



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2004

INSIDE ARE LAST MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES,
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

If you have any questions about the Gold Coast Woodturners, please contact any of these officers, board members or committee chairpersons:

Rick Pixley, President.....(954) 435-2920
Lee Sky, Vice President.....(954) 971-6314
Elliot Schantz, Treasurer.....(954) 431-7603
George H. Snyder, Secretary.....(954) 630-2566
Ray Reiland, Board Member.....(954) 475-1167
Jerry Remillard.....(954) 434-5289
Carl Spinnler, Membership.....(954) 946-1302
Joe Montagnino, Past President..... (305) 824-0112
George H. Snyder, Editor.....(954) 562-6224
Dee Trudeau, Librarian/Tools.....(954) 782-4854
Lee Sky, Wood Committee.....(954) 971-6314
Vasan Venkataraman, Website.....(954) 568-3409
Rita Hart, Newsletter Typist

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gold Coast Woodturners, a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, was formed in 1992 to promote an awareness of the craft and art of modern-day turning. Each meeting is designed and organized to present woodturning-related programs and projects to the members. Demonstrations are also presented that may be performed by a GCWT member or a world-recognized guest turner. No matter what is scheduled for the next meeting, the results will be the same. Woodturners will gather to share their experiences as well as learn from the experiences of others. All benefit, novices as well "old timers" alike. Beginners learn techniques and styles while the expert reaffirms their skills by demonstrating and teaching

Gold Coast Woodturner membership benefits also include:

- Participation in all GCWT-sponsored activities and demonstrations.
- Weekend workshops to learn new techniques.
- Wood source opportunities through raffles and auctions.
- Tool and supply discounts available from local and national retailers.
- Videotape library.
- Tools and accessories available for loan.
- To support the AAW, the national woodturners organization we encourage our membership to join the AAW and receive the American Woodturner Magazine.

ARTICLES AND INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY:

Rick Pixley, Alva Pixley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Pixley

First I'd like to say a little regarding the last show in Boca. Everyone had a great time, the weather cooperated, and the club made a little money as did the participants. I was very pleased to see several club members that were not participating in the show drop by and give their support. Great comradery. My thanks to Ray Reiland for all the

work he puts into making these a success. This has been very beneficial to the club. Thanks Ray!!

It looks like it's a done deal!! We have committed to having a world class turner give us an all day lecture and demo. Mr John Jordan will be here on or about May 22nd for this event. This will be co-sponsored by Gold Coast Woodturners and the South Florida Woodturner's Guild. The exact time and location along with all the minor details are still to be worked out and will be forthcoming. It is extremely important that everyone interested in turning, and I assume everyone who gets this is, should clear their calendars for this weekend event. The cost for participants will be minimal, and the turnout will determine whether we can continue these ventures. Our friends and brothers from Palm Beach are of course invited. The efforts to bring this to fruition are headed up by Lee Sky from our club and Steve Miller from the South Florida club. Thanks guys.

I had an opportunity to work for a half day this weekend with a relatively new turner, and his enthusiasm and determination was a pleasure to watch. It grew as the curls flew from my lathe. The smile was priceless, and a new turner was born. I mention this because I had a frank discussion with him regarding the need for the new folks to get more involved with the administration and support activities. A little thing like making sure ice and drinks are available for the meetings is an important contribution. Of course, he agreed and "volunteered" to support our group in any way he is capable of. Stay tuned, heh.heh.heh. Now, if you are new, and you do participate in the free workshops, and work with a mentor, the very least you should do is become as involved as possible in club support, and NOT leave the burden on the few that contribute their time in teaching and making the hobby enjoyable for you. This involvement should be in the form of contributing to committees, helping with cleanup and pickup, delivery of tools to club functions, and a wide variety of other activities too numerous to mention. Last month I received a shock when I asked an individual for his help and his immediate response was "I don't want to get that involved". Sorry, but we are only as strong as the weakest among us so we need to bring these folks into the fold. I'll get off my soapbox now and wish everyone a great time in the shop and look forward to seeing you at April's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2004

The meeting began with a welcome to our guests by Rick Pixley. Dennis and Carol from Connecticut, Bob Bagly, Murat, and Karen Hall from Tennessee were given a short rundown about Gold Coast's library, tools, mentoring program and workshops. Lee Sky said he would have name tags for all the new people by the next meeting.

The Serious Lathe Company is going out of business, and Rick said anyone who wanted to purchase from them would probably get a good deal, and there are free catalogues at the club. Also, Rick donated a DVD to our library on how to use the bowl saver, and how to use the Wolverine sharpening jig by Oneway.

Lee Sky then gave a demonstration on how to make bottle stoppers. He said he used leftover chunks of wood with interesting grains. He makes the holes with a Forstner bit. He then passed out flyers depicting different ways to hold the wood. Lee said MSC is a good metal working supplier, and Penn State is good for ink pen parts and stoppers. The bottle stopper is then turned to the desired shape, and uses CA glue or wood glue to install the cork. It can be finished with wax or poly.

Lee gave a great demo, and provided very useful information on technique and good safety tips for all our new people.

INSTANT GALLERY

There was no lack of inspiration at our instant gallery:

Larry Benson showed a Rosewood bowl and a Norfolk Island Pine vase.

Simon Bogan brought two boxes, one of Burl and Cocobola and burl with an ebony finial.

Len Katzman talked about two Norfolk Island Pine pieces, both of which were made from diseased wood.

Rick Pixley displayed a pink ivory vase with an African blackwood finial, and a Norfolk Island Pine vase, both finished with lacquer.

Ray Reiland showed us a Norfolk Island Pine vase which was soaked in oil and finished with spar urethane.

Roger Stegman brought various bowls in various

stages of completion.

Jim Brady displayed his bottle stoppers of different shapes, and woods finished with oil and beeswax.

George Fulop showed us his three dimensional wheel with spokes made from broom handles.

Lee Sky talked about his Tabebuia vase finished with lacquer; a page holder, and a very small natural edge bowl made from Burl that had an oil finish.

John Buso displayed a very large Mahogany salad bowl finished with walnut oil.

Jerry Remillard showed us his natural edge bowl turned from Acacia with an oil finish.

Alva Pixley told us about her Mahogany bowl with a carved ruffle top finished with wipe on poly.

Dee Trudeau brought two Norfolk Island Pine vases soaked in linseed oil, and finished with wipe on poly. She also spoke about a walking stick made of various woods with the sections connected with screws.

Regarding new business, John Buso is now the chairman for the AWW regarding insurance coverage. There was then a short discussion about insurance coverages.

George Snyder is still in the hospital. He is still having some problems, and they are working on getting his strength back. Our plans are to send him flowers or a basket as soon as he is able to receive it.

Elliot Schantz gave us an update on our bank account total.

A reminder about shows: 3/27 and 28 at Meisner Park. We will be in spaces 11 and 12, unless otherwise advised. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and parking will be northeast of the amphitheater. Come early to help set up.

There was a motion to reduce the contribution from show sales from 15% to 10% which was voted on and passed.

We were told there is a new magazine out called Woodturning Design and it can be purchased at most book stores.

Woodcraft might be open in a month or so and they need people to teach classes there.

There is a possibility that John Jordan might be doing a seminar (jointly with the Dade club) sometime in May, in Miami. There will also be an all day hands on

workshop.

GCWT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present were Carl Spinnler, Eliot Schantz, Jerry Remillard, Ed Manson, Rick Pixley, Ray Reiland, Lee Sky and guest Eli Leshem who just moved to Broward County from Israel.

The following items were discussed: the West Palm Beach demo list, writing a letter to request the grant money we've been awarded from the AAW, the member workshop on April 17, the John Jordan demonstration on May 22 and photographing member's woodturnings to submit an article to the AAW magazine.

Calender of Events

- April 15 - Membership Meeting
John Buso demonstrates "My View of the Skew."
- April 17 - Member workshop at Constantines
(Sat 9:30a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- April 20 - Board Meeting - Shoney's (Davie Rd.)
- May 20 - Membership Meeting
Dee Trudeau demonstrates "The Fine Art of Finial Turning."
- May 22 - John Jordan workshop in Miami
- July 23-25 - AAW Symposium - Orlando

CHECK OUT OUR WEB-SITE

Visit our club web-site at:
www.goldcoastwoodturners.org

ITEMS FOR SALE

5/8" bandsaw blades to fit your saw \$7.00,
hollowing tools of all sizes \$55.00 to \$75.00 and
hollowing tool rest \$52.00.
Vacuum Pump with hoses - \$150.00
Contact George Snyder (954) 630-2566

Delta Rockwell 12" -4 speed woodlathe \$550

Delta Rockwell 14" bandsaw (wood) \$395
52" Vega commercial table saw fence \$85
Powermatic Dust collector \$175
Delta 6" Jointer \$275
Contact Carl Spinnler (954) 946-1302
Work (954) 370-6318

New Porter Cable angle grinder Model 7406 7.3
amps - \$60
Dewalt Angle grinder 5 amp almost new - \$35
New 14.5 Makita drill, case and 2 batteries \$105
2 Milwaukee 45° drills - 1 new - \$125, 1 in very good
condition - \$85
Contact Ken Roman (954) 753-1035

Member Workshop, Saturday April 17

Members must also be AAW members to turn on a
lathe. There is still time to sign up with the AAW.
Guests are always welcome.

their insurance. The AAW dues are \$35.00 per
year and you receive a quarterly magazine and a
directory of all AAW members throughout the
world.

**Gold Coast Woodturners
Membership Application**

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Work _____

____ Please check if you do not want your name
published in the newsletter

Yearly dues of \$30.00 are made payable to:

Gold Coast Woodturners,

c/o Eliot Schantz
GCWT Treasurer
11031 N.W. 20th Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026
(954) 431-7603



HIP

**MEMBERS
FORM**

The membership year for the Gold Coast Woodturners
Club runs from January 1 to December 31. Annual
dues are \$30.00.

PLEASE NOTE, we are a Chapter of the American
Association of Woodturners . All members are
expected to be members of the AAW and covered by