



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 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, February, 2005

Looks like we are up and running for the new year. With the help of Jerry we have secured our guest turner and a locale for the event. It will be in May with very limited seating. The way we will work it is our club will be first, then the other two clubs (Dade/PB), then the general public. One word of caution is that when the gates open for reservations, jump if you are considering attending. The event will house approximately 50 people on Saturday with a follow up hands-on for approx 8 on Sunday. Stay tuned as all the pertinent info should be coming out in the next two meetings with all the particulars.

As I move on in experience and age it seems the little things bother me more. I had always considered myself a superman and not susceptible to the injuries of mere mortals (typical male) till I met up with Sapodilla dust. Even though this is a beautiful wood and I couldn't find anyone with an allergy to this, after turning one piece I developed Bronchitis with a "touch" of pneumonia. Alva you were right, I need to wear a dust mask all the time and it looks like I'm on my way to having to do this. I've had this for 10 days now and it just won't go away. I look at the folks in our club who have gotten respiratory illness and I feel this is definitely not a matter of luck but a tendency.

I got a chance to stop by the show in Boca and see the setup of the club's this weekend. As usual we were the talk of the event. Sometimes I like to stand back in the crowds just to gauge the folk's reactions, and the words of description that come to mind are "beautiful, amazing, gorgeous", and of course, "is that really wood?". I feel proud to be a part of this and as always a special thanks to Ray and the regulars who put these on, both as a club fund raiser and venue to promote our art. HOPE TO SEE ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING. HAPPY AND SAFE TURNING

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2005

Rick Pixley began the meeting by having the guests introduce themselves: Dale, Hans Sole, Kerry, Larry, Woody McClain and Dale Aberly.

Since it is the beginning of the New Year we were all reminded to pay our dues as soon as possible.

Demonstration



Carl Spinnler was our demonstrator at this meeting. The topic of his demo was **How to Turn a Simple Bowl**. He suggested you start with a simple shape, with no movement on the inner or outer edge of the form. Make sure to take the bark off for safety sake.

Look at the grain and decide which will be the top and bottom. Use a big drive spur (sharpened). Spin the piece to make sure

everything is clear; check the lathe speed and adjust it; check to clear the tool rest. Always wear a face shield and dust mask.

Carl mounts large bowl blanks on a face plate (beginners should mount anything on a faceplate.) You can also mount a piece between centers, adjusting the blank to eliminate the pith. Carl used a screw chuck to mount his large piece of Cuban mahogany. Drill a hole the size of the screw. Either plane the blank or work on a flat surface to drill the hole. When turning between centers, turn as much of the shape before turning the piece around.

Check the grain and decide on a design. Always relieve sharp edges. Never approach a piece with an open gouge (with the wings facing up). Make the bottom flat and cut a tenon to fit your chuck. Try to use the chuck on the heart wood.

Carl suggested you check your stance if you are having trouble shaping the bowl. You can shear cut with the handle down. For safety, take out the live center while hollowing. All the same safety rules apply while hollowing. Remove the center nub. You can use a mortise taper drill to start hollowing, leaving $\frac{3}{4}$ " at the bottom of the bowl. It's also a good idea to clear shavings every $\frac{1}{2}$ " so it doesn't jam inside the hole.

Thank you Carl, for giving us an informative and fun demo.

Business

Jerry Remillard volunteered to demonstrate left-handed hollowing at the next meeting.

Paul Heede won Lee Sky's bringback.

Ray Reiland told us about upcoming shows: Boca 2/5 & 6.

Our board meetings will now be held at Lester's Diner on 136th Avenue, between 595 and Broward Blvd.

We would like to sponsor demonstrators in Broward: John Mescal, Dave Barringer or Dennis Elliot. A motion was made, seconded and Jerry will investigate this possibility.

We were told to pick up a piece of wood at the door and make something out of it. At the meeting after next, we will compare all the different ideas people used to make their piece. The best pieces will be selected for prizes.

Instant Gallery

Roger Stegman:

Four rotted gumbo limbo vases; two inset dome, unknown and sea grape, both finished with poly.

Paul Heede:

Lamp, closed form, Florida mahogany finished with lacquer, avocado no finish.



Bob Przybyski:

Hollow form, carrot wood, wipe on poly.



Larry Benson:

Three bowls maple, maple and camphor; driwax finish.



Richard Chapman:

Bowl, unknown wood, salad bowl finish;
hollow form, Norfolk Island pine, water lox.



Carl Schneider:

Two-part vase made of sapodilla with a Danish oil finish;
two-part vase with glass insert, podocarpus, Danish oil
finish;
natural edge hollow form sphere made from maple with a
Danish oil finish.

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:

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c/o Eliot Schantz
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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, February 17th, 2005

MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

Demonstrator: Jerry Remillard, "Left-Handed Hollowing"

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.