



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER May 2008

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 15, 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 May will be “Turning Weedpots” by Ed McDonnell. This will be an introduction for the June Club Challenge

Notes from the April 17 club meeting

Jerry Remillard gave a well received presentation on design and style. Just about everyone brought something for review and there was a lot of good discussion during the session. Here's just a sampling of what was brought in.



Jerry also brought in some very interesting examples of non-traditional finials. This seemed to be extremely interesting to all the club members until he brought out the "Fluffy" finial for display, which proved to be a little controversial.



Turns out that Jerry's pet cat had disappeared a couple months ago. He recently found the remains of the cat under his porch. This would have been a tragic situation for a lot of people, but to Jerry it was a design opportunity. The use of animal parts is very popular in the modern primitive arts movement. Some of the members thought it was kind of creepy, but quite a few of the members commented to me that they thought it was a fantastic idea. I understand that in the last couple of weeks there have been numerous reports of missing cats in the Southwest part of the county. Hopefully this is just a coincidence.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is coming and things are starting to heat up at the club. We've got a lot going on in the coming **months. Make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming events.**

- May 17 is the club picnic, which is always a lot of fun. We'll have information sheets with directions at the next meeting. We'll also be sending out information by email.
- We are getting ready to kick off the club challenge. The subject of the challenge will be weedpots. There are four parts to the challenge:
 - May 15 – We'll have a club demo on turning weedpots. There should be something of interest for turners of all levels in this demo.
 - June 7 – We'll have a club workshop for in-depth hands-on exploration of the various techniques available to create and embellish weedpots
 - May 16 to June 19 – You will create your challenge entry. Rules will be released on May 15, so don't start early!!
 - June 19 – The challenge entries are displayed at the club meeting and prizes awarded.

Helping people improve their turning skills is an important part of our club charter. The best way to learn is by doing. Competitions that involve judging can be intimidating for a lot of people. We want as many members as possible to participate in the club challenge, so we've decided to eliminate judging from this challenge. If you submit a weedpot to the challenge, you will get a raffle ticket. Prizes will be awarded by Lady Luck. Woodcraft has been very generous and our prize pool is now up to \$200. If things go according to plan, we'll have wood available at the May meeting for the challenge.

Ray Reiland is working on having club shirts and hats produced. Once the details are worked out, we'll be taking orders from the members. We need a good clean copy of the logo for the printing. Unfortunately, the original artwork for the current club logo was apparently eaten by termites. Fortunately, Diane Klein volunteered to design a new club logo. She produced a handful of candidates and the Board unanimously selected the new logo. It's available in black and white, multi color and various sizes. Here it is in Black and White:



I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting. Until then, keep the wood turning and the chips flying.

Ed McDonnell

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.

That's all for now. See you all at the next meeting.

Ed McDonnell

Next Board Meeting Tuesday May 20, 7:00pm

Gold Coast Woodturners

Turner of the Month – April 2008

Glenn Carrigan

Hollow Form with Finial



About the Artist:

In the Fall of 2003, I watched Lee Sky doing a woodturning demo at the Ramble in Coral Gables. It looked like something that I thought I might really enjoy so I went to a meeting of the Gold Coast Woodturners to learn more. Rick Pixley was demonstrating segmented turning and by the end of the meeting I was convinced that woodturning was way too complicated and probably not going to be as relaxing a hobby as I had originally imagined. Fortunately George Snyder pulled me aside and explained that woodturning is a lot simpler (and more fun) than what Rick had demonstrated. He invited me over to his shop and showed me how to turn some simple projects. In no time at all, I was hooked.

I originally bought a 35 yr old Vega lathe and learned to turn on that. I subsequently upgraded to a Powermatic 3520B and it has been a fantastic tool for turning.

Woodturning is my way of relieving the everyday stresses of life. I turn lots of different things, but I most enjoy turning bowls. I hadn't done any other woodworking before I started turning wood. Other hobbies which I have enjoyed in the past are leather crafting and ceramics. Although I was successful and had won awards, raising a family

and making a living didn't leave much time to pursue them. From time to time I think about applying my leather carving skills to my woodturnings, but I haven't yet made the attempt.

I moved to Florida from New York to escape the snow and ice. I was a butcher for 4 years in Buffalo before moving. I spent my first 4 years in Florida working as a butcher before I decided to pursue a different career as a locksmith. I bought a locksmith business and have been successfully running G.C. Lock & Key for over 24 years.

My wife Donna and I are full time residents of Florida. We have two sons and 2 grand children. I also have two dogs that keep an eye on me and help me turn in the shop. Bandit is a LARGE Bullmastiff and Barney is a slightly smaller Shepherd/Sharpei mix.

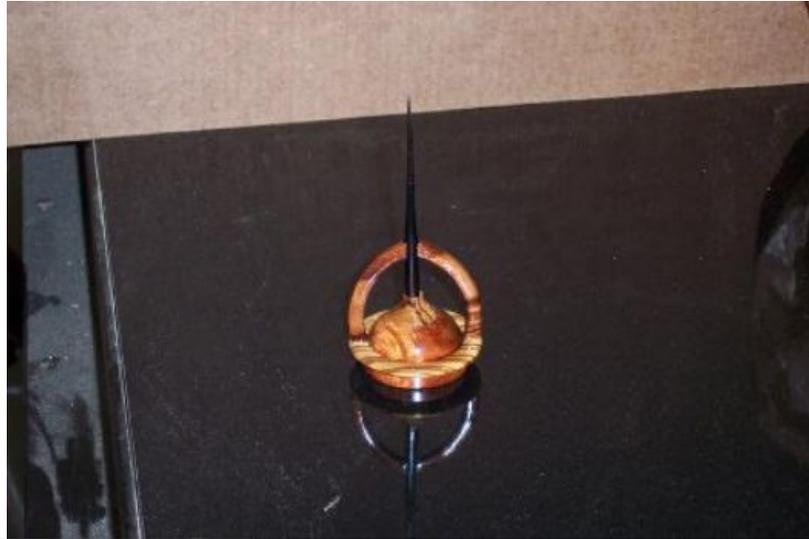
April Demonstration:

The design and esthetics of wood turning by Jerry Remillard











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](#).

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 a 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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	Ron Pursell	(954) 434-6163
Hollywood area	Paul Heede	954.981.5695

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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