



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER September 2007

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 20th, 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>

Minutes for Gold Coast Woodturners meeting –August 16, 2007

Carl Spinnler called our meeting to order at 7:05 since our president, Jerry Remilard was not able to be with us. As usual, he recommended that members join the AAW for the benefits of their insurance, quarterly magazine, member's directory and symposiums. We had several interested guests this month. Two of the guests had taken turning classes from Lee Sky, and another had seen our display at the Ft. Lauderdale library.

We immediately started the meeting with **Lee Sky's** demonstration of making finials. This was done in preparation for a demonstration and turning classes to be given by 'the queen' of finials, Cindy Droza, this winter in W. Palm Beach, the weekend after Thanksgiving. This will be sponsored by the W.P.B. turning club.

Lee stressed the importance of straight and tight grained wood like African Blackwood, Ebony, and crabwood, etc. Making a finial is very similar to spindle turning and uses all 3 basic turning shapes, concave, convex and straight. He prepared a 'hand-out' for members showing various finials. Thanks Lee.

Lee showed several ways to mount the blank using jam chucks, the center of a 4 jaw chuck and even using a Jacob's chuck. It is always important to true up the cylinder even if it had be trued up prior to remounting.

It was recommended that you start with the tail stock supporting the blank. Something that we may forget is the importance of a 'pristine' tool rest which should be filled, sanded and rubbed with wax before starting. When finishing, Lee mentioned the importance of light, deliberate and careful sanding being careful of losing the crisp and sharp elements of your finial. Lee even mentioned being aware of your breathing when turning and exhaling over intricate details.

I'm sure that all attendees learned some important tips. This demo was expertly videographed by Ken Rizza.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lee mentioned our club's display at the library in Ft. Lauderdale at Broward Blvd. and Andrews. It will be there until the end of the month.

Ron Purcell described our new club's trailer which is 6' x 12' and has both rear and side doors. We will keep lathes, etc. in it for club projects and shows.

Our club owns many tools for members to check out, and our library of CD's, DVD's Books and other videos is set up at our meetings so you can easily check them out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Diane Klein spoke about the Christmas Tree auction at the Galleria in Ft. Lauderdale. She feels that we should plan early and try to get approval for a unique tree that would better 'show off' our club's expertly made wooden items. In previous years the ornaments that we made didn't show up as clearly amid the branches of the green artificial trees. Diane will chair this committee and contact members for donations.

Rick Pixley gave us information about upcoming shows that we participate in and also others that we should all consider. These are good money makers for our members and also for our club. The Fairchild Show is Nov. 17 and 18. Other shows we should think about are Pembroke Pines, Davie's Flamingo Gardens Show, and the new inaugural show and demo at the Hollywood's Arts Park in December. The Palm Beach club will also have another show.

Carl said that Jerry, our president, would like to move the nominating of next year's officers to an earlier date.

Instant Gallery

Our INSTANT GALLERY had, as usual, much variety. Pieces were made of some interesting woods and synthetics including mesquite, sapedilla, rosewood, and the ever popular, Norfolk Island Pine as well as acrylics. There were miniatures by Diane Klein, bowls and boxes, urns and bowls by other members. Other pieces were salt and pepper dispensers, pens, spin tops and an off set plate that was made by following the instructions in the recent AAW magazine by Ed Wujciak. Ron Purcell showed a communion set that he made for a new minister in his church. GREAT WORK.

We had our bring back raffle before the meeting ended. ...

Our board meeting will be at Lester's Diner on Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30 or 7:00. Members are always welcome to join us for dinner and a short meeting.

David Kerzel is our web master and hopes that you will send him relevant articles to post on our web site. David also manages our newsletter. Diane Klein is the club secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Klein

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HI ALL,

LOOK IT'S SEPTEMBER ALL READY,AND IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEARS OFFICERS.WE'VE GOT A GREAT CLUB,ALLTHOUGH VERY SMALL WE'VE GOT SOME OF THE GREATEST MEMBERS OF ANY CLUB LIKE OURS.AT THIS MONTHS MEETING NEXT THURSDAY I'LL BE INTRODUCING THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,THEY'LL BE PUTTING TOGETHER A SLATE OF OFFICERS TO OFFER AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICER YOU CAN CONTACT ONE OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE OCTOBER MEETING.ALSO WE'LL BE OPENING THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANYONE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PROPOSED SLATE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.NOMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.SO WE'VE GOT LOTS TO DO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, BE PART OF IT!.....JERRY.

Demonstration

Lee Sky's demonstrated making finials.



Instant Gallery













Exhibit at the Broward County Main Library

Our woodturning exhibit at the Broward County Main Library was set up thanks to Ed McDonnell, Bill Mullaney, Paul Heede, David Brown, & Lee Sky. The library staff & patrons were very excited by the quality and diversity of our work. Thanks to all who participated. If you get a chance to go to downtown Ft. Lauderdale, stop in to see our display on the second floor of the library. 100 S. Andrews Ave. SE corner of Broward Blvd and Andrews Ave. These photos were taken during setup. Some more rearranging was done for a nicer display.





**Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents the
Gold Coast Woodturners Association Demonstration-
Saturday, August 25, 2 p.m., at the Main Library**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – The Gold Coast Woodturners Association will give a presentation on Saturday, August 25, 2 p.m. at the Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. The Broward County group will demonstrate how to turn raw wood into beautiful objects, ranging from small serving bowls to furniture pieces.

The members will show and describe their pieces, how the pieces are crafted, shaping the wood and types of wood used in the projects. Two cases of the Gold Coast Woodturners Association's pieces are on display on the second floor of the Main Library in August.

We had a very successful woodturning demonstration at the Broward County Main Library Saturday. Almost 70 people were in attendance. We got off to a slow start with a lathe malfunction but Jerry Remillard & Glenn Carrigan were quick on the repair to get some chips flying. I started by explaining woodturning and tools following with wood selection & which trees in our area we prefer to turn. Then onto making a small bud vase. Many questions were asked by the audience. One lady brought a carved stool from the Pacific Islands with patters carved all over it telling a story. I think we will have a few extra guests at our next meeting. Lee Sky

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.

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..

Cindy Drozda

Palm Beach County Woodturners are having Cindy Drozda (www.cindydrozda.com) for a Saturday demonstration and two days of hands on workshops. There was one opening left for the hands on workshop as of last Saturday. They can most likely get an extra workshop day if there are enough interest. The weekend after Thanksgiving is when this is scheduled. Saturday is the demo from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a sit and watch, learn & ask lots of questions. The hands on workshops are in a shop on a lathe with Cindy Drozda mentoring you. Six turners each day is the workshop limit. More information will be coming soon.

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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c/o Ron Purcell
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