



Space Coast Woodturners

Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – September 14, 2022

Submitted by Paul Jackson – Secretary

Russ Bremmer opened the September meeting of the Space Coast Woodturners promptly at 7 PM at Melbourne Makerspace. There were ~12 people at the meeting and ~7 on-line via Zoom. Visitors were identified as Jeff Winters and his son Garrison.

New Business

Russ noted that founding member, Treasurer, and past President, Read Johnson has passed away. The family plans to have a memorial. As details are available, we will distribute them to the club.

Russ solicited a volunteer to serve as treasurer, but there were no takers.

Old Business

To replace the “gray box”, a 2 drawer unit that fits into the base of the OneWay lathe has been built. Bill Lutian moved that the gray box be donated to Makerspace. Paul McDaniel seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Russ is investigating replacing the lathe castors with Rockler workbench castors to allow more flexibility.

The Florida Woodturning Symposium has been scheduled for February 3-5, 2023 at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland. Registration is now open. Russ noted that demonstrations begin first thing Friday morning. David Ellsworth is one of the featured turners. Room and board is on your own. There are hotels within walking distance. More info at the link on the website home page:
<http://spacecoastwoodturners.com/>

Gary Christensen had previously advised that more pens for distribution at Honor Flight events will be needed soon. About 30 pens are distributed each month. All contributions are welcome.

After a brief discussion it was decided that we would not host a Holiday Dinner in December. A regular meeting will be conducted.

Officers Reports

Treasurer –

An accurate accounting was not available. Russ will update for the next meeting.

Vice President – John Conway

John advised that the schedule for the rest of the year has been confirmed.

September 14, 2022

October 12, 2022

November 9, 2022

Ron Browning

Russ Bremer

Darryl Jones (remote)

Jewelry and Laser Engraving

Christmas Ornament Basics (Gnome)

More Complex Christmas Ornaments

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

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Workshop

There will not be a workshop this month due to lack of materials.

Future plans include:

October 15, 2022 Proposed: Halloween Decorations
November 19, 2022 Proposed: Christmas Ornaments

If anyone has any suggestions for ornaments, please let us know.

Show and Tell

Paul McDaniel (Instant Gallery) 20 Rings in a variety of materials, including Unicorn Poop

Ron Browning Rings and other Jewelry, preview of demo

Bill Lutian (Bring Back) Pen, Pencil, and Letter Opener

Rex Bradburn Lidded vessel from stack of thin rings in a variety of woods

Russ Bremer Lidded Box with texture and gilding inside lid and on bottom

Terry Justice "Elf" texturing tool, zebrawood with threaded lid on handle for bit storage

Nelson Palmer Lidded box with finial from workshop

Ron Browning Rotary hand sander from a skateboard wheel

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 – Ron Browning – Jewelry and Laser Engraving

Ron began with a block of Olive wood held in a chuck with the end turned to a cylinder. He used a Mark Sillay grind gouge to form the outer face of the disc that would become a pendant. Once happy with the shape, the disc was sanded and a small dovetail cut into the rim. The face was finished with HUT wax and buffed before parting off with a thin parting tool.

Ron repeated the process with a block of acrylic, emphasizing the need for fine cuts with the gouge to avoid splintering. The acrylic was sanded with wet or dry sandpaper up to 2500 grit. Ron used 3M rubbing compound for final polishing. He prefers 3M Imperial Hand Glaze, but it is hard to find and expensive.

Ron showed how he makes soft jaws from scrap wood cut into triangles. He uses a chuck jaw as a drill guide for the mounting holes, followed by a pen barrel trimmer in the drill press to cut the counterbore for the M6 mounting bolts. A dovetail groove is cut into the soft jaws to match the dovetail on the rim of the pendant. The disc is reversed and mounted with light pressure before dishing out the concave back, followed by sanding and finishing.

Ron used a laser engraver to etch the FWS logo onto the olive wood pendant. (Makerspace has a laser engraver that members can use for this.) Fine pliers are used to attach a jump ring in a hole drilled into the edge of the pendant disc.

Raffle

Raffle Ticket	Nelson Palmer
Block of Wood	Chuck Ortt
Pencil	Jeff Winters
Raffle Ticket	Chris Urban
Skatewheel handsander	Tammy Conway
Block of Sycamore	Bill Lutian
Pen Kit	Ron Browning
Necklace from Demo (Share the Wealth)	Terry Justice
Lidded box (Share the Wealth)	Nelson Palmer
Pen/Pencil/Letter Opener (Bring Back)	Russ Bremer

Next Meeting: October 12, 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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