



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER December 2007

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 17th, 2008 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>

Minutes for Gold Coast Woodturners meeting –November 15, 2007

Jerry Remillard, our president, called our meeting to order at 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 welcomed our guest, Lew Burson who has recently been introduced to turning, and we look forward to sharing our experience.

Election time

Jerry asked if there were any additions to our slate of officers. None were added and therefore we unanimously elected Ed McDonald as our new president and Robert Przybylski as our vice president. We look forward to working with both of you continuing to make our club stronger as we improve our turning techniques and skills.

Demo

Lee Sky gave a very well planned tutorial on making bird houses. He suggested that the base be turned and hollowed first which makes a jam chuck to start the top. Even though the interior isn't seen, except around the little entrance hole, Lee suggested hollowing it to give the appropriate weight. The roof was then turned in a contrasting wood. Lee even turns the tiny stick platform for a bird and mentioned several local sources to buy the tiny birds. Lee used both the spindle gauge and a round end scraper for the project although some turners might use a skew. Lee prefers an acorn shape or egg shape for the base. He started the hollowing process by drilling a pilot hole in the end grain.

Lee always comes through for us. Thanks for sharing. Following this excellent demonstration we had a short break while some of our members quickly shopped.

Ron Pursell, our treasurer gave us a break down of money in the treasury. All totaled we have \$1200.00. This year we bought a trailer with the money we had accumulated.

Rick Pixley is our show chairman but will be moving by the beginning of next year. He gave us a show report, reminding us of the fine show that we will be participating in this weekend **Fairchild Tropical Gardens**. Rick mentioned several upcoming shows at Quiet Waters Park on December 15. Rick also reminded members of the demo and hands on workshop the weekend after Thanksgiving sponsored by the Palm Beach club. **Cindy Drozda** will be the presenting turner.

Rick's job will be taken over by Ron Pursell and Ray Reiland. Thanks for volunteering.

Ed McDonnell is our new president

Bob Przybylski is the new vice president

Lee Sky is responsible for the club's large range of tools. You can borrow them to try before purchasing your own. Call Lee to arrange to borrow them at his studio.

Jim Kal is our club's librarian and can check out DVD's and books to our members.

David Kerzel is our web master and newsletter chairman.

Diane Klein is the secretary

Ron Pursell is treasurer

Ken Rizzo is our videographer

Festival of Trees at Galleria.

Our members have really worked so generously making ornaments for our club's entry at the auction for the Fort Lauderdale Art Museum. Ornaments of all kinds adorn the tree including a fabulous tree topper by our new president and fine planings made by Gus of Woodcraft. I hope many of you were able to go view the tree before it goes to the lucky bidder.

Our next meeting, December 20, is our Christmas Party. Everyone is encouraged to bring something good to eat. We also have a bring one-get one present. This is always a lot of fun.

Instant Gallery

What a variety we had this month. . . a lighthouse of cedar, a segmented bowl made of 542 meticulously cut pieces, square bowls, ornaments, 2 ruffle bowls, goblets, pens, and knitting needle cases. Pieces were made of African mahogany, acacia, marblewood, avocado, citrus, Norfolk Island Pine and many other beautiful woods. Pieces were embellished with carvings, dyes, and finished in many ways. One piece was even darkened by soaking in vinegar and rusty nails. Great work!

It was wonderful having our life member, **Dee Trudeau**, with us for this meeting. . . back for a few weeks from her wanderings around the USA. We were so happy to see her new work and it was wonderful that she won the **BRING BACK** raffle that we have monthly.

Wood Raffle

We had another wood raffle following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Klein

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is December, and before we know it the holidays will be passed and our thoughts will turn to the New Year and the changes it will bring. But let's not rush things, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the holidays. So, don't forget our big holiday bash next week. Everyone can use another reason to celebrate. Woodturning and woodturning friends. Who could ask for any more of a reason?

I would like to thank the people who volunteered to serve as officers and board members in 2007. In addition, we should all be grateful to the many members who contributed so much to the success of our organization. Whether it is serving as a mentor / demonstrator, taking on an official function or special project for the club or just helping with setup / cleanup at the weekly meeting, it all directly contributes to the success of the Gold Coast Wood Turners. Great members make for a great club! Thank you all very much!!!

For 2008, Jerry Remilard and Carl Spinnler have passed the baton to myself and Bob Przybylski, while Ron Pursell and Diane Klein have graciously agreed to serve another term. Jerry and Carl will continue to serve as board members along with Ray Reiland and Warren Howie so the club remains in good hands. While we have many active members contributing to the success of the club, there is always room for a couple more helping hands. If you would like to help, but you are not sure what or how to help, give me a call or talk to me at a meeting.

For the AAW members (you ARE an AAW member right? If not, you are really missing the boat!), there is a survey underway regarding the content of American Woodturner. Make sure you take the survey so your opinions are taken into consideration as the AAW sets their editorial priorities for 2008 and beyond. The survey can be accessed at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=q7uO8xye_2fYzFvBmgjftuEQ_3d_3d

or directly from the AAW home page if the link above doesn't work. You have until January 15 to complete the survey. (Don't be put off by "surveymonkey". It's apparently the company hired by the AAW to manage the online survey.)

For those who haven't heard, the conflict between the Utah and AAW Richmond Symposium has been resolved. See the article on Provo Symposium for more details.

That's it for now.

Best wishes for the Holidays and see you at the December meeting (aka the big holiday bash).

Ed McDonnell

Provo Symposium

Kip Christensen has informed the AAW that the Utah Symposium will no longer be held at Brigham Young University. In 2008 the Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU, on May 22 - 24, 2008.

This change in dates is important to the entire woodturning community because the dates no longer conflict with the AAW Richmond Symposium on June 20 - 22 2008. Attendees and demonstrators are now free to attend both Symposia instead of having to choose between one and the other.

The following is an excerpt of the November 2007 AAW Board Letter from Jean LeGwin...

SOFA

The November Board of Directors meeting was held in Chicago at the site of SOFA (Sculpture Objects and Functional Art), the world's leading exposition devoted to contemporary decorative art and design. A record 34,000 attendees at the three-day show browsed the aisles populated by 100 galleries and dealers from 20 countries.

There were also 7 special exhibits including Israeli and Palestinian art on the theme of reconciliation, Australian contemporary ceramics, the contemporary furniture of John Makepeace, and Contemporary Furniture at Crabb Tree Farm.

Del Mano exhibited an extraordinary collection of wood art featuring many world-class woodturners from the U.S. and abroad. If the displays themselves were not enough to keep one busy, there were also 29 lecture presentations, several of them on wood art. It was a truly overwhelming event, one I would urge all who can to experience for themselves. There was much to admire and plenty to inspire!

The AAW once again had a presence at SOFA with a booth hosting the "Basic Black" exhibit which included pieces by Sharon Doughtie, Gorst duPlessis, Liam Flynn, Mark Gardner, Matthew Hill, Todd Hoyer, John Jordan, Mary McKinney, Betty Scarpino, David Sengel, Hayley Smith, Al Stirt, Jacques Vesery, and Molly Winton. There was a gallery talk on the basic black theme presented by Irish turner Liam Flynn and Alan Lacer.

The AAW also sponsored one of the 29 lectures. Charlotte Brown, Director of the Gregg Museum of Art & Design from North Carolina State University in Raleigh gave a very personal and amusing critique of 27 pieces of contemporary woodturning.

2008 Symposium in Richmond

We are expecting the 2008 symposium to be the best to date with expanded SIN (Special Interest Night) activities, more rotations than ever, and increased participation by our POP (Professional Outreach Program) members. The Resident Artists Program will also be a fascinating addition to the mix of activities. Attendees will be able to watch the creation of a complex piece from start-to-finish over several days.

Due to size limitations of the banquet facilities, attendance will be limited. Banquet tickets must be purchased separately from the registration, so if you wish to attend the banquet, sign up early.

Jean LeGwin
AAW Board Member

Wooden ornaments for our " Festival of Trees" tree that our club and Woodcraft are decorating for the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art fund raiser





Our tree decorated with woodturned, carved, planed, scrollsawed, ornaments for The Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art "Festival of Trees" was one of the first the be sold. It went during the presale for the large \$ donating benefactors for the Museum. \$1,500.00 again, same as last year!! Just think how many ornaments we can have for next years tree if we all make one each month!?! Maybe we will get the 10' tall tree. Thanks to all who participated with your ornaments and helping decorate the tree.

November Demonstration: **Miniature Bird Houses** by [Lee Sky](#)



Instant Gallery





















Our 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.

A full list of titles is on the [web page](#).

Lyle Jamieson

Lyle Jamieson will be teaching for clubs in our area in mid January, 2008. He is available for one-on-one instruction in your shop, with your tools, and at your skill level, to kick it up a notch. Please call Lyle directly for rates and availability. 231-947-2348, www.lylejamieson.com He has a special rate structure for the one-on-one students..

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 thing the members might be interested in such as items for sale. If you have any items to add write.

We have Blog (web log) area that is short articles or news. At present, you sent 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:

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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:

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