sea urchin shells:

Alphonso  
Sputnik

He uses 2" – 2-1/2" diameter shells for the birdhouse tops.

They come in a variety of colors or you can paint them.

Reinforce the shell with mod podge, used for decoupage – let shell dry before doing anything else to it. It's fragile when dry – hand sand the inside of the hole with a modified oscillating sander. Keep the hole round so the top will stay on the tenon. Sand the hole until it fits on the tenon.

Run wire up through shell with a hook on top. The wire is stuck into the spindle bottom.

There are separate pieces: body, shell, finial, & perch.

The ornament can be hanging or free-standing.

The wire Gary uses is 14 gauge wire found at craft stores.

The stand can be made from twigs from the yard with the base made from burl or regular wood. The ornament hangs from the twig.

He uses poplar 2"x 2" x 6". You could use walnut, hard maple, or soft maple. Straight, tight grained wood.

The centering device can be made from plywood.

Birds can be purchased at craft stores (Michael's, JoAnn Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, or Craft Supplies).

Books available are:

"Woodturning Christmas Ornaments" by Dale Nish

"Turning Ornaments & Eggs" by Dick Sing

Gary has 7 shells for \$2 each – proceeds go to the club.

Seal outside of shell with spray on lacquer.

Use different shapes.

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**Raffle:**

Gift Certificate (\$10 to Craft Supply)	John Cannon
Gift Certificate (\$10 to Craft Supply)	Wynn Arnold
Gift Certificate (\$10 to Craft Supply)	Scott Barnard
Free DVD Rental	Gary Christensen
Share the Wealth (donated by Gary Christensen)	Wynn Arnold
Lidded Box - bring back from Rick DeTorre	John Conway

Next meeting is July 12, 2017.

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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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