



# GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2007

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 pm**

We hope you will plan to attend.

Bring your projects for the Instant Gallery

The meeting will be held at Woodcraft located at 1157 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach

<http://www.goldcoastwoodturners.org>

## **MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Jerry Remillard, our president, called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00. As usual, he recommended that members join the AAW for the benefits of their insurance, quarterly magazine, member's directory and symposiums.

We had one guest this month and also one new member. Welcome to our club.

No time was wasted before our program on **Carving Turned Objects** started. There were many different techniques shown by several different club members. Jerry must have been thinking 'ladies first' since **Alva Pixley** (who returned recently from a symposium in Arizona) was the first called on to demonstrate her recently learned techniques of carving utilizing a Colewood SuperPro11. This is a heated instrument that burns the wood. She recommended buying separate tips that are permanently mounted to a handle. She explained how she transfers patterns on paper to the wood. You can find these items and similar products by going to [www.woodburning.com](http://www.woodburning.com)

Our next demonstrator was actually the young granddaughter **of Ron Purcell**. Both Ron and Molly use a similar tool, also by Colewood. They prefer the less expensive tips that can be interchanged in the single handle. I'm sure that **Molly** can start to teach her grandfather a few of her techniques for shading. Ron added his other carving techniques and showed some very intricate pieces, and explained how the legs that he expertly creates help 'lift' the bowl up from the surface that they are set upon. Ron said that you can use anything with teeth to carve and also many other power and hand tools. If it works for you, "go for it" and if not, find another method to achieve what you want to do.

**Carl Spinnler** continued the meeting showing his unique finishing techniques for carving natural edge bowls when the bark peels off and, also, for changing the edge that was

turned on the lathe into something more unique. He recommended files, Dremel tools with various bits and Fordham handpieces with reciprocating saw inserts. Flex cut blades were mentioned and electric carvers were demonstrated. Carl was followed by **Warren Howie** who invented an ingenious way to draw a line on a bowl while still on the lathe for later cutting into lobes or equal segments. Using an inexpensive laser light placed on a flat surface and aimed at the bowl, very interesting, uniform divisions can easily be added. The difficult part that Warren made look easy was carving and smoothly sanding the recesses.

Following the carving demo, Ron Purcell, our treasurer, said that there is \$7472.00 in our treasury. Rick Pixley mentioned that he has another \$800. check that will be added to that balance.

It was reported that the show in Weston, Fl. was terrible for our members and that we would not participate in it again as there were few attendees and they were not buying.

**Lee Sky** is responsible for lending the club's many tools to members to try out. He recommends calling him before coming to his studio to check them out.

Our library of CD;s, DVD's Books and other videos is managed by **Jim Kal**. They are set up at our meetings so you can easily check them out.

The only OLD BUSINESS that was mentioned is that **Ron Purcell** still has large and very interesting pieces of African mahogany at his home. You will need to call him and make arrangements to pick it up from him. Some are quite heavy.

**Jerry** mentioned two upcoming symposiums- one in Utah that he said is almost as good as the national symposium and another excellent one that will be in Atlanta, Ga.

**Lee** said that his employer is closing a large warehouse and has many wonderful shelf units that he is selling for very reasonable prices.

Our INSTANT GALLERY had, as usual, much variety. Pieces were made of some interesting woods including Brazilian BeautyLeaf, Norfolk Island Pine, Cedar and Black Walnut. There were miniatures by Ron Purcell and Diane Klein, bowls and boxes by other members, spin tops and a centrifugal turned item that spins a coin into a box as a donation to a lovely nature reserve and park in West Palm Beach.

We had our bring back raffle before the meeting ended. . . And after the end of the meeting, Lee conducted another raffle because 2 men in the tree removal business brought a large truck filled with a variety of hardwoods that they offered to our members. Excited turners anxiously took turns selecting pieces to be turned into wonderful objects. I'm sure there will be a discussion of this raffle at our next meeting.

Our board meeting will be at Lester's Diner on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 or 7:00. Members are always welcome to join us for dinner and a short meeting.

David Kerzel is our web master and hopes that you will send him relevant articles to post on our web site. David also manages our newsletter. Diane Klein is the club secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Klein

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### Instant Gallery







## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HI ALL,

SEEMS LIKE MORE THAN A MONTH SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

I'M SURE CARL HAS A GREAT DEMO FOR US THURSDAY NIGHT SO I HOPE YOU ALL COME.....JERRY

## **Library**

The cub has a library of tapes, DVD's and books that can be checked out for a month by members. A \$5 deposit is required.



## **Web Site**

A new page has been added for membership which has a membership form and a link to the AAW membership page.

The web site has space available for events or ideas relating to woodturning and things the members might be interested in such as items for sale. If you have any items to add write.

We have a Blog (web log) area that is short articles or news. At present, you send items in and I post them. We can actually make this an interactive Blog where you can post messages if you want. It would use passwords and be limited to members only.

Don't forget the **member's gallery** where you can post photos of your work. Send the photos with a short description of each work, wood, finish and any other details. There is no limit on how many you can post, I may need time if you have a lot of additions. If you would like to have another photo session for gallery photos, let Jerry know. If you have pictures presently in the gallery, they are all numbered so you can send descriptions for each one. I think a short personal biography about your woodturning or a link to a personal turning site would also be good additions. If you want pictures removed, I can do that too.

## **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 Woodturners 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.
- We encourage our membership to join the AAW. You will receive the American Woodturner Magazine and get some basic insurance needed at many club events.

## **MENTORS**

The club has several members who have volunteered to be mentors to other members. Members may contact one of the experienced mentors and set up a meeting where specific skills or tool usage can be worked on together.

North Broward	Carl Spinnler	954.370.6318
West Broward	Ray Reiland	954.475.1167
Southwest Broward	Jerry Remillard	954.434.5289
South Broward	Rick Pixley	954.435.2920
Ft Lauderdale	Lee Sky	954.971.6314
Hollywood area	Paul Heede	954.981.5695

## **OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS**

If you have any questions about the Gold Coast Woodturners, please contact any of these officers, board members or committee chairpersons:

Jerry Remillard, President	(954) 434-5289	jremihead@aol.com
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## Gold Coast Woodturners Membership Form

The membership year for the Gold Coast Woodturners Club runs from January 1 to December 31. Annual dues are \$30.00.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \$40.00 per year and you receive a quarterly magazine and a directory of all AAW members throughout the world.

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you an AAW member?

Yearly dues of \$30.00 are made payable to:

Gold Coast Woodturners,  
c/o Ron Purcell  
GCWT Treasurer  
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