



# GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2004

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

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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 preformed 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 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.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lee Sky

This month's President's message is from the Vice President due to our busy hurricane season. Rick Pixley was once again called to one of the storm-ravaged areas to help restore power. We can consider ourselves lucky to be spared the brunt of the storm's wrath. Most of us were able to stock up on fresh wood from the numerous trees down around South Florida, and with several days of down time I imagine quite a few turnings were created, at least by the folks with electricity or a

treadle lathe. I even heard rumor of a member sanding and finishing by candle light. With our daily lives returning to normal we can all focus again on what is really important in life: our friends, family, and loved ones.

Turn on, Lee Sky

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

8/19/04 Minutes

Minutes of August 19, 2004

Rick Pixley was absent for this meeting because of the hurricane on the west coast, so our Vice President, Lee Sky ran the meeting.

### Demonstration:

First on the agenda was a demonstration by Carl Spinnler on making tool handles. He said that the style is up to you, but you should make it comfortable to fit your hand. He has made tool handles from maple, ash and cherry, but doesn't like to use laminated wood. Carl talked about the length of the tool handle, and said that it should be long enough to fit under your arm. A longer handle creates less vibration. Carl starts by roughing the shape, and then he drills a hole in the end of the handle to accept the tang. He also said he likes to leave mass around the tang. Brass threaded fittings and electrical conduit are used. He turns the tenon to fit and screws it in. Various tools with home-made handles were passed around.

Paul Heade demonstrated his technique for making home-made tool handles. Paul makes the handles so that the tool part can be removed for changing or sharpening. He uses set screws to accomplish this. Like Carl, he said mass is important and he uses shot in the handles.

Lee Sky showed his home-made tool handles as well. John Busso showed tool handles from myrtle.

### Old Business: August Board Meeting Minutes

Donation in the amount of \$100 to the Paralyzed Veteran's Administration Fund in George Snyder's memory.

Moving the next meeting.

Air conditioning for our club meeting place.

AAW grant.

Museum of Art ornaments for tree.

Contact boy scout troop to promote woodturning.

T-shirts: need sample.

Lighting and shelves for shows.

### New Business:

We will decide what to do with the \$570 grant from the AAW at the next meeting.

Lee talked about the Symposium and how inspirational it was. He also brought photographs for those who did not attend.

Delta is now making CA glue, and Elliot Schantz handed out samples.

Ray Reiland said the Fiesta for the Arts in Boca will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, there will be a show at the Palm Beach Polo Equestrian show for three days in October. He will get more information for us.

John Busso said that Stuart Batty will be giving a seminar in September. There will be a one-day workshop and a two-day workshop. Contact the Palm Beach club for more details.

Lee told us that Crown Tools has donated two tools to our club and they will be used for members to check out.

Lee Sky won John Busso's bring-back.

### INSTANT GALLERY:

As always there is no lack of participation in the instant gallery:

**Dee Trudeau:** Norfolk Island Pine vase, soaked in oil and 1/8th inch thin.

**Glenn Carrington:** Natural edge carrot wood bowl.

**Simon Pursell:** Norfolk Island Pine tall vase with carved feet, finished with carnauba wax; mahogany carved hollow form, also with carved feet; school of fish sculpture made from carving cutouts; majo and turquoise vase.

**Jerry Remillard:** Bottle brush burl hollow form.

**Bob Przybyski:** Mahogany hollow form; mahogany and walnut bowl; natural edge vase.

**George Wells:** Mango crotch bowl, finished with wipe on poly.

**Roger Stegman:** Mahogany bowl, mahogany open bowl, small back olive natural edge bowl.

**Lee Sky:** Mahogany salad bowl, finished with walnut oil.

**Carl Spinnler:** Poplar platter; open bowl of unknown wood; two Norfolk Island Pine hollow forms finished with wipe on poly; a tall vase finished with wipe on poly.

**Alva Pixley:** African Blackwood and pink ivory small box with finial.

**Ray Reiland:** Tabebuia round hollow form; mahogany natural edge open bowl; a Norfolk Island Pine deep vase.

**Paul Heade:** Norfolk Island Pine lamp.

**Tim Nelson:** Poplar open bowl.

## **AAW Symposium Report**

Angelo lafrate, AAW Conference Committee Chair

It is hard to believe that more than a month has passed since the Orlando Symposium, yet we find our friends in Orlando smack in the middle of a disastrous hurricane season. Our thoughts and prayers are with them throughout their trials.

The Orlando Symposium was my first Symposium behind the scenes. I can tell you that it was an incredible experience. It has been a long time since I have worked that hard or have been that frustrated and have experienced such joy or shared such camaraderie.

I would like to share with you some little known but mildly interesting facts from our time in Orlando. We had 775 pre-registered attendees and 110 on-site registrations (the most ever) for a total of 885 attendees. These numbers place Orlando in the top 10 largest Symposium for attendance. These 885 attendees took up over 1,442 room nights over a four-day period.

Over the three-day period our members consumed an astonishing amount of food. At the Symposium site, alone, we drank 1823 soft drinks (including bottled water and juice), we drank 337 cups of coffee and 92 cups of tea. We ate 285 hot dogs (not including Sunday as none were available), 298 salads, 205 roast beef sandwiches, 399 turkey sandwiches 431 ham sandwiches and for those that missed the continental breakfast 111 muffins. These figures only represent food purchased at the Convention Center. It's anyone's guess how much was consumed elsewhere.

The Continental Breakfast was a new feature this year (one that we hope to repeat). Its inclusion was a last minute negotiation and was not properly advertised. We hope to make everyone aware when it is available in the future.

These 885 attendees were able to see 130 rotations from 32 presenters from 8 different countries, including our EOG Exchange students from Japan, Minako Suzuki, and her American counterpart Lucas Hundley. The biggest difficulty, I think, was choosing which ones to see and which ones to miss. One helpful hint is to see which of the presenters will be videotaped for the AAW. These presenters will be shown as featured demonstrators on the Orlando Tape. We will try to make this information available to you ahead of time.

This year was our first year with the new 4-camera set up in each demo room. This set up used 3 stationary

cameras and 1 movable video camera. We have high expectations for this system as the room of attendees grows and experience handling them broadens. It is a welcome change for those attending the demo, as you should not have to miss a single cut!

Any one who visited the Trade Show (I cannot imagine there was someone that did not visit there) were bombarded with new machinery, new turning tools and wood, wood, wood from 43 vendors occupying 94 booths over a total of 20,000 square feet of floor space! It was akin to a feeding frenzy as turners bought, sold and traded all manner of turning related items.

Our instant Gallery featured over 500 entrants from those who attended, including samples of work from all of our demonstrators. The Instant Gallery covered an additional 9,000 square feet of space. To make the demonstrators more identifiable, next year we will feature the work of our demonstrators on a special demonstrator's table inside the Instant Gallery

We had only SIX (count 'em SIX) entrants into the Chapter Collaborative out of 222 Chapters. This year we have released the rules for the 2005 Collaborative roughly 6 months ahead of the same announcement last year. Additionally, we will hold the rules for the Collaborative for the next Symposium (2006) so that Chapters needing two years to complete a project can have them and know that they will still be eligible to compete. We NEED your participation in order to continue this important aspect of the Symposium! For me, it would be sorely missed if it were not held at all. So c'mon chapter Presidents get you clubs motivated. Let's make Kansas the strongest showing yet for the Chapter Collaborative!

In addition to all of this, our juried show, "Sea to Odyssey" showcased 53 works from 40 artists from 6 countries. If you took the time to visit, these works were the cream of the crop and showcased the diversity of possibility in woodturning. In case you missed it in Orlando the show has traveled to our new AAW office and Gallery. The show can be viewed there from September 9th through December 17th.

Our Saturday night banquet included 1015 pre-registered and 50 on site registrants for a total of 1,095 participants. After the banquet, at our annual EOG fund-raising auction, we auctioned a total of 78 pieces for a record setting \$48,488! Our hats are off to the effort put forward by our own John Hill who was the auctioneer. We also thank

all of the successful bidders for an extraordinary show of generosity.

If you think these statistics are impressive, you should have been there to experience the rush, first hand. Overland Park, Kansas promises to be yet another extraordinary event. Mark your calendars now and join us for an unforgettable first hand experience. You will never forget it.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Stuart Batty Demonstration, Okeeheelee:  
September 25, 2004. Brochure on the GCWT website.

Thursday, September 23, 2004 - Membership Meeting.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Delta 12" four speed cabinet-type lathe \$475  
Delta 12" heavy-duty variable speed lathe \$750  
Vega table saw commercial fence 52" \$75

Contact Carl Spinnler (954) 946-1302

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

## 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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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, September 23rd, 2004**

**MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.**

Demonstrator To Be Announced

**We hope you will plan to attend.**

**Bring your projects for the Instant Gallery**

The meeting is held at Constantines located at 1049 NE 30 Court in Oakland Park.

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