



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – January 11, 2023

Submitted by Paul Jackson – Secretary .

Russ Bremmer opened the January meeting of the Space Coast Woodturners at 7 PM at Melbourne Makerspace. There were ~14 people at the meeting in person, including 3 guests: Rob Lanier, Earl Jones, and Greg Showman. 5 members joined on-line via Zoom.

### Old Business

Reminder: Florida Woodturning Symposium (FWS) will be held February 3 – 5, 2023. The late registration fee has been waived, so there's still time to register. More info at: <https://floridawoodturningsymposium.com/>

Gary Christensen advised that the Honor Flights will resume in April. We need 30 pens for each monthly flight. There are enough for April, but more will be needed. Slimline kits are available from the club for those who wish to contribute.

### New Business

Russ presented a proposal to replace the castors on the Oneway lathe to reduce the height and provide more mobility. The cost would be ~\$165. Bill Lutian made a motion to proceed, seconded by Randy Hardy. The motion passed by voice vote.

Russ informed us that club members will receive a 10% discount for in-store purchases at Rockler in Orlando (Altamonte Springs), just identify yourself as a member. After 10 purchases from members, the club will be awarded a gift card. Paul Jackson will follow up with Rockler to ensure they have correct contact information.

### Treasurer

Sally Deabenderfer reported that Dewey Treanor has renewed the club domain name for the website for 2 years. Russ noted that there will most likely be no distribution of funds from FWS, so dues will be our primary source of income.

### Vice President

The demonstration schedule was presented by John Conway. Tonight's planned ring making demo by Paul McDaniel has been postponed until March. Russ will present the demo planned for last November, but deferred by Hurricane Nicole. Terry Justice will demonstrate spiraling techniques at the February meeting.

John is actively soliciting demo ideas from members.



## Demonstration – Russell Bremer – Gnome Ornaments

Russ began by describing gnomes as similar to birdhouse ornaments, with “hair” and the hole relocated for the nose. Gnomes can be left solid if they are for tabletop display, but are usually hollowed to allow for hanging on the tree.

The stock used for the demo was a section of a branch of found wood, unknown species. The stock was mounted between centers and Russ turned it to a cylinder, beginning on a slower speed to get rid of the various branches and gradually increasing as he approached a true cylinder. Russ discussed the advantages of a safety drive over a spur drive for this process. He trued the ends with a skew then formed a tenon sized by a gauge to properly fit the chuck jaws, slightly undercutting to allow the stock to sit on the face of the jaws.

The stock was reversed and mounted on the chuck. The new outfeed end was trued and a dimple cut at the center with the point of the skew to guide the drill bit. Russ reduced the speed and drilled a hole about 1 7/8” deep with a Forstner bit, making sure to clear the chips often to avoid jamming the bit. A parting cut to define the end of the piece was made about 3/8” past the bottom of the hole. The end was supported with a cone in the tailstock and the outer shape cut with a gouge. Russ hollowed the base with a rounded nose scraper designed for this type of work.

Russ showed how the cap is cut with a tenon to fit the hole in the base. In designing the shape, be sure to consider grain direction since a thin brim in end grain will be very fragile. The nose is turned from another piece with a 1/4” tenon on the end to fit a hole drilled in the base near the cap.

Russ showed how he forms the beard material around the base, covering at least half of the base. When cutting to fit, be sure to keep the hair out of the way and cut the backing material only. Russ sourced material from Etsy and Amazon, but others suggested Joanne's and Hobby Lobby. Russ used hot glue to incrementally attach the beard.

## Raffle

Raffle Ticket

Pen Kit

Pencil

Pen Kit

Pencil

Raffle Ticket

Pen Kit

Maple block

Parting tool (from Read Johnson)

Rick Skluzacek

Sally Deabenderfer

Chuck Ortt

Nelson Palmer

Paul Jackson

Greg Showman

Bill Lutian

Paul McDaniel

Nelson Palmer

**Next Meeting: February 8, 2023 at Melbourne Makerspace**

# 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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