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Goldcoast Woodturners

NO NAME NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER MEETING — HOLIDAY PARTY -- DECEMBER 18

We hope you will plan to attend.

The meeting will be held at Woodcraft located at 1157 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER Put on your CREATIVE THINKING CAP and give our newsletter a name that we all will be proud of. A GREAT WAY TO START OUR NEW YEAR. We will vote on the name at our January meeting. **AND** while you are thinking about the newsletter, maybe you would like to write a column or an article for a future issue. We all have much to share. Thanks

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It's time for our **holiday party** and **gift exchange**. Please bring a covered dish to share with all of our members. We always enjoy the wonderful food that our members prepare. It's a great way to start the holidays. Come hungry! If you bring a wrapped gift to exchange, you will be able to select a gift. We especially like to exchange handmade items. We know you can do it. . .

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MANY THANKS TO DAVID KERZEL . David has done an excellent job with our newsletter but he no longer has the time to do it. I have offered to try to continue with the great job that he has done. **BUT I NEED YOUR HELP**. Please let me know what you'd like to see in the newsletter or, BETTER YET, Write an article and send it to me to include in next month's newsletter. We want to have the best newsletter of any woodturning club. . .

Do you want advertising? We can do that. Tips and symposium reviews? A calendar of turning events? Give your ideas to any of our board and we'll try to include it in future issues. The minutes of our meetings and photos will always be featured.

Diane Klein, sect'y

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Letter – November

Newsletter

Each month as I sit down to write the President's letter for our newsletter I try to think of something that will make it a little special and different from what has come before. I don't have to try too hard this time because this month's letter is special all on its own. This is the last President's letter I will be writing for the Gold Coast Woodturners. The club is holding its election in November and our new president will assume leadership of the club. I'll talk more about the elections shortly.

I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you who have contributed so much to the success of the club over the last year. In my business career I had the opportunity to lead small organization and large organizations, but I never led an organization that was as much fun as the Gold Coast Woodturners has been. As I look back, I feel satisfied with what we've accomplished. It's been a great year.

At the November meeting the members will vote on officers and board members for next year. The candidates proposed by your Board are:

Lee Sky – President
Bob Przybylski – Vice President
Ron Pursell – Treasurer
Diane Klein – Secretary
Warren Howie – Board Member
Ray Reiland – Board Member
Ed McDonnell – Board Member



At the November meeting, I will call for nominations from the floor. I will then call for a vote on the slate of candidates. If there is no opposition we will just call a voice vote and not bother with secret ballots.

We will have one other item at the November meeting that will be put to a member vote. Tony Cortese mentioned to Ron Pursell during his visit that many of the Florida turning clubs have been contributing to the development of a successful turning program at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. Tony's club has been providing mentors to complement the equipment donations. The program has been a huge success and demand has exceeded the available resources. Ron Pursell asked the GCWT Board to consider approving the donation of one of the club owned jet mini-lathes to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch

The board voted to support this request and to bring it to the membership for approval. We currently have 6 mini-lathes. We have never used all the lathes at any of our demonstrations or workshops. It's a shame to have equipment that isn't being fully utilized and this is an opportunity to put one of our underutilized lathes to good use. The GCWT Board recommends that you vote to approve this donation. Ron will be at the November meeting to explain the proposal and answer any questions. You can go to www:youthranches.org for more information.

The club is in pretty good financial shape. We have about \$1,700 in the treasury and we will be collecting 2009 dues soon which will give the treasury a boost.

Don't forget that the December meeting is our annual Christmas party at Woodcraft. We request that everyone bring a covered dish (and serving utensil if needed) to share. The club will provide drinks, eating utensils, paper products and music. We will again be having a gift exchange. Participation is voluntary, but it's so much fun I don't know how anybody could pass it up. I'll review the exchange guidelines for our newer members:

1. If you bring a gift to exchange you will receive a ticket. During the meeting tickets will be drawn and the holder of the ticket will get to choose a gift.
2. Gifts should be something you have made yourself. It would be nice if it was turned and wood, but it doesn't have to be.
3. Gifts should be wrapped (or bagged / boxed / whatever) so it remains a surprise and the gifts should not have any identifying marks on wrapping (or bag / box / whatever) to identify who brought it. Remember some of the kids like to peek as the presents are being added to the pile so do what you can to maintain the mystery.



We intend to apply to the AAW for a grant that would allow us to upgrade our video equipment. Just imagine no more blue screens. Wouldn't that be nice!! While new equipment will help, it won't do much without someone volunteering to fill the camera operator slot that was vacated by Ken when he moved to Georgia. Don't be shy. Give it a try. If you don't like it, you don't have to do it again. We won't hold it against you. You have nothing to lose.

David Kerzel has been doing a great job as our newsletter editor, webmaster and club photographer, but he no longer has the time to perform these functions. I am pleased to announce that Diane Klein has volunteered to become editor of the club newsletter and I think she has some very exciting things planned. Deidre O'Malley has volunteered to become the webmaster and I look forward to some of the new things she hinted at wanting to try. Gary Venema has stepped forward with his camera ready and able to document all the happenings and going ons. Thank you all for volunteering.

Of course there are many other people not named in this letter that contribute to the success of the club, whether it's filling an official role in the club or just helping out with raffle tickets, set up or clean up. Thank you all for volunteering.

Fall is here and our first cold front is on the way. This is a great time of year to get out in the shop and turn out some real works of art. I look forward to seeing your creations in future instant galleries.

Ed McDonnell

MINUTES Unfortunately, I was not at our October meeting. I understand that Ron Purcell and his granddaughter, Molly, did a wonderful presentation on methods to add decoration and ornamentation to a turned piece.

Paul and I were enjoying the fabulous color of the mountains in Blowing Rock and Asheville N.Carolina. Autumn in the mountains is truly awe inspiring. In the week that we were there, we were able to go to some wonderful craft galleries and attend the big Southern Highland Crafts show. We did get to see some very interesting wood turning as well as crafts of all types- traditional and contemporary. Woodturners to mention are Jim McPhail and James Edward Barnes. If you are in the Asheville area, do visit the following galleries: Blue Spiral, Ariel, Grovewood, New Morning, and the craft gallery inside of Grove Park Inn. The ladies should also visit Bellagio, a gallery of handmade fashion. We also enjoyed the Parkway Craft Center Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway and the Allanstand Craft Shop at the Folk Art Center MP 382 Blue Ridge Parkway. We also made a little side trip to the gallery at Penland school of crafts. That's a lot of craft viewing for only 6 days. Just before leaving, we were able to visit the HandMade House which was a model home in a luxury community of the Rambles that was completely furnished by 100 of the areas well known artists and craftsmen. It was fabulous.

We also managed to hike, go antique-ing, and enjoy some great meals. Our Bed and Breakfasts were truly memorable also and we took hundreds of photos of the mountains in amazing colors of gold, copper, and red. Next year, we hope to do it all again.



