



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2005

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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 and "old-timers" alike. Beginners learn techniques and styles while the experts reaffirm their skills by demonstrating and teaching.

Gold Coast Woodturner membership benefits 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Pixley, May, 2005

As I sit here I'm waiting on John Mascoll to show up so we can go over tomorrow's demo and Sunday's hands-on. In speaking with John I've come to appreciate his sincere views on club's participation, teaching, learning, and having fun while accomplishing all of these things. I only hope that the turnout is as good as is reserved because it will be a resounding success. Special thanks to Jerry and Anand for their parts in setting this up. Let's hope it is just one of many to come.

Now for business. I'm sure there has been concern for the lack of hands-on events held by our club recently. This has been due to many circumstances too numerous to mention here but it is time to start up in earnest again. With that said the AAW has made arrangements through a tool distributor to sell lathes for club functions only, at a drastically reduced price. The problem is the orders must be placed by May 31 and are on a first come first served basis with a limited supply. I propose that we purchase six for clubs use only, and only for demos/hands on. We have one now we can still loan out. I won't mention the price here because it would create hard feelings with local distributors and I don't want that, till we get the new ones in hand. This will require a vote at the next meeting and immediate follow up. Please show up as this is very important, especially for the novice to intermediates who benefit so much from this and we'll need your support to gain approval to spend the money. This is an exciting and historic time for our club.

The last issue I need to speak of is not much fun but needs to be discussed. After the last meeting I received a call from Joe Montagnino and he was justifiably upset. It seems that at the instant gallery someone handled his large Norfolk Island vase valued at \$1500 and managed to drag it across the block wall so much that his piece had a gouge in it filled with wall paint. Needless to say this is not good. Some of the observations I made during the meeting regarding the display area are as follows: tools were placed on the table in close proximity to the pieces and even on top of my paperwork; clumsy handling resulted in the beautiful miniature display being knocked over; and overcrowding around the table where folks could easily have damaged someone's piece. Please don't handle the merchandise without the owner's permission, and then with extreme care. That way we can continue to see some of the finer work we all strive for. Take care and see you all at the next meeting if not at the demo with John.

Rick

MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2005

Business

Rick Pixley started the meeting by welcoming guests Gary Koenig, Mike Brand and Woody McClain.

Rick reminded us of the John Mascoll seminar and hands-on May 14 and 15.

Eliot Schantz thanked everyone who donated pieces to the ALS auction.

There will be a seminar by Christian Bouchard in West Palm Beach June 24, 25 and 26. \$35 for Saturday, and \$125 for the hands-on Sunday and Monday.

We welcome Diane Klein who agreed to fill the opening on our board.

Ken Roman won Howard Carron's bring-back.

Demonstration



Joe Montagnino enlightened us all with a demonstration on boring bar systems for hollowing. He started by talking about how to mount a blank by determining whether you want to use side or end grain. He then discussed different methods of chucking, including: glue, jam chucks and face plates, etc. Joe said face plates can cut the grain of the wood and dislodge the screws. He also said that some chucks use a 45 degree angle and some use a dove tail. Glue blocks work best for segmented work.

Joe suggested you check the outside shape to see how deep you want the bottom to be. He uses a Forstner bit to drill a hole with a flat bottom before he starts using a hollowing tool. One of the fastest methods of hollowing is to use a hook tool. To get around corners, he uses a cutting tip inserted into a bar. There are many hollowing tools by many manufacturers. Check out these websites:

MSC 1-800-645-7270 www.msdirect.com
ENCD 1-800-873-3626 www.usencd.com

You can make your own tools, and Joe suggested using larger heavier tools for larger pieces.

The Hamlet hollowing tool comes with a cap to regulate the aggressiveness of the cut. The "V" bar is easier to use because you don't have to carry the tool, and it's much safer.

Also, Joe said to always keep the leverage of the tool on your side for safety.

Here's a good tip: Even thickness throughout the piece prevents cracking while drying; and a laser light will tell you how thick or thin your piece is. Joe also uses a mirror so that he can see the laser light when cutting on the opposite side of the piece.

When Joe gets started, he's just a wealth of information and easy to listen to. Thanks Joe.

Instant Gallery

Lee Sky: Hollow form, mahogany, sanding sealer; camphor salad bowl, walnut oil; maple burl and ebony hollow form, sanding sealer; sea grape box, wipe on poly.



Carl Schneider: Cherry hollow form with wipe on poly finish.



Carl Spinnler: Two hollow forms, Norfolk Island pine and rosewood with poly finish.



Ray Reiland: Two umbrella stands, Norfolk Island pine, urethane finish; mahogany bowl urethane finish; Norfolk Island pine vase, urethane finish.

Roger Stegman: Three mahogany santas, paint and varnish.

Gary Koenig: Two miniature chairs, maple and mahogany, painted; assorted bowls, walnut and ash, tung oil.

Joe Montagnino: Norfolk Island pine vase, wipe on poly.

Larry France: Oak bowl, unfinished.

Hans Solle: Rosewood incense plates, baby oil finish.

MEMBERSHIP 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 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 _____

E-Mail _____

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

Yearly dues of \$30.00 are made payable to:

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c/o Eliot Schantz
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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Thursday, May 19th, 2005 at 7 pm

June Meeting: Thursday, June 16th, 2005, 7 pm

We hope you will plan to attend.

Bring your projects for the Instant Gallery

The meeting is held at Constantine's located at 1049 NE 30 Court in Oakland Park.

Constantine's will be open from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for club members and guests. Paid members receive a 10% discount.