



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER May 2008

NEXT MEETING: Thursday June 19, 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:

The demonstration for June is tips, tools, jigs, fixtures and maybe even gizmos will displayed and explained by members

Notes from the April 17 club meeting







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's June. Hurricane season is here. Time to turn all that wood you have laying around so you can make room for all the new wood that might come available.

Don't forget, we have a workshop at Warren Howie's shop on Saturday June 7. All entries for the club weedpot challenge are due at the June meeting. In addition to the club challenge, numerous tips, tools, jigs, fixtures and maybe even gizmos will displayed and explained during the club demo segment. If you have a secret tip, tool, jig, fixture or even a gizmo that improves your turning, then bring it to the meeting to show off.

See you at the meeting.

Ed McDonnell

Next Board Meeting Tuesday June 24, 7:00pm

Gold Coast Woodturners

Turner of the Month – May 2008

Bob Przybylski

Segmented Square Bowl



About the Artist:

I got my first lathe 20 – 30 years ago. It wasn't the best lathe but it did what I needed, which was primarily furniture legs and the occasional candle stick. I first realized that there was more to turning than furniture legs when I attended the Miami Lakes Art Show and saw Jerry Remillard's booth. I was blown away by the pieces he had created and displayed. Especially the Norfolk Island Pine pieces. They were so different from the typical dull northern woods.

A couple years went by and about 4 years ago I bought a great new lathe and joined GCWT. I enjoy all aspects of turning. I think solid wood turning is more fun than segmented turning, but I seem to spend a lot more time on the segmented turning.

I've done quite a bit of other woodworking over the years. I even made most of the furniture in my house. It seems I don't do much woodworking other than turning these days, but I still apply all the skills I learned over the years to create my finished turnings.

In addition to turning, I enjoy Choral singing. My wife Charlene and I are full time Florida residents. I moved to Florida from Milwaukee 10 years ago. I grew up on a dairy farm in

Wisconsin and I worked in the food business my whole career. I started out working for Borden's in Wisconsin. I took a job with Farm Stores in Florida and I subsequently went to work for the Florida State Department of Agriculture until I retired.

I have 3 daughters (all living outside Florida) and 3 grandsons. My grandsons are showing real promise as turners and they look forward to grandpa's turning challenges. So far we've made weedpots, candlesticks and most recently pens.

I really love being a part of GCWT. The variety of designs and great ideas presented at each meeting are a continual inspiration

May Demonstration: Weed Pots by Ed McDonnell





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](#).

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.

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OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

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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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