



Space Coast Woodturners

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – April 8, 2015

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** – Opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were no guests.
 - * **Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh** – No report.
 - * **Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver** – The treasury currently contains \$xxxx.xx Harvey had three Eagle heads for canes for sale. The all sold. Harvey is still accepting membership dues for 2015. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. The fees are: Individual - \$25.00, Family - \$30.00.
 - * **Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen** –The April demonstration was Gary Christensen – making a walking cane.
May VP Challenge will be J, K or L.
May hands-on will be Ken Thurman – hand thread chasing – bring your own thread chasing set. If you don't have a thread chasing set, you need to order one before May so you will have it for the Hands-on in May. Ken recommends 16 TPI or 20 TPI. You will need to bring your own wood that is tightly grained.
June hands-on will be blind hollowing. Bring your own tools and wood.
- Remember - Bring your own tools and safety equipment to all hands-on sessions.
- * **Supply Master – Jim Donovan** – Had \$80.00 towards the next order. Jim had two bags of Tagua nuts that had been ordered, but he didn't know who had ordered them. If you ordered them, contact Jim. He was expecting new Craft Supply catalogs in May. Just a reminder – Gift Certificate have an expiration date. Use them before they expire.
 - * **DVD Librarian/Store Manager – Bob Cusumano** – Has everything in stock...glue, sand paper, etc. Reminded everyone that there are a lot of DVDs to choose from and they are available to rent for only \$1.00 each. You get to keep it for the entire month.
 - * **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 (things for sale, etc.) or if you have problems uploading photos to the Facebook page contact Bill at BillH@spacecoastwoodturners.com and he will help you. He also mentioned that someone told him that they weren't able to find some information on the web page. Contact Bill and he will help you find it. He is going to be rearranging the site to make it more user-friendly. The Brevard club will be shutting down their website due to lack of use. Let's not let this happen to our website.

Chuck Billings – Nametags for new members. If you haven't gotten yours yet, see Chuck.

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***Charlie Cecrle** will be taking over the duties of getting shirts for the club. Bring your own new shirt to the meeting and what name you want on it and Charlie will collect the shirts, get the embroidery done and return your shirt to you at the next meeting. SCWT Logo and name on shirt is \$14.00; a patch with Logo only is \$9.00. The person can also do ball caps, jackets, etc.

Terry Justice had some magazines to donate to anyone who wanted them. **Ken Thurman** had a large piece of Cherry Burl and the limb that they were attached to for the wood auction. Someone donated some camphor for the wood auction.

Auction – There were 9 items for the auction and \$70.00 went to the club. If you have wood or other items to donate, bring them to the meetings. Also, if you want to purchase good wood at reasonable prices (way below retail!), bring your money and bid, bid, bid. All the profits go to the club.

SHOW & TELL –

Terry Justice showed a “Red Wine” bottle stopper that Ken Thurman made at the hands-on session in March. Terry attached the metal stopper part.

Steve Franek – Hollow vessel – Red Elm

Wynn Arnold – Small hollow vessel – Redwood Burl

Rick DeTorre – Bolt action pen – Deer antler

Jim Goodman – Vase – Cherry wood

Elizabeth Barrett – Letter opener – Teak

Russ Bolton – Christmas ornament – Ball of Cherry and Oak, and the finial was “mystery” wood

Ron Miller – Natural edge bowl – Mahogany

Bernie MacDonald – Magnetic pen – Acrylic

Harvey Driver – Vertex magnetic pen – Scrap burl

Vice President’s Challenge – G, H OR I

Rick DeTorre – “Gee, I wish I hadn’t broken it” bowl – Norfolk Island Pine – He went through the bottom.

Russ Bolton – Pen – Gunstock laminate

Gary Christensen – Lidded Goblet – Base of Cherry, lid of Maple and finial of Walnut

Bruce Lansdowne – Pen – “Hole” wheat

Ned Robertson – Bottle stopper – Ipe wood

Winner of the drawing – Bruce Lansdowne (virtual gift certificate – Gary didn’t have the actual certificate with him)

Raffle Winners:

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Neil Earnhardt

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Harvey Driver

\$10.00 Gift Certificate – Chuck Billings using Russ Bolton’s ticket (Russ had to leave early)

Block of Camphor – Bernie MacDonald

Free DVD rental – Bruce Lansdowne

Bring Back Item – Donated by Bob Davis – Box made on the Bandsaw – Winner – Steve Franek

Share the Wealth 1 – Donated by Anonymous – Cedar bottle stopper – Winner – Wynn Arnold

If you are not familiar with the **Bring Back** idea, it is where a member turns something and donates it to the club. Then the winner of the drawing (has to be a member, not a visitor) 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.

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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 our May 13, 2015 meeting.

Don't forget to contact Russ Bremmer or Gary Christensen for items that you want to display at the DeGroot Library in Palm Bay during the month of May. There will be a locked display cabinet for our items. If you wish to display some of your items, make sure that you have a 3 x 5 card with your name, description of item, type of wood and whether it is for sale or not. If it is for sale, make sure you include the price. If it is not for sale, make sure that information is on the card, too. Russ will even pick up your items to take to the Library. Russ and Gary have asked the members to participate in the **demo at the Library on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM**. There is a covered porch where the demonstrations will be held. If you can make items that are interesting and don't take a long time to complete, please sign up for this. Suggested items are spinning tops, pens (ready to be turned – already drilled, tube attached, etc.) or any items that are small and quick to make. You don't have to be a master turner, just enthusiastic about turning.

Remember to bring your own tools, wood and especially safety gear.

See next page for demo handouts from Gary Christensen. Also included is Gary's idea for getting more club recognition in the community.

Demonstrator – Gary Christensen Turning a Walking Cane

Gary was working (volunteering?) at one of the Galleries in Melbourne for a while, but quit when the effort he put in out-weighed the benefits. While he was at church one day, he thought about making walking canes. He said there were a lot of elderly people walking around with “ugly” canes. So he decided to make some pretty ones from wood and donated them to those people. Below is a handout from Gary on how he makes walking canes.

Turning a cane

Materials needed

- 1.5" x 1.5" x 32" or greater straight grained wood (may be several pieces)
(1" x 2" or wider wood can be used when glued)
- 2 Spindle turning tools skew chisel bowl gouge roughing gouge or similar
3. Brass cane head
4. Rubber tip for chair
5. Epoxy or glue

Step one

Cane wood or pieces of wood are mounted between centers on the lathe. Turn wood until round and sand. If cane is multi-pieces then first drill recess hole for connectors and center wood on these recess holes.

Step two

Make a tennon into steps to fit inside the head of the cane head.

Step three

Cut cane to appropriate length. Complete final sanding and finish on cane

Step four

Epoxy the head onto the top of the cane and epoxy the connectors into the appropriate holes. Be careful not to get epoxy into the threaded area of the connectors. Place rubber tip on the opposite end of the cane.

Cane should be complete and be checked for sturdiness.

Some optional embellishments for a cane:

- Wood burning designs'
- Carving
 - Power
 - Hand carve
- Texture lathe tools
- Contrasting wood 'ring'
- inlays
 - Wood
 - Metal ribbons
 - Natural stone pieces
 - Metal chips
- Wood dye
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This is another handout from Gary. Thanks Gary for a great demonstration.

CareCane or Raising Cane concept

1. Club or members buys cane hardware from Crafts Supply as part of Jim's \$1000 order – cost \$12.17 ea. w/ discount for the head hardware and \$5.12 for brass treaded connectors. That some will need to make them on lathes w/ shorter ways.
2. Club or member buys wood for shaft of cane. Home Depot (HD) is selling poplar turning blanks 1.5"x1.5"x32" at \$2.25 each. These make a cane 34" to 35" tall. Ok for many cane users.
3. Club or member buys rubber chair tips (about 4 for \$2) at Lowe's or HD
4. Person (s) who will get a cane gives height measurements.
5. A member turns and finish a cane and present to the person. (Participating members with mini or midi lathes may be able to turn 2 piece canes using brass connectors - \$5.21 for 2 different sizes

Total cost per carecane less than \$20 ea. The project could yield up to 10 canes per \$200.

Other considerations

Could use Raising Cane as project name

The Art and Antique Gallery (currently I am a member) is willing to put us in as a "Artist of the month" in summer or fall of 2015 including (I think there is a \$200 fee but it might be waved for this)

- Newspaper articles & ads
- Request for wooden cane donations to be reworked by club
- A first Friday guest artists
- A Sat. afternoon 2 lathe demo in courtyard
- Posting on the gallery web pg. and on gallery facebook pg. and their newsletter
- Promo posters

Gallery needs club to confirm and which month we like at least 3-4 months in advance (gallery rep. will be in touch)

Crafts Supply - (13% Disc)
Cane Head - \$12.13
Connector - 2.30 (1 Pair)

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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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