



# GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER MARCH 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 GCW 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 GCW-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.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Pixley

Well, our second meeting at Constantines has passed and I'd like to thank all for their attentiveness and kind remarks regarding these..big thanks to John from Constntines for making the warehouse available for the meeting and our hands on..Speaking of the Hands on I'd

like to thank all who showed up to learn/teach/and participate..Great job by Lee in setting this up and special thanks to Carl, Dee and Elliot for helping....

At the board meeting I was asked to say a few words regarding the aspects of club participation in shows...First I'd like to say that these shows are open to ALL club members, regardless of turning skills..they benefit the club in many ways which I will try and identify later...They are a great way to see the works of others and spend quality, offline time with fellow turners...Some of the benefits are listed as follows:

- 1-Great way to raise funds for the CLUB (large percentage of current balance raised by a few active participants)
- 2-Promotion of Woodturning as art
- 3-A way of soliciting new turners and future club members
- 4-You get to see works by fellow turners that have never been seen at our instant galleries.
- 5-It's a wonderful experience for the ego (CONFIDENCE BUILDER) to have someone actually purchase a piece you have made..
- 6-You have an opportunity to "people watch" and see the different forms/finishes that are appealing to the public, thus improving your own perspective of good design/execution..
- 7-You can spend quality time on the lathe with mentors on hand as a "demonstrator" (aaw membership required)
- 8-Get to spend time with fellow club members in a relaxed, unhurried atmosphere

These are only a few of the positives I've identified and I believe if you honestly look at this there are even more. The reason I wrote this is that I've heard there is an undercurrent of folks that believe this is the work of a "selfish few" and I'm here to say this is totally untrue..In fact I've seen the opposite, as the current active show participants seem to be the ones constantly volunteering for the admin functions that require extra time and commitment..

The next show is March 27<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see a lot of folks there..Don't forget the board meeting and let's have fun...Forgot to mention that Miami has agreed to work with us in setting up outside demos. Lee Sky and Steve Miller will be heading up this effort and we may be involved as individuals in

setting this up...Stay tuned...Rick

### **Minutes of 2/19/04 meeting.**

Rick Pixley opened the meeting by welcoming guests: Suzanne Cordello, Carren (last name?), Richard Brown, Steve Evans, David Vincent and J. Augustintz (sp.?)

We were updated about George Snyder's condition. He was admitted to the hospital on December 22, 2003 with a lung infection from turning some silky oak. We were pleased to hear he has been given a clean bill of health and should be back next month.

Lee Sky reminded us that there will be a workshop at our warehouse in back of Constantine's on February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lee will be there to show how to make show horns; there will be a charge of \$6.00 for the kit. You can improve your turning and finishing skills and get information from experienced turners. The club will provide drinks but not lunch. All guests are welcomed, but you must be an AAW member to actually work on the lathes.

Our guest demonstrator was Brian Rosencrantz, who talked about hollow turning through a narrow opening. He demonstrated a laser guided boring system he developed. He said it would take the work out of hollowing, and you could obtain constant wall thickness while not having to bend to look down into the vessel. Brian said this setup eliminated torque and is also beneficial for leaving mass on the bottom outside of a vessel, while hollowing deep inside. As the cutter approaches the final wall thickness the round laser dot changes to an oval and finally a line. When the laser drops off the side of the vessel, the cutter bit has reached the final wall thickness. It was an interesting and informative demo. If anyone would like to purchase this setup, you can contact Brian through the West Palm Beach club. Go to our web site and link to the West Palm Beach Club.

Carl Schneider won the bring-back raffle.

The instant gallery was chock-full of great turnings and information:

Ken Roman brought a burl piece and gemstones.

Ray Reiland showed a mahogany vase with a urethane finish and a sea grape piece that he

said was difficult to work with.

Roger Stegman brought various palm cups, and a natural edge piece.

David Sergeant showed us a Guinness styled beer glass from Brazilian Pepper.

Dee Trudeau told us about her Norfolk Island Pine vase soaked in linseed oil, and a small Norfolk island Pine vase.

Carl Schneider talked about his grapefruit hollow form with a carved neck finished in wipe-on poly and hollow form turned from pink Tabebuia finished with wipe-on poly.

Rich Pixley showed us his natural edge, mango burl vase and a Norfolk Island Pine vase.

Alva Pixley brought a mahogany box with a carved cover and finished with stain and wipe-on poly.

Lee Sky had a mahogany salad bowl finished with walnut oil, shoe spoons of various woods, and a very large Norfolk Island Pine vase soaked in linseed oil with spray on poly.

Rick then talked about safety issues; and stated that using a steady rest (either bought or home-made) is a very good idea. It prevents the bowl from flying off the lathe due to a catch.

It was advised that it would be best to obtain your own tax number for use at shows, and to make sure to file your taxes.

Thanks to Dee Trudeau for doing a great job in organizing our library and for helping with the newsletter for the last couple months.

As a reminder there will be a show on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Meisner Park in Boca Raton.

The question of what percentage should go to the club from shows will be discussed at this week's board meeting, which took place Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Shoneys.

A motion was made and seconded and approved that we will co-sponsor symposiums with the Miami Club.

Alva Pixley stand in for the sorely missed George Snyder!

Lee Sky visited George on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and George looked very good and healthy and expected to be home by the end of this week.

## **AAW Grant update**

You might recall that we applied for a grant from the American Association of Woodturners Educational Opportunity Grant Committee and they were pleased to inform us that the grant has been approved in the amount of \$570.00. We will be required to provide a written report describing the success of our grant activities. This should be in the form of a short written summary that can possibly be used as an article in the AAW Journal. Will be discussed more at the March meeting.

## **Calendar of Events**

Art, Music and Orchids in the Park - Mizner Park (Boca Raton) March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

## **CHECK OUT OUR WEB-SITE**

Visit our club web-site at:  
[www.goldcoastwoodturners.org](http://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

Porter Cable angle grinder Model 7406 7.3 amps  
\$60 was mine  
Dewalt Angle grinder 5 amp almost new was  
mine \$35  
New 14.5 Makita drill, case and 2 batteries \$105  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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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