



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER June 2008

NEXT MEETING: Thursday July 17, 2008 at 7 pm

We hope you will plan to attend.

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

<http://www.goldcoastwoodturners.org>

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Next Demonstration:

Carl Schneider will be providing the demonstration at the July club meeting. Carl, now retired, was an electronic engineer who enjoyed working with his hands in his spare time. He started woodcarving in 1994 taking several classes at the John C. Campbell Folkschool. In 1997 after taking a natural edge bowl making class at a local woodworking workshop and attending meetings at two AAW chapters his passion changed to woodturning. He improved his skills by attending weeklong classes with many world class woodturners. Carl is not a production turner. Instead he gets satisfaction creating many types of pieces taking advantage of natural aspects of the wood and often experimenting with surface texturing, carving and coloring. He also gets satisfaction from continuously improving his sharpening and turning techniques. Carl has taught at Woodcraft stores, woodturning symposia as well as conducts weekly workshops and mentoring sessions for a local AAW chapter.

Carl will be showing us his technique for doing narrow necked hollow forms, with no obvious entry hole for the hollowing tools. I have been fortunate enough to have previously seen Carl do this demo. He is a very talented turner and a superb demonstrator. The demo itself is extremely informative. After watching it I was able to easily complete a narrow necked hollow form the next day. You don't want to miss this one.

Notes from the June club meeting

Weed Pot Challenge









PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Pursell has arranged for Tony Cortese to come to South Florida for a special event all-day turning demonstration as well as a hands-on workshop this Fall. The all-day turning demonstration will be Saturday September 27 and the hands-on workshop will be on Sunday September 28. Both events will be held at Ray Reiland's shop. This program will be in addition to our regular September club meeting at Woodcraft.

Tony has been turning wood for over 10 years. He is a member of the Hands on Wood Turners of Central Florida as well as a member of the AAW. He has served on the Board of Directors of the AAW. Tony's work has been displayed at many art shows and galleries in the Southeast US.

In recent years Tony has experimented with more complex types of woodturning and has developed techniques for embellishing his turnings with relief carving using high speed rotary hand pieces (400,000 rpm). Tony also was fortunate to have the opportunity to learn fluting techniques from Al Caton (Dunellon, FL), who is a master of fluting. Tony has perfected his fluting techniques, using a custom 120 hole indexer, jigs and a die grinder, to add a whole new dimension to the outside surface of turnings.

The cost for the all-day turning demonstration will be \$30. We hope to be able to accommodate all club members who want to attend, but participation will be on a first paid first served basis. Make sure you sign up and get your checks to Ron as early as possible to insure you have a spot at the demo. Any spots not filled by GCWT members as of August will be offered to Woodturners at other clubs.

We expect the cost for the hands-on workshop to be \$125. There will be space available for up to 5 turners at the hands-on. If demand exceeds the available spaces, we will conduct a drawing to determine the participants. Details on the required equipment for the hands-on will be available shortly.

See you at the next meeting.

Ed McDonnell

Next Board Meeting Tuesday June 24, 7:00pm

June Demonstration: Homemade gadgets for better turning











Our Library



The club 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](#).

We've made a few new acquisitions for the library:

- As you should all know by now, we are a chapter of the AAW and you hear about all the benefits of AAW membership at each meeting. One of those benefits is the American Woodturner magazine, which is arguably one of the best turning magazines in the world. Many of us believe that American Woodturner magazine alone is worth the price of AAW membership. The

club has arranged to purchase all issues of American Woodturner in pdf format on CD for the years 1994 to 2006. Those who are unfamiliar with the magazine can review the past issues and see what you've been missing. Those who haven't been members of the AAW all the way back to 1994 will be able to catch up with those issues that predate your membership.

- Some of you may be familiar with "More Woodturning". It is another magazine that is available to the turning community. Where American Woodturner leans more towards the "art" of woodturning, More Woodturning magazine leans more towards the "craft" of turning wood. According to the editor, "It is designed to provide guidance in woodturning techniques and to keep you informed as much as possible with what is happening in the woodturning craft; i.e., new equipment, new tools, new techniques, new projects, shows, places to sell, etc.". The club has arranged to purchase all issues of More Woodturning (1996 to present) in pdf format on CD. I hope you will find this a valuable and inspirational resource.
- A member has requested that the club consider the purchase of the Alan Lacer DVD "**Skew Chisel: The Darkside & The Sweet Side**". The board approved the purchase of this DVD at the last board meeting and it should be available in the library shortly. The member that requested this DVD will be given first shot at checking it out of the library. If there are books or videos that you think the club should add to the library, let me know. The board is willing to consider any suggestion, but material that has broad appeal to all members is more likely to be approved as funds become available.

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 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
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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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c/o Ron Pursell
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