

Gold Coast Woodturners – Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be 7:00pm Thursday September 18, 2008 at the Pompano Beach Woodcraft. Mitch Wolok is scheduled to demonstrate use of the Skew, which should be exciting, interesting and educational. Don't forget to bring your turnings for the instant gallery.

Last Meeting

I missed the last meeting, but almost everyone I talked to really enjoyed the meeting and the different demos. I did notice that the degree of satisfaction was somewhat correlated with the height of the person I spoke to. Next time we try something like that we'll have to make sure that we arrange things so everyone can get a good view of what is going on.

September Newsletter

Unfortunately, David Kerzel couldn't make it to the last meeting so we don't have any pictures for the newsletter. David is currently traveling and won't be able to pull together the news letter this month so this is it.

Tony Cortese – Professional Demonstration

Don't forget that we have Tony Cortese coming to town the end of this month (9/27-28). The Saturday club demonstration will be \$30 and the Sunday hands-on will be \$125. I'll be sending out more information in a separate email. You'll be able to sign up at the next meeting. It's easier to keep track of things if you pay by check, but we'll take cash if you don't have a check with you.

Gold Coast Woodturners – Workshop

The board discussed having another workshop before the end of the year if there is sufficient interest among the club members. The primary focus of the workshop would be ornaments, but as usual, things would proceed based on participants interests. It would be a Saturday in either late October or mid November. Email me at emcdonnell@comcast.net if you are interested in participating in a club workshop. Once we get an idea of how many might participate, we'll make a go / no go decision.

FLORIDA SYMPOSIUM

The Florida Symposium will be taking place January 9 – 11, 2009 in Eustis Florida. Featured turners include Jimmy Clewes, John Jordan, Stuart Batty and many more. This

event is highly recommended by all who have attended in previous years. You can find more information at www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com.

AAW

It's time to renew your membership for the AAW and to vote for 3 new board members. You should have received the membership and candidate information by now. If you are an AAW member have not received it you should contact the AAW office at (651)484-9094. If you are not an AAW member, you should seriously consider joining. We talk about the benefits regularly, but if you want to know more, feel free to give me a call.

There have been a couple key changes at the AAW:

- Mary Lacer has been appointed Executive Director as of September 2, 2008, replacing Larry Sommer. Mary Lacer has been the face of AAW for 18 years. She has a passion for woodturning and is committed to the field. She has been a practicing woodturner for 28 years and has taught at some of the major woodturning schools. Mary ran a woodturning business for nine years, producing a wide range of turnings, production work, and art pieces. Everyone who knows Mary admires and respects her for her friendliness, capabilities, and dedication to our organization. She has proven herself to be an excellent Managing Director, and more recently, Assistant Executive Director. Mary understands the duties of Executive Director and is ready to meet the needs and challenges of the Association.
- Betty Scarpino will replace Carl Voss as the editor of American Woodturner. Betty is a well known professional woodturner, author and demonstrator. She is also a former editor of the Journal.

That's it for now. See you at the next meeting.

Ed McDonnell

Minutes for Gold Coast Woodturners meeting –August 21, 2008

Ed McDonnell, our president, was unable to be with us tonight, so our very capable vice president, **Bob Przybylski** presided over our meeting. Bob introduced our guests Jeff, Don and Deano. They each told us how they became interested in turning and we hope that they will become new members. We also had a few more women in attendance. Another of our guests was **John Buso**, the president of the Palm Beach County Woodturner's club. John spoke for a few minutes about the exciting 3 day event their club is hosting with **Graeme Priddle** being their guest demonstrator and teacher at Okaheele Nature Center on Sept. 20, 21, and 22. John also was tonight's Bring Back winner, so we know we'll see him again next month. He received a lovely turning created by **Tim O'Leary**.

Our club is having a demo and workshop by **Tony Cortese**. The all day demo will be \$30.00 and the hands-on workshop the following day will be \$125.00. This will be at **Ray Reiland's** home on September 27th and 28th. Please call **Ron Purcell**, our treasurer to reserve your space.

The demonstration of the evening was staged with 5 lathes working furiously to turn out some amazing Christmas ornaments. **Lee Sky** showed how to make bird house ornaments, **Warren Howie** was creating long finial icicle type of hollow ball decorations, Creating "inside- out" ornaments was well demonstrated by **Bob Przybylski** and **Ken Rizza** demonstrated how to combine a beautiful upside down finial with a sea urchin to make exquisite ornaments. **Ron Purcell** created some wonderful spiral icicles. We had a huge attendance at the meeting and there was a crowd surrounding each lathe.

This was all in preparation for the annual charity event to raise funds for the Christmas Tree auction to benefit the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art. Our tree is always a show stopper and purchased on the opening night of the auction. Let's make our tree bigger and better than ever as we 'raise the bar' for the competition. Please bring in your ornaments at our next meeting.

Lee announced that he will be doing a demonstration in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea on Sept. 9th at 7:00. Call Lee for more information.

In September our demo will be presented by **Mitch Wolok** who was the founder of our club. Mitch is a pro at using the skew and this meeting will present lots of information about it's use to many of our members who shy away from this powerful tool.

The October demonstration will be on techniques for embellishing your turnings, and this will be done by **Ron Purcell** with the help of **Molly**, his granddaughter who is skillful at wood burning.

Our **INSTANT GALLERIES** was presented early in the meeting and, as usual, the quantity and variety of work was astounding. **Glen Carrigan** showed a Red Mallee burl piece, **Gary Koenig** showed a plate turned from Pheasant wood, **Warren Howie** made several beautiful pieces that he finished with gun stock oil. **George Wells** brought in a fluted piece and several others. **Ron Purcell** had some fabulous pieces with spiral flamed finials, and many others of our members brought in all sorts of other assorted items including pepper mills, Christmas ornaments, miniatures and pieces that were turned at a seminar with Richard Raffan. Thanks and kudos to all of our talented members.

I left a few minutes before the meeting ended but I am sure that we all had a pleasant and informative evening. I look forward to our next month's meeting.

Ed McDonnell is our president

Bob Przybylski is the vice president

Lee Sky is responsible for the club's large range of tools. You can borrow them to try before purchasing your own. Call Lee to arrange to borrow them at his studio.

Jim Kal is our club's librarian and can check out DVD's and books to our members.

David Kerzel is our web master and newsletter chairman.

Diane Klein is the secretary

Ron Purcell is treasurer

Ken Rizzo is our videographer

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Klein

