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Turning Points

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Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2007 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne. (<http://www.henegar.org>)

October Demonstration:

Monday, October 8 -- Bob Elliott -- Coring

Central Florida Chapter member Bob Elliott will demonstrate coring using the One-Way system. We will see how this system and other similar systems can save wood by cutting two, three, or even four bowl blanks out of one chunk of wood.

Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for September 10, 2007

Reports:

President Read Johnson The SCWT meeting was called to order by president Read Johnson at 7:04 on Sept 10, 2007 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida. There were 50 members and 5 guests present.

The guests Pat and Sally Deabenderfer from Satellite Beach, Paul Gell of Palm Bay, Richard Norman of Palm Bay and Ron Thomas were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

Vice President Chuck Billings presented the name tags for the new members and gave some free advice about having your home inspected by your insurance agent to see if you qualify for a rate reduction.

Treasurer Harvey Driver reported that the club has \$3602.10 as of the first of the month. He also urged signing up for the next Harbor Freight sidewalk demo days in October. Harvey had three grinding wheel truing tools at a special price of \$11.00. They sold immediately.

Secretary Julian Pharis

Craft Supply Order Jim Donovan reported one order had been sent to Craft Supplies and there was \$300.00 toward the next order. Remember the minimum order for the club to qualify for the average 13% discount and no shipping charges is \$1000.

DVD Dock Tom Weber We have three new DVD's for rent this month.

The first is one that I know everyone has just been salivating for, one of those rare 'can't-wait' moments. Yes, I finally found a DVD totally dedicated to the art of turning Yo-Yo's in one piece. I just know it's going to be in great demand, so you better get there early if you want to be one of the first to perfect this technique.

The other two are 'Turning Trees Inside Out' by Blair Davis and "Revealing Treasures in Trees' by J T Dunphy. Both are pretty much standard fare, with, as always, some individual tips thrown in.

Now a word about sanding, (and what I hope is a muted, sales pitch). Especially to some of our new members. I have noticed that quite a few of

our recent joiners have said that they are newbies, and have joined to experience the joy of woodturning.

Well, one of the least joyous things about woodturning is sanding. Turning is fun. Sanding is work.

One technique that really cuts down on the work is known as power sanding, and as the name suggests, involves the use of power tools used in conjunction with the lathe for sanding your work. The power tool is a drill. This technique is generally most often used when doing faceplate work, i.e. bowls, platters and the like.

The club sells 'Cling-On' sanding pieces in grits from 60 to 400 in sizes for the 1, 1-1/2, 2, and 3 inch sanding discs. (We also offer the hook-and-loop pads themselves.) The sandpaper pieces are typically 3 or 6 feet long, and you cut your own discs from them. You will find that they are significantly cheaper than ready-made discs. (As an example, your 2" discs cost about 9 ¢ each, as compared to 26¢ each if bought in 10-packs.)

The rolls sell for \$3.50 for each grit, and will make anywhere from 24 to 36 discs, or even more for the 1-1/2" size.

We have just restocked our inventory, and now have ALL grits in ALL sizes in stock. Also offered are the sanding pads, in all sizes (Priced from about \$9, up to \$11).

They cut quite easily using an Exacto knife or a pair of scissors. (CAUTION: Do not use your wife's favorite sewing scissors for this. EVER!! DAMHIKT)

I, or some of the other members, will be more than happy to discuss a few of the advantages of this method, and give you some tips as well. As Martha would say, it's really a good thing.

As an additional service, if you know beforehand what you want, just email me at tpurhrt@earthlink.net with your request, and I'll try to have it neatly packaged and ready for pickup at the meeting.

And as always, the proceeds from these sales go to the Library fund. So we can buy even more DVD's. And perhaps in the near future learn how to turn even bigger and better Yo-Yo's.

Newsletter *Eric Thaxton* Deadline for submission for the October Newsletter is September 22. Please let Eric know if an item listed as "For Sale" is sold so he can remove it from the website.

Meeting ! ...

Jack Gregory is taking names for the SCWT scholarship to the Florida Woodturners Symposium. Deadline is September 24. Four places are available and will be selected by the next meeting.

Jack Gregory again explained about the five educational scholarships for the Florida Woodturning Symposium in January. The amount is \$200.00 and the requirements are: you must want to attend, you must have been a club member for six months before the Oct. meeting, you must have never attended before and you must let Jack know of your interest by Oct 24. Pres. Read Johnson had some brochures explaining the details of the Symposium and also the benefits of signing up as volunteer to help during the demonstrations.

Tee shirt man Bob Davis had three shirts to deliver. If you want a tee shirt with the club logo and your name see Bob at the break. Bob also has information about an attachment for the Powermatic3520 lathe that allows the tail stock to be easily swung out of the way instead of lifting it off. Cost is \$150.00.

V.P. Chuck Billings polled the club about whether to have a club Christmas party this year. The new meeting place is not as conducive as the previous one and we would probably have to have the party in another location. The majority voted that they didn't care to have a party this year.

Show and Tell

The “Showers and Tellers” were ...

Harvey Driver – ornament of colorwood as promised in the last month’s meeting. Also had a smaller ornament made form a bottle stopper blank. These blanks are fairly cheap.

Don Houk – hollow vessel which had developed two cracks and he planned to save it by making a feature of them and adding a third to balance the design.

Dave Search – Brought two baseball bats he enjoyed turning and a spalted hickory pencil holder.

Troy Porter – proudly showed three laminated candlesticks like the one Jack Gregory demonstrated at a recent meeting. He wanted to show that he was paying attention. Troy also held up a birdhouse ornament that he plans to demonstrate at the Harbor Freight sidewalk sale.

Dottie Pugh – She has expanded her pen making to now include click pens as well as the twist pens she has been making. She encountered a learning curve in the process but had some nice looking pens.

Bob Winburn – large lidded hollow vessel made from maple and with carving enhancement. Finish was buffed with wax.

Michael Mogilevsky – presented a box made from punky wood that was saved by treating it with a wood hardener and also a pecan wood bowl that had been lying around about 15 years.

Ray Zakrajsek – showed a raised platter from his favorite camphor wood. He also had a deep flower vase with two natural sides and a raised bowl with a natural edge.

Wood Auction:

Auctioneer Wynn Arnold conducted a lively wood auction and raised \$51.00 for the club coffers. There were two loads of wood, holly and maple brought by members to be picked up in the parking lot after the meeting. Thanks a lot guys. Club donation suggested.

For Sale:

*Nova 3000 Lathe, step pulley variable speed, outboard turning attachment \$495.00 -Bob Winborn 951-3886

*Jet 1642EVS Lathe \$1200 -Bob Davis 409-8515

*Ryobi BT3000 Table Saw \$225 -Bob Davis 409-8515

*Jet Drill Press, JDP-17MF, \$275 -Bob Davis 409-8515

*Jet 1442 variable speed 450-3000 for sale, paid \$800 two years ago and will sell it for \$400 or best offer to any club member that would like to upgrade.

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Business Meeting Adjourned

September Demonstration

by **Ronnie Thomas**

– *Mushroom Lidded Box*



Photos from the Show-and-Tell:



Bob Winburn Vase



Natural Edge Bowl, Ray Zakrajsek



Harvey Driver, X-mas Ornament



Candlesticks, Troy Porter



Baseball bats, David Search



Platter, Ray Zakrajsek



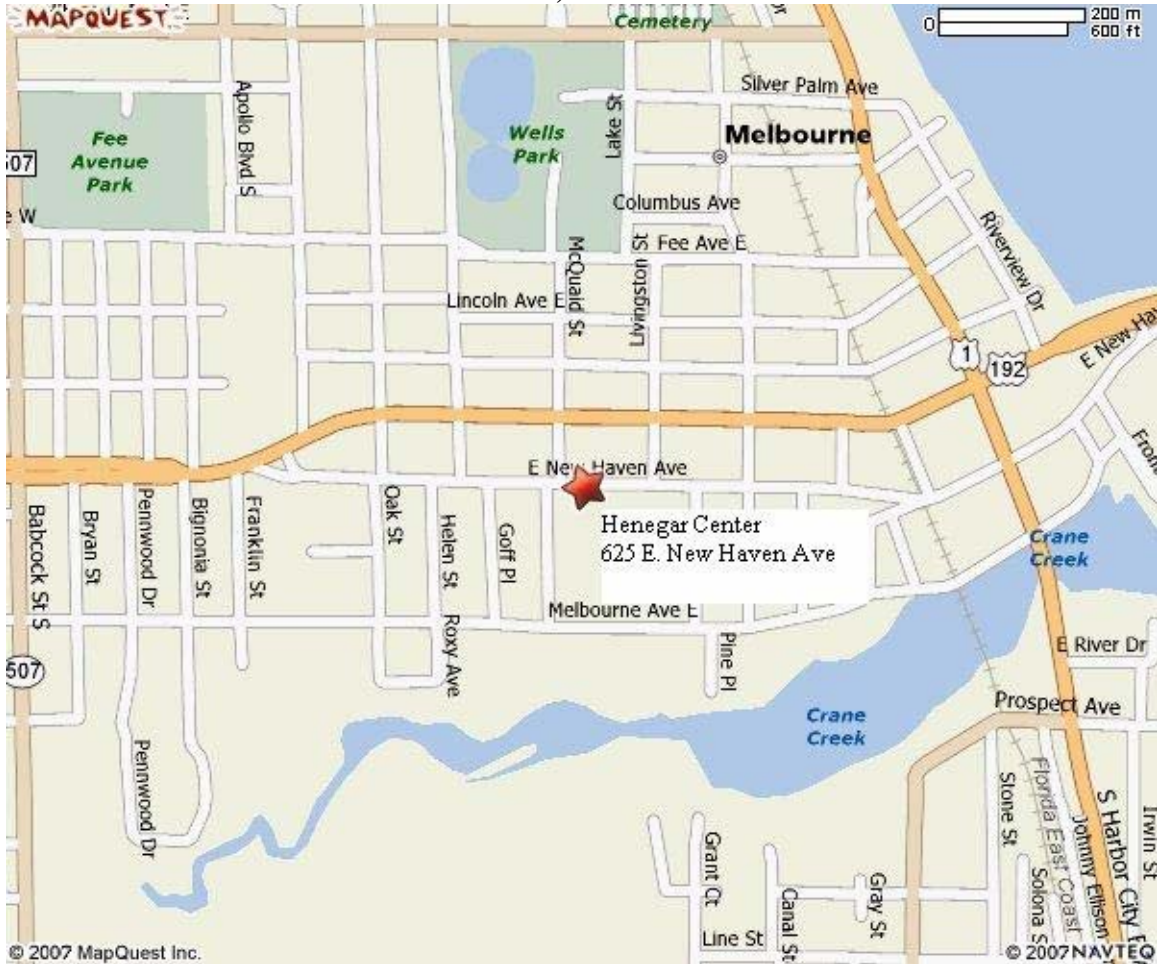
Pecan Bowl, Michael Mogilevsky



Ornament, Troy Porter

Map to the Meeting Location:

Henegar Center for the Performing Arts
625 East New Haven Avenue
Melbourne, Florida 32901



Upcoming Demonstrators:

Monday, November 12 -- Gene Gross --*Turning a Hollow Form*

Gene, a Central Florida Woodturners Chapter member, will demonstrate turning a hollow form with a small diameter opening using a method we have not seen demonstrated at our meetings previously. Gene says that the tools he will use are ones almost all of us have. If time permits, he will also do some simple decoration on the vessel. This is a demo from which many of us can learn.

Brevard County Elder Learning
Demonstration by the Space Coast Woodturners Club
Organized by Ray Conklin

Volunteers Needed!

October 20, 2007

Details:

*Max Rhodes Park, Community Room Building
3000 Minton Road (South of 192), West Melbourne*

- 10 Lathes – Two participants per lathe
- An experienced club member at each lathe
- Paul Pouliot will conduct the sessions
- 9:00 AM Set-up
- 10:00 AM Start Class
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM End of Class
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM Clean-up Time

Each participant should be able to bring home an item that he or she will have turned. Volunteers need to bring Lunch and safety goggles or a face shield.

Public Notice:

This is a hands-on program presented by the Space Coast Woodturners. Limited to twenty participants who will work on woodturning lathes with members of the club. Each person will finish a project by the end of the day. All materials will be supplied. Lunch break at approximately noon – no food services available in the area so must bring brown bag lunch.

The Chapter's Purposes,
In addition to supporting the
general purposes of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
of **WOODTURNERS, Inc.**
are to:

1. Provide a meeting place for
local woodturners;
2. Share ideas and techniques
regarding this craft;
3. Trade woods;
4. Exchange ideas about tools;
and
5. Exhibit finished projects.

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