

## Gold Coast Woodturners Meeting August 20,2009

There was another great turnout for the August meeting, 50 in attendance. We will soon need a shoehorn to get everybody inside the Pompano Woodcraft classroom. Not to mention the amazing assortment of woodturnings brought in by the members for the instant gallery. Jay Hakarem, VP of the South Florida Woodturners Guild made mention of what an outstanding number of pieces, and of the quality of same. I have heard the same from Tim Rowe, president of the Palm Beach Woodturners.

### **This months demonstration: Finishing—Gary Koenig**

Gary Koenig did a demo on finishing. Gary always gets a lot of questions from members whenever he brings in his pieces, especially his plates of various woods with exquisite, flawless finishes. His demos tips were as follows:

When sanding, and in particular, in finish sanding, try and do it during daylight, for the best lighting, to see if there are any scratches, as when you put that first coat of finish on, a scratch will jump out. Gary uses a cloth folded into a ball and puts some finish on and rubs it into the wood in circles. To get a real glossy finish, buff out the finish.

Gary mentioned that Waterlox is an excellent product at self leveling. Waterlox has been around forever, and was the finish du jour before all of these wipe on polys and other finishes came along.

Club President Lee Sky mentioned that there are 17 or so Boys and Girls clubs in Broward County. Our woodturning club is going to help the downtown Ft. Lauderdale chapter with woodturning instruction. Details are being worked out.

### **Upcoming events:**

Palm Beach Woodturners----the Mounts show---November 7 and 8. Gold Coast members are invited to show their pieces.

South Florida Woodturners Guild-----Fairchild Tropical Gardens Ramble—three days this year----November 20, 21, and 22. This is a big event, and all three clubs are invited to participate. This is a great chance to learn from a wide assortment of turners, make new friends and a good event for sales. Last year there were several lathes, large and small, going continuously for two days. New members----this is an excellent learning event. The pics I took of Gerhard Schwenke turning Paul Heede into Rasta Man were worth the weekend!

**Bringback raffle winner:** Compote----Bernie \_\_\_\_\_

The SFWTG's light tent was loaned to the Gold Coast Woodturners and members were asked previously to bring in up to five pieces to photograph in the light tent. Some great photos of members work should be attached to this newsletter.

Next meeting, Thursday, September 17. See you all there. Temporary scribe, Gary Venema