



GOLD COAST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2004

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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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 also 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

Rick Pixley, 10/21/04

After spending a couple of months touring both coasts of Florida and seeing some of the devastation caused by this season's storms, I feel very lucky to be in Broward. I really feel for the members who suffered losses during this very trying time. I'm sure that there were other turners in Florida who did not fare nearly as well as we did. I do know of one member of Gold Coast who had extensive damage from a ficus tree and I hope all has turned out for the better for him. I know he had

great moments of stress and discomfort due to this experience.

We are approaching the end of the year and there are many exciting events coming that are of interest to turners... We have a Woodcraft-sponsored Sorby Demo on 11/1, there is the Nick Cook all-day demo in South Miami sponsored by the South Florida Woodturner's guild (don't have the date in front of me), and of course the Fairchild Gardens show on 11/21. As usual our club will be contributing \$25 for refreshments. Any of our club members who are not members of The Miami club and want to participate should contact me immediately to get placed on the list for free admission. In order to qualify for this you must work a minimum of 3 hrs on the days you participate and must actually be in attendance to sell your art.

I never plug any vendors as a rule but feel one is worth mentioning. During my restoration efforts in Daytona I played hookey for a couple of hours and went to Castleberry Fl., home of Amazon Hardwoods. I met these folks at the symposium and bought some maple burls from them at that time. Well let me say this is woodturner's paradise. Bring your wallets. I picked up a piece of coffee burl from Ceylon along with a log of Redwood Burl from the Pacific Northwest. I'm in heaven.

Lastly I need to mention my appreciation for the board and the officers during this last year for all their efforts and cooperation. We have had a successful year and hopefully the next one will be even better. I encourage all active members to, at least once, hold an office and bring a different viewpoint to the table. I have decided to run again but if there is anyone else out there interested, jump in. My understanding is that Lee has decided to not run and this leaves a tremendous void that must be filled. These are tough shoes to fill as I know of no other person with his determination to see our club succeed.

My thanks again,
Rick

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of September 23, 2004

The meeting commenced with welcoming new guests: Christie Holly, Richard Chaplain and Mitch Lewis. Rick explained what the club is about.

Demonstration: "So You've Got a Log" by Lee Sky

This demo was prompted by wood we acquired from the recent hurricane. Lee said you start by cutting the wood according to what you want to make from it. Look at the grain and the bark. Patterns carry through to the center of the wood. Look for inclusions and knots because they make interesting features. Learn the species of wood and consider the size of your lathe when cutting wood. Also learn the properties of wood (don't turn pressure treated wood). Mango spalts well and palm contains silica, which will dull your tools. Also be aware of woods that are toxic. Any wood containing spalting is toxic because the spalting is a fungus. Be sure to wear a dust mask when turning this or any other wood. Silky oak, Brazilian holly, and rosewood are some other toxic woods. To prevent checking in green wood, use an end sealer, which can be wax or even a few coats of latex house paint. Put wood in the freezer to eliminate bugs and insects. Thanks Lee, for always giving us an enjoyable and fact-filled demo.

Business:

Rick Pixley talked about old business:

We were reminded that Stuart Batty would be demonstrating at Woodcraft in Pompano on September 26th, from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

Regarding AAW dues, if you pay before the first of the year, you may be lucky enough to win the drawing for the two lathes that were at the symposium.

Dee Trudeau looked at digital cameras and will be investigating further. She will also order books and tapes for our library out of the grant money from the AAW.

There will be 10% discount from Woodcraft if you are a club member. A form will need to be filled out and submitted all together. This discount will not apply to power or carving tools.

Jerry showed us new club shirts which will be priced \$10 for T-shirts and \$15 for polo shirts.

Ray Reiland reminded us of the upcoming Ramble and Fairchild Gardens on November 20th and 21st. Wellington in Palm Beach will be having a show (there will no electricity available). Call Ray if you want to participate. The First Methodist Church will be having a show. There will also be a

show in February in Boca Raton at the City Hall. Rick said there will be a three-member panel appointed to nominate new officers.

Elliot Schantz gave his treasure's report.

There was a motion to reduce the amount of membership dues for our club. Ray Reiland objected, and it was voted to keep the dues the same.

Rick Pixley made a motion to eliminate dues for the editor and treasurer. This was seconded and ratified.

Lee Sky told us that we got a thank you card from George Snyder's wife and one from the Paralyzed Veterans.

Lee also reminded us about the festival of trees or wreaths which will be auctioned off for charity. Those who wish to participate should have ornaments ready by the first or second week in December.

We will be continuing the custom of donating turnings (boxes, rattles, etc.) to the Seagull School, which was started by George Snyder.

Jerry Remillard made a motion that we should wear our club shirts at shows. This motion was voted on and passed.

George Miller won Lee Sky's bring-back.

INSTANT GALLERY:

We then moved on to our instant gallery.

Rick Pixley: Maple burl hollow form, finished with lacquer; mahogany box with ebony trim finished with lacquer; lychee bowl finished with lacquer, and a lychee hollow form finished with lacquer.

Alva Pixley: Pink ivory box with ebony finial, snakewood box with ebony lid, both finished with wipe-on poly.

Paul Heede: Bowls made of Florida mahogany and finished with poly.

Ron Purcell: Ear pod bowl finished with poly; letter opener from sapodilla finished with bead buff; and a carving also from sapodilla and finished with bead buff.

Bobby James: Hollow form bowl from spalted willow finished with wipe-on poly; and a natural edge bowl from catalpa (Indian bean) finished with wipe-on poly.

Jerry Remillard: Mango carved vase with cover finished with lacquer.

Carl Spinnler: Rosewood vase finished with lacquer and a bleached tabebuia vase.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Robert Sorby tool demo, Woodcraft: November 1, 2004. Details on the GCWT website.

Thursday, October 21, 2004 - Membership Meeting.

Membership dues are now being accepted for 2005!

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 \$35.00 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_____

E-Mail_____

_____ 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
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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 21st, 2004

MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

Demonstration: A natural bark-edge bowl by Al Gruntwagin

We hope you will plan to attend.

Bring your projects for the Instant Gallery

The meeting is held at Constantines located at 1049 NE 30 Court in Oakland Park.

Constantines will be open from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for club members and guests. Paid members receive a 10% discount.

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