



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – February 9, 2022

Submitted by Paul Jackson – Secretary

Russ Bremmer opened the February meeting of the Space Coast Woodturners at ~7 PM. This was our 2nd meeting at Melbourne Makerspace and the meeting went very well. There were ~20 people at the meeting and ~4 on-line via Zoom. There were ~2 visitors: Nelson Palmer, and one other (not captured on Zoom recording).

### New Business

Russ advised that the club needs to replace the “gray box” with a smaller version. The proposal is for a wheeled cabinet 24” wide, 22” deep, and 34” tall; with 2 drawers for accessory storage and to support the grinder. A call for a volunteer to build with club-supplied materials was unanswered. Similar storage is needed for audio/visual equipment.

Makerspace is having an open-house Saturday February 12 for the reopening of the woodshop. It had been suggested that we participate with turning demonstrations of small items, e.g. tops. Russ will participate and invited anyone else to join.

### Officers Reports

Prior to reports, Russ advised that Randy Hardy was stepping back from secretary duties and that Paul Jackson had volunteered to step into the role. A motion was made to confirm the change, seconded, and passed by vote of the membership.

### Treasurer – Read Johnson

We had \$3,996.58 in our bank account at the end of January. We had no expenses and have deposits of \$1,188 this month. It was noted that 40 members have not yet paid 2022 dues.

### Vice Presidents – John Conway & Paul Jackson

Kevin Nowak is our demonstrator tonight. He will demonstrate segmented turning techniques. The demonstration schedule follows:

|                |               |                                |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| March 9, 2022  | Russ Bremmer  | Making your own texturing tool |
| April 13, 2022 | TBD           |                                |
| May 11, 2022   | Bill Piatusch | Basket Illusion                |

The meetings and demos are scheduled on Meetup.com, Makerspace's meeting scheduler.

### Secretary – Randy Hardy

Russ expressed appreciation for Randy's many years of service to the club, echoed by a hearty round of applause from all.

Russ noted the passing of Dotty Pugh. Dotty served many years as club secretary and also as a VP. It was agreed that the club would make a donation to AAW in her memory.

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## Old Business

The Florida Woodturning Symposium has been canceled, however the raffle is still on. You can still buy raffle tickets from Russ Bremmer or Bill Lutian. Items being raffled include a Jet mini-lathe (model 1221VS), a Trent Bosch Stabilizer, a Rikon Grinder & CBN wheel, a Carter Multi-rest, a vacuum hold-fast, a Grizzly hanging air filter, Rubber Chuckies, and a Thompson 5/8" bowl gouge.

## Shipping Container at Melbourne Village

Ownership of the shipping container has been formally transferred to Melbourne Village.

## Craft Supply Order

The Craft Supply order allows club members to order equipment or supplies from Craft Supply. Ric De Torre advised that he is working to confirm the terms of the order. The order has been complicated by numerous shortages, substitutions, and price increases. Policy going forward will be for prepayment of orders.

## Workshop

We are resuming our Workshops on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our 1<sup>st</sup> workshop on February 19 is an introduction to woodturning and making a pen. Cost is \$5 per kit. Members can get 2 pen kits & pen blanks, make two pens, donate one pen to the Honor Flight, & keep one pen.

The March workshop will feature making rotary texturing tools as will be demonstrated by Russ at the March Meeting. Cost will be \$15 for the parts kit plus cost of bits (~\$9 each).

For later in the year, the club normally uses one of the workshops to do Christmas ornaments. If anyone has any suggestions for ornaments, please see Russ.

## Honor Flight

Honor Flight is an organization that flies 25 veterans 7 times each year to tour the monuments in DC. To date, our club has donated over 500 pens to this program. Gary Christiansen has diligently overseen this effort, and has submitted an article to the AAW Journal commemorating this milestone.

## Ric's Tools

Ric DeTorre is helping a member of our club sell his woodturning equipment. To see what is available, go to Craig's List – Space Coast, go to tools, & type "Ric" in the search box.

## Show and Tell

Russ Bremer (via Instant Gallery) Dyed lidded box from spalted wood and misc. found wood

Paul McDaniel Bowl from locally sourced Olive wood

John Conway Platter from locally sourced Seagrape

Bob Cusamano Walnut Bowl  
Vase from Norfolk Island Pine with test-tube style insert

Russ Bolton Captive ring practice piece with 13 rings

Bring Back Segmented bowl from spalted maple with green dye

To submit Instant Gallery items for future meetings, see the link on the website:  
<http://spacecoastwoodturners.com/Show&Tell.html>

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## Demonstration – Kevin Nowak

Kevin has been turning for 12 years, and a member of the club for about 8 years. While he enjoys various aspects of turning, his main focus is segmented turning. He has augmented his skills with classes with Tom Lohman at Marc Adams School of Woodworking.

The demo began with an introduction to Woodturner Pro Software (see attached reference sheet for links to all resources.) This helps layout the desired design and aids in preparing the cutting list. Kevin showed the wedgie sled he uses to cut the segments. Unfortunately the miter slots on the Makerspace tablesaw did not permit an actual cutting demo. Kevin stressed the use of accurate CNC-cut wedges to set up the sled to cut segments for rings with no “tweaking” needed. The segment lengths are set by an adjustable stop Kevin built that fits in the right miter slot. It features a two step stop that allows precise adjustments (e.g. feeler gauge) as ring diameters change.

Kevin continued by showing his use of the Tom Lohman Indexing jig to accurately build up the design. The jig uses an indexing wheel and various features to place segments precisely. Kevin built up a ring on an ongoing project (travel mug) by using the jig to place every third segment with glue. He then used a small bottle brush to clean up the squeeze-out. The intervening segments were then inserted and gently but firmly wedged into place to eliminate any gaps. The result was a tight ring ready to be sanded flush once the glue was properly set.

## Raffle

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Symposium Raffle Ticket              | Ric De Torre |
| Pen Kit                              | Chuck Ortt   |
| Tenon Sizing Jig                     | Guest?       |
| (created and donated by Wynn Arnold) |              |
| Symposium Raffle Ticket              | ? off-camera |
| Pen Kit                              | ? off-camera |
| Bring Back                           | Bob Cusamano |

**Next Meeting: March 9, 2022 at Melbourne Makerspace**

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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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