



# GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2006

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## **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 Woodturner 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.
- To support the AAW, the national woodturners organization we encourage our membership to join the AAW and receive the American Woodturner Magazine.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jerry Remillard, October 2006

HI ALL,

BOY IF FEELS GREAT OUTSIDE; YOU CAN SURE TELL FALL IS HERE.

CARL SPINNLER HAS A GREAT DEMO SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY. PAUL HEEDE IS GOING TO SHOW US ALL HIS HAND-MADE SPECIAL TOOLS THAT HE MAKES WHEN NOTHING ELSE WORKS. IF YOU HAVE ANY TOOLS YOU HAVE MADE, BRING THEM IN TO SHOW DURING THE INSTANT GALLERY. OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF ALVA PIXLEY, RICK PIXLEY AND RAY REILAND WILL BE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE NEXT YEAR. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED CONTACT ONE OF THEM. IT DOESN'T TAKE ANYTHING BUT DEDICATION TO BE AN OFFICER SO VOLUNTEER NOW.

SEE YOU THURSDAY,  
JERRY

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## **MEETING MINUTES OF September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

### **Business**

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. He welcomed our guest, Gay Johnson who came with Roger.

We started the meeting immediately with the scheduled program which was our box contest made by club members with the piece of mahogany they were previously given. The measurements had been determined, and everyone stuck to those parameters. Each box was assigned a number for the members to vote. Boxes were made by Ed McDonald, Edwin Wojciak, Joe Montagnino, Ed Manson, Roger Stegman, David Kerzel, Lance Mirrer, Alva and Rick Pixley, Jerry Remillard and Bill Mullaney. There was a tie for first place between Gerhard Schwenke and George Wells, and we took a vote by a hand-raising for the first prize. Gerhard won this vote and the 2nd place went to George and Lee Sky won the 3rd place prize.

Lee reminded us of the Festival of Trees that will be held at the Galleria Mall in Fort Lauderdale in the latter part of November. He asked that all of the members participate generously to make our entry one of the best. We will share this tree with other

woodworking clubs and with WoodCraft. The items must be ready by the 125h of November. This tree will be entered in a silent auction bidding with proceeds going to the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

There was a lengthy discussion about upcoming shows, and we were reminded to invite the South Florida club to attend. Rick extolled the virtues of the Fairchild Ramble Show that we will participate in on November 11th and 12th. He passed a sign-in sheet around the room for volunteers to work. Other shows that were mentioned were the Flamingo Gardens, Boca Raton, etc.

Many of our members had already been to the excellent show that was orchestrated by our member Bob Bagley. Everyone that had seen it praised the high quality of the turnings and the variety of styles. There is still opportunity to see it. This is at the Art Center of Coral Springs.

There were several announcements of recent deaths: one of our members, Larry Frantz and our club president, Jerry Remillard, lost their mothers-in-law. You may want to express your heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Rick Pixley has been looking into having a professional turner give us a 3 day demo and workshop. He has been in touch with Cindy Drozda, known for her amazing finials, to do this in February. Two of her amazing pieces were exhibited at the Coral Sprints Art Center. Her fee is \$2,000 + travel expenses, room and board which is generally offered by a club member. We still don't have any firm news if we can assume this expense.

We asked if anyone could suggest any other visiting turner to do a demo, and I don't believe that other names were offered. Keep thinking about this one; we all can benefit from excellent teachers.

### **Lee Sky's ISGB Meeting Report**

I met with some of the local glass bead makers at their meeting a week ago. Nine people were present & we discussed the collaborative aspects of our two mediums, wood & glass. I took about a dozen of my turned pieces to show them a wide variety of what we can do and we tossed a few ideas around. In their workshop were several necklaces with photos of many more and other glass pieces some of them create. Six of the nine are interested in working with a woodturner. Three live in Boca, one in Hollywood, and others in Ft. Lauderdale. I've received a couple of replies from our club members so I will provide contact info and the rest is up to you. If you want, you can work with a glass beader somewhere else across the country or do both wood & glass yourself. There are approximately 1,700 members in the ISGB & over 11,000 AAW members, so if you want to do a collaboration, better jump on it fast. The partnership deadline is November 1st.

### **More on the Festival of Trees**

We need to have a name for the theme of our tree. Mainly the decorations will be made of wood. Two years ago we named our creation "Twice Upon A Tree". A couple of suggestions so far are "Wooden Wonderland" and "From Tree To Shining Tree". Give it some thought. Any new ideas are welcome & requested. Also we must get started making decorations. If we each (50 + members) make only 5 ornaments/decorations,

that would be 250. Plus others from the scroll saw gang, carvers, & other wood workers, we should have a very exciting tree. We realize everyone will not make 5 and some will make more. That's OK. Just bring them to our meeting or drop them at the Woodcraft store. Remember, being part of our club is giving back to our community. Ft. Lauderdale Museum's "Festival Of Trees" is just one way. If any one has ideas or suggestions for other groups or causes, let the club board know, or bring it up at our meeting.

### **A Dee Trudeau Update**

It's been a couple weeks since Dee Trudeau left us to explore the forests of our great country. Dee has been in Georgia visiting relatives and staying at state parks scanning trees for choice pieces of wood. Skidaway State Park was burl heaven, with burls on most of the oak trees there. She was able to harvest a few from the firewood pile adding to the turning blank stock being stored in her 30' fifth wheel trailer home. The brand new Jet mini lathe still hasn't been christened yet with the overwhelming mosquito swarms about, but that should change soon. There was talk of Dee demonstrating at one of the local turning clubs when traveling through the Carolinas and spinning a few logs with various members from the AAW directory. December will bring the traveling Gypsy Dee and son Joe back to South Florida so maybe we will be blessed with her presence again at one of our club meetings. Until then Dee, many happy re"turns".

### **Instant Gallery**



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

The membership year for the Gold Coast Woodturners Club runs from January 1 to December 31. Annual dues are \$30.00.

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.

Gold Coast Woodturners  
Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check if you do not want your name published in the newsletter

Yearly dues of \$30.00 are made payable to:

Gold Coast Woodturners,  
c/o Eliot Schantz  
GCWT Treasurer  
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## **Gold Coast Woodturners**

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7 pm**

November Meeting: Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7 pm

We hope you will plan to attend.

Bring your projects for the Instant Gallery

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