



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 15th, 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 FEBRUARY 15th, 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 two guests this month and also two new members. Welcome to our club.

We started the meeting with the program which was given by our club president. It was an explanation of what makes for a well designed turning. Jerry explained the Greek principal "The Golden Mean" or golden ration of proportions. He explained this by demonstrating that by dividing a piece into $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. Elements that are placed directly in the center of a piece are less pleasing to the eye. He called on Mitch Walok to elaborate.



Another point that he explained was based on female and male shapes. Most people prefer the female shape which is heavier at the bottom whereas male shapes flare out at the upper portion like a broad shouldered male.

These principals are more importantly observed in decorative and art pieces rather than on the more utilitarian and functional vessels.

During this portion of the meeting, the pieces that were brought in for our

Instant Gallery were critiqued for these design elements.

Jerry recommended a book on design by Miles Batt-The Complete Guide to Artistic Watercolor, for further explanation of what makes a good design and well balanced work of art.

Roger gave the **Bring Back** winner a beautifully turned apple.

Reports:

Ray Reiland gave a show report saying that our club sold \$2005.00 worth of turnings at the Boca show. Up coming shows will be held in Pembroke Pines on March 10 and in Weston on the 17 and 18 of March.

Our treasurer's report by Ron Purcell stated that there is \$4801 in the treasury. He made a point of asking that we up date and correct all of our member's contact information.

Lee Sky has all types of turning tools that are available for our member's to check out.

Jim Kal is our club librarian and has a large cache of books and videos on all phases of turning.

David Kerzel is our web master and hopes that you will send him relavant articles to post on our web site. David has also volunteered to take over our newsletter. Thank you and we look forward to more of your professional work.

Old business:

Our members have not been receiving e-mails. We will try to remedy this with our new newsletter editor.

New Business:

Please put your name on a name tag and wear it throughout the meeting so we can all learn our member's names and refer to them politely.

I apologize for not knowing the name of our member that spoke next: He announced a wine tasting event that will be held April 19 which will benefit the United Way. He asked the members if any of them would donate work for the silent auction that will be held as a fund raiser at that event. Immediately several members generously offered pieces.

Workshop:

We are having another club workshop at the home of Warren Howie on March 3rd. There will be coffee and doughnuts for breakfast and lunch will be offered later in the day. Warren lives in Davie. The address that I have is 13111 SW 14th Place. You can call him for directions at 954-382-9393.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Klein, Club Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HI ALL,

MARCH IS HERE AND IT ADDS UP TO BE A VERY ACTIVE MONTH.THIS WEEKEND (MARCH 9,10)OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING A SHOW AT PEMBROOKE PINES LIBRARY PROPERTY.THEN NEXT WEEK END THEIR DOING THE WESTON ART SHOW,ALL OUR MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.FOR ANY INFORMATION CALL RAY REILAND OR RICK PIXLEY.

I'M SURE CARL SPINDLER HAS A GREAT DEMO LINED UP FOR US AT WOODCRAFT THIS THURSDAY. ALSO DAVID KERZEL WILL TALK ABOUT OUR NEW NEWS LETTER, AND OUR WEB SITE. DAVID HAS TAKEN OVER THE NEWS LETTER, AND IS OUR WEB MASTER, THANX DAVE. TILL THURSDAY.....JERRY

Recent Events

Arizona Desert Woodturning Roundup by Rick Pixley

At our last board meeting I was asked to write a few lines regarding Alva and my trip to the Arizona Desert Woodturning Roundup for inclusion in this month's newsletter. I'll try and recount this wonderful experience as best as possible.

We arrived on Friday as planned. The trip was quite a long drive to Mesa, Arizona with no problems encountered on the way. Prior to my traveling I tried to set up a wood swap, but could not put anything in place of a formal nature. Never the less I took a few pieces of our Rosewood, Mahogany, and of course Norfolk Island Pine. Needless to say this was gobbled up almost immediately upon check in and I received some wonderful mesquite and desert ironwood in exchange. Of course this wasn't the end of it and lo and behold a pickup and a trailer from California arrived full of beautiful Carob and boxelder burl along with some buckeye. I scored!

The symposium was only the second time being organized by these clubs but what a fabulous job they did. It was held at the Mesa convention center and had beautiful grounds along with a resort like hotel and good restaurant. The facilities were top notch and at least on par with the AAW's national event.

Now for the bread and butter. All of the demonstrators were of world class and there was far more to do than can be accomplished. They included Don Derry, Art Liestman, Malcom Tibbets, Binh Pho, Tony Cortese, Curt Theobald, Trent Bosch, Wadley, and Rosand. Alva and I were able to see Don Derry, and Tony Cortese. These folks were selected by us as they specialize in surface enhancements and that was our primary interest. I can only say that if you get a chance to see any of these folks they are top notch and we especially enjoyed Don. He has a great sense of humor and is extremely talented both in woodturning skills and communication.

This was our first "locally sponsored" symposium but certainly not our last. I hope everyone will get an opportunity to attend one of these as they can be a real bargain and a great experience, I'll see everyone next year in Virginia, Portland is just too far for me. To view the quality of work presented at the dwr please see the link below.

<http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com/>

Instant Gallery





Newsletter

As you can see, the newsletter has been reorganized. The new information has been moved to the front, and more stable information has been moved to the end.

The newsletter 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

Past issues of the newsletters are posted on the web site. Along with the newsletters are complete sets of the photos taken at the meetings.

A complete list of member's names and phone numbers is no longer included because the newsletter is on the web. If you need a list, please contact one of the officers.

Web Site

The web site has been moved to a new hosting service and had a number of minor changes and improvements made. Some extra unused code in the main page was removed that may have caused some viewers to have security problems.

The web site has been hosted by Joe Trudeau since its inception and we all appreciate this service. I am not sure who originally programmed the site.

Changes were needed now that there is more interest in the site. IF you have suggestions for changing or beautifying the site or the format please let me know.

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

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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 useage 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 a AAW member?

Yearly dues of \$30.00 are made payable to:

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c/o Ron Purcell
GCWT Treasurer
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