



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – September 10, 2014

Submitted by Dotty Pugh – Secretary

Just a reminder – the meetings are held on the **second Wednesday** of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and the hands-on sessions are held on the **third Saturday** of the month from 9:00 AM – Noon at Melbourne Village.

* **President Russ Bremmer** called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any guests. Guests this evening were Diane Worrall, John Elam, Corey Miller, Suzanne Jensen, Robert Haarer, and Kevin Nowak (joined our club this evening). Gary Greenburg is still collecting pens for Freedom Pens.

* **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – Reminded Russ about Registration for 2015 Florida Woodturning Symposium was now open. The Symposium will be on January 9, 10 and 11, 2015 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Florida. For more information, go to floridawoodturningsymposium.com

* **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** said that at the beginning of the month, the treasury had over \$4000.00 at the beginning of the month. He has paid the rent for the upcoming year for the meeting facility and the storage facility; he has also paid the insurance for both facilities.

* **Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen** – announced that the demonstrator for **September** will be **George Guadiane** showing how to make a **goblet**. The **demonstrator for October will be John Cannon** and he will be talking about types of **finishes**. The **Vice President's Challenge for October is V or W**. The **Hands-On for October 18** will be **Natural Edge Bowls**

* **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** reported that he had \$840.00 towards the next order. If you place an order, make sure that you use the 2014 catalog. He was expecting new Craft Supply catalogs soon and would appreciate it if you ordered from the new catalogs when they are available.

* **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano** – He has the usual supplies available (glue, sand paper, etc.).

* **Web Master - Bill Howard** –Go to spacecoastwoodturners.com and see what is available. We also have a Facebook page where you can upload photos, etc. Check it out! If you have any information that needs to be on the web page or if you have problems uploading photos to the Facebook page contact Bill at BillH@spacecoastwoodturners.com and he will help you.

The **September 20th hands-on session** was how to turn a Sea Urchin Ornament by Gary Christensen.

Remember - Bring your own tools and safety equipment (face shield, safety glasses, and dust mask) to all hands-on sessions.

Chuck Billings – Has nametags for new members. If you haven't gotten yours yet, see Chuck. The regular name tag with pin back is free with membership and the magnetic back is \$1.75.

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Wood Auction – brought in \$112.00 for the club.

SHOW & TELL

John Conway – Mallet from a bowling pin, winged Elm; bowls from sassafras and cedar

Bruce Lansdowne – Mallet, popourie (I am not sure of the type of wood, but that is what it sounded like to me)

Bob Cusumano – Pens, acrylic

Rick DeTorre – Small box, tagua nut

Neil Earnhardt – Pen, Honduran Rosewood Burl

Russ Bremmer – He also does flat work and he made a hand plane from Jahara (spelling?) wood

Vice President's Challenge – S, T, or U

Gary Christensen – Taco tray, Maple

Bruce Lansdowne – Lidded Top, inlaid with solder

Wynn Arnold – Screwdriver handle, Spalted Tamarind

Julian Pharis – Rose Engine Box Top, Acrylic (box to be done later)

Neil Earnhardt – Calabash Bowl, Ambrosia Sycamore

Rick DeTorre – Low-profile Bottle Stopper, Bottle Brush (stopper goes over the bottle and doesn't add much height)

Winner of drawing for the VP Challenge – John Conway

DEMONSTRATION – GOBLET WITH GEORGE GUADIANE

Wood: Depends on how big you want the goblet to be. Wood should be in End Grain orientation (Spindle blank -grain runs the length of the blank).

Tools: Spindle roughing gouge, spindle gouge, scraper, tool of choice for hollowing, chuck and live center, cone.

You can use large tools for the rough shaping and smaller tools for the finer detail work.

Always look at the wood to determine where you want the goblet to be so you get the best grain pattern. You can wet the wood with alcohol or water to see the grain of the wood.

George said that when you are turning, you should concentrate on turning and not be distracted by listening to music, etc. Turning is not just seeing the wood and the tools, but also listening to how the wood sounds and how the lathe sounds. Safety first!

Mount the wood between centers, make the blank round. Determine which end will be the goblet bowl and which will be the stem and foot. Put a tenon on end that will be the stem. Mount in chuck and keep the tail stock in contact with the piece for stability.

Start defining the shape of the outside of the goblet. Don't start on the stem yet. Leave a lot of wood there to support the piece.

Remove the tail stock. It's a good idea to make sure the hole is in the actual center. Sometimes the hole that is left by the tail stock is not the exact center. The wood can flex or shift when the tail stock is removed. Make sure the chuck is tightened again and the blank is still balanced (running true). Make a center hole. Drill a hole to the depth that you have determined for the bowl of the goblet. You can use an actual drill bit or a small spindle gouge, your choice.

Begin hollowing the goblet. Don't try to get the bowl of the goblet too thin. The rim can chip or crack easily if it is too thin. If you get a crack, you can repair it with CA glue. Hollow to the depth you have chosen. Refine the outside, if desired.

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Sand the inside and the outside, if desired. Apply finish.

Start on the stem. Make any decorative designs, beads, coves, etc. close to the bottom of the goblet bowl. Remember, once you start making the stem thinner, you won't be able to go back to the top of the piece. There won't be enough wood to support the piece.

You can use a cone shaped piece of wood or a metal cone attached to the tail stock to help support the goblet when you start getting the stem thinner. Use something soft like paper towels or leather or whatever to protect the goblet from getting marred by the cone. Don't use a lot of pressure on the tail stock end because you could crack the goblet, especially if it is very thin.

Make the stem as thin as you dare. The shape of the stem should not be the same diameter all the way down, but should have a cone shape (tapered from small next to the goblet bowl to a little larger at the foot). Carefully sand and finish the stem.

Make the foot. You can have another decorative accent at the bottom of the stem if you want. Sand and finish the foot. When parting off the piece, undercut the bottom of the foot. This will allow the goblet to stand without wobbling. Remove the nub that may be left on the bottom of the foot.

Any finish is considered Food Safe after it has **COMPLETELY** cured/dried. Some finishes make take a long time to dry.

Thank you, George, for an interesting and informative demonstration.

Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supply – Bob Cusumano

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supply – Bill Howard

\$10.00 Gift Certificate from Craft Supply – Frank Worrall

Free DVD rental – John Conway

Block of wood from George's demonstration – Rick DeTorre

Block of wood from George's demonstration – Randy Hardy

Block of wood from George's demonstration – Chuck Billings

Block of wood from George's demonstration – Diane Worrall

Block of wood from George's demonstration – Bill Howard

Share the Wealth #1 – Donated by Russ Bremmer – Bowl from Ambrosia Maple – Winner – Diane Worrall

Share the Wealth #2 – Donated by George Guadiane – Goblet from Demonstration – Winner – Bill Howard

Bring Back – Donated by John Cannon – Winged Bowl, Rosewood – Winner – Rick DeTorre

If you are not familiar with the **Bring Back** idea, it is where a member turns something and donates it to the club. The winner (has to be a member, not a visitor) of the drawing gets to keep the item and then must turn something and bring it back the next month and donate it. The item doesn't have to be the same thing; it can be anything that you turned.

If you are not familiar with the **Share the Wealth** idea, it is where members donate an item that they have turned and it is raffled off to another member/visitor. It is a good way to collect turned items from others and the cost is FREE. What a great bargain.

Hope to see you at the October 8th meeting and the October 18th Hands-on.

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I am including this editorial again because I think it is important to recognize the efforts of those that keep this club running.

Editorial – Are you aware that all of our Officers and all of the others that make the club work, **volunteer** their time every month to make sure that you have a good club experience? It doesn't happen automatically. There are a lot of people behind the scenes making sure that we have DVDs to rent, sand paper and other supplies available, demonstrators to watch, money to pay outside demonstrators, tools and supplies at a discount, a roster to know who the members are, a newsletter to read, a web page to look at, video and sound to make the meeting enjoyable, name tags for members, free wood, and a whole lot of other things that get done without ever being mentioned or recognized. If you enjoy all these benefits, you should take a little of **your** time and say "Thank You" and "Good Job" to those who make sure the work is done. If you have good things to say, tell everyone, including the person who has done a good job. If you have constructive criticism, speak to the individual personally. If you only have negative comments, keep them to yourself!

In case you don't know who these unsung workers are, here is the list:

Officers

President – Russ Bremmer

Vice President – Gary Christensen

Secretary – Dotty Pugh

Treasurer – Harvey Driver

Support Staff

Supply Master - Jim Donovan

DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano

Web Master – Bill Howard

Name Tags – Chuck Billings

Free Wood supplier – Wynn Arnold

Video switching operator – Bob Winburn

Camera operator – Various individuals, including Russ Bremmer, Jim Goodman

Previous President – Read Johnson

Previous DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Tom Weber

All the other volunteers who set up the tools, the audio/video equipment, the chairs, etc. If I have missed anyone, I apologize. Even I don't know everyone that works behind the scenes to give us a great club.

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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
5. Exhibit finished projects

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