



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – February 14, 2018

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

Vice President: Vacant - We still don't have one. One of the primary tasks for the vice president is to select & organize a presenter for the monthly meetings.

Treasurer: Reenie Pirjevec – She is accepting dues for this year - \$25 for individual, \$30 for family membership. We have \$4,951.87 in the bank account.

We got our insurance policy – we are covered if we go outside of this building if we're doing club functions like demos, fundraisers, membership drives, training, & education as long as the public is not turning. Russ plans to have multiple opportunities for woodturning awareness & membership drives, This could involve fairs, 1st Fridays, & library demonstrations.

Last year we brought in Jimmy Clewes – that takes a long time & a big effort to bring someone of that caliber in, so we probably won't do something similar this year, but we may start organizing it for sometime in the future.

Secretary: Randy Hardy – Nothing

Supplies: Rick DeTorre – Rick takes orders for Craft Supply from all the wood turning clubs (he has ~\$200 toward the next order & he submits a new order when it reaches \$1,000) – we get a 10% discount & don't have to pay tax or shipping & may get quantity discounts.

Russ asked how many members belonged the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) (there were many). He mentioned several of the benefits like a complete archive of every issue of their magazine (searchable). They also have video clips that we will try to get in for the club. There is also a magazine (called Discover) that shows what woodturning is. They have a library of You Tube videos that have been screened by the AAW.

John Fordham donated a bowl for Share the Wealth & also brought in some smoking pipes for show & tell.

Russ brought in the Bring Back – it's a kit for the bottle stoppers he will be demonstrating tonight. It is described on page 24 of your current AAW Woodturning magazine.

Name tags: Chuck Billings - Chuck has a record number of new name tags – see him if you haven't picked yours up yet.

That we will provide. Give



Since we don't have a Vice President, Russ has reached out to Rudy Lopez to do a demo (maybe a winged bowl). He's willing – they just need to work out a day. Rudy is also willing to conduct a class (probably in place of a Saturday hands-on) for ~10 club members. Russ has also talked to Lee Sky & Barry Reider about demos. He also plans on reaching out to Jack Roberts from Gainesville, Florida who has a background in automotive finishes. All three were presenters at the Florida Woodturning Symposium.

At the last Saturday Hands-on, pens for the Honor Flight were made. We have 17 pens – the club has pledged 50 pens. The next flight is scheduled for March & we're covered for this flight. The club has pen kits & pen blanks for anyone that wants to make pens for the honor flight, Give completed pens to Gary Christensen.

Show & Tell

Russ Bremmer	Recessed Bottle stoppers & jam chuck, insertion tool
Paul McDaniel	3 Pens for the Honor Flight, 1 pen made out of antlers
Rick DeTorre	Natural edge winged bowl
Dave Lax	Cast acrylics with poplar
Ken Thurman	Bowl from Mike Hosaluk – Mike also makes hook tools
Mike Goode	Norfolk Island Pine bowl, 4 coats of polyurethane & wax
Rex Bradburn	Bracelets out of box elder & blood wood finished with gun stock oil
?	16 segment vase, ambrosia maple & cherry, finished with antique oil
Gary Christensen	Norfolk Island Pine, cell phone amplifier
John Fordham	Oregon myrtle, lacquer, shellac, & buffing 9 mm smoking pipe made from briar (root of the heather tree)

Community Giveback:

The club has lots of talent – there are at least two opportunities to make things & give them the appropriate sources. The 1st is to make wig stands & give them to the American Cancer Society for them to distribute to patients that are going through chemo-therapy. The 2nd is to make a container (lidded bowl) to hold “beads of courage” - beads that are given to patients (kids with serious diseases) for each special treatment or surgery.

Club Tool Purchase:

These are tools that the club would purchase & then rent out to members. For example, the club might purchase a bowl coring system & then rent it out. The club owns lathes & chucks, so everyone can try these out at the Saturday hands-on. The tool library might have tools that are more expensive that a member might only need occasionally or wants to try the tool out before they buy it.

There has been interest previously in a club purchase of Ruth Niles offset (eccentric) chucks (~\$80-\$100). To get a discounted price, 5 chucks are the minimum order size required. If any member is interested in a club order for these chucks (3 members have already expressed interest), see Russ.

Tool sale:

The April 21, 2018 SCWT hands-on will be a tool sale. It is basically a localized flea market. Tables will be set up to display anything you want to sell – normally it's woodturning tools, but it can be anything you want.

Russ Bremmer Recessed Bottle Stoppers/Wine Corks

Russ demonstrated how to make the recessed wine bottle stopper described on page 24 of the current AAW woodturner magazine. You can buy the kits online for ~50 cents each, maybe less if you buy in volume. They are called "T" tops & they have either a cork or a synthetic stopper. For US wine bottles, you need to measure the inside diameter of the bottle. Typically, it's about 18.5 mm, but it's too loose. The kits are available in a range from 18 – 22 mm. But if you drink Blue Nun Reisling, the bottle is about 19mm, so it's important to measure your wine bottle. The outside diameter top is about 28 mm, so you need to make your top a little larger - ~30 mm, which happens to be 1 – 3/16". 1 – 1/8" is too small & 1 – 1/4" is too big. You can buy a 1 – 3/16" or 30 mm Forstner bit from MLS for ~\$8 (plus shipping is almost \$8 also), but you'll probably need to sharpen it. He showed how to make a jam chuck. Be careful not to drill into your chuck, because you will ruin your drill bit. Russ bought a bunch of blanks (maple or birch?) to make jam chucks on ebay. (They are currently available - search eBay for "New England Sugar Maple Lathe Turning Blanks").

Raffle:

?	\$10 Gift Certificate – Craft Supply
Russ Bolton	Piece of Florida Rosewood
Gary Christensen	\$10 Gift Certificate – Craft Supply
John Fordham	Piece of Florida Rosewood
Paul Gell	\$10 Gift Certificate – Craft Supply
Reenie Pirjevec	AAW Wood Turning Today Book
Dave Lax	Bring back – 2 kits to make recessed wine bottle stoppers
Bill Howard	Share the wealth - Rusticated bowl from John Fordham

Here's an AAW video on personal protection gear. You might need to be an AAW member in order to view this video. Just copy this link into your browser:

<https://vimeo.com/253526223>

Next meeting – March 14, 2018

SPACE COAST WOODTURNERS

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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