



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2004

OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

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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, January, 2005

I sincerely hope everyone had a great holiday season and Alva and I wish all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. I hope everyone has an opportunity to practice their chosen hobby and gain the skills required to produce objects that will forever be family heirlooms or at least give them bragging rights. Praise never hurts one's ego even if it comes from the mirror.

At December's board meeting there were several items discussed of importance to our club in the coming year. One of these is to get our feet wet in the realm of hosting a known Florida turner for a demo and hands on. Jerry is in the process of getting info and making initial contacts and I'll try to find a venue to have this. If there is anyone out there that is aware of a space that would be available for a demo for a weekend day and would accommodate a number of folks let me know. In the past I have spoken with both Constantine's and Woodcraft but the space and commitment are minimal.

We have discussed additions to our club's website and in the future we may be able to post individual member's works along with contact info and links to individual sites. stay tuned. Alva has agreed to do the write up for the AAW, describing how our club has benefited from the grant. Thanks hon.

We definitely need better attendance at the board meetings. Without your input we are limited in our creative thinking. In order to maintain a strong club I need your help. Don't worry, just because you show up doesn't mean that assignments will be passed out. It's about having a good time. The next board meeting will be moved to the 84 diner located on sw136ave, between Broward and 595 on the west side of the street. Hope this change of locations inspires new folks and ideas. See you there.

MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2004

Rick began the meeting by reiterating the new officers: President, Rick Pixley; Vice President, Jerry Remillard; Secretary, Alva Pixley; and Treasurer, Elliot Schantz.

Joe Montignino has resigned as a board member, since he has moved to Miami, and Nancy Lipscomb has agreed take his place.

Rick expressed his gratitude to Lee Sky for all the service he has given to the club this past year, including the best demos!

Rick talked about needing more volunteers in the future, and he will call for participants.

Reminder about items we sell with our logo on it: t-shirts \$10; hats \$10; and polos \$15.

Dee Trudeau announced that the charity Christmas tree which was decorated by our turned ornaments was a big success. She said it was the most valuable at \$2,500.

Thirty-eight turned pieces will have by this time been delivered to the Seagull School.

The Fairchild Gardens Ramble was also a great success bringing between \$16,000 and \$18,000 in sales. Both Jerry Remillard and Dee Trudeau did exceptionally well.

At the next board meeting we will have to decide on who will be certified as mentors.

Unfortunately John Duchon will be unable to turn any longer, due to inhalation of silky oak dust. He is graciously donating all his tools, including a lathe and chuck to the club. There was a discrepancy whether or not it should be auctioned off at this meeting or the next, but the majority agreed to do it at this meeting. Therefore, it was auctioned to Penny Perkins (a new member) for \$250. We all wish her good luck with it, making many beautiful turnings.

Lee Sky won Bobby James' bring-back.

Before the instant gallery, Rick talked about shortening the commentary on each object, so the meeting wouldn't run overtime.

Lee Sky: Natural edge vase from mango finished with poly.

Roger Stegman: Flowers and vases, mahogany and Norfolk Island pine.

Bob Przybyski: Norfolk Island pine vase, poly finish.

After the instant gallery, Rick asked what people would like to see demonstrated during this year:

Rough form	jigs
Basics	reverse turning
Safety	multi-axis turning
Laser	duplicity
Design/layout	lamination
Finishes	hollow turning
Small tools turning	boxes
Bowls	

Lee Sky offered boxes that had been roughed out by George Snyder for people to finish.

Dee Trudeau was honored with a plaque and a lifetime membership for all her years of generous service and dedication to Gold Coast Woodturners. She was completely surprised and graciously thanked everyone.

Since this was our holiday meeting, everyone brought a dish, either something sweet or savory. We had a great turn-out, and there was an abundance of good things to eat. We ate, drank and wished each other happy holidays, and everyone had a wonderful time.

CLASSIFIEDS:

14 in Jet bandsaw for sale

includes riser, heavy duty springs, carter guides, extra new blades, circle cutting jig.

This is the Jet closed base 1hp bandsaw and is in great shape.

\$350-Contact Rick at 954-435-2920

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:

Gold Coast Woodturners,
c/o Eliot Schantz
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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, January 20th, 2005

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.