

December 2013

December 4, 2013

We'll folks it's was that time of year. Tri-County's annual Christmas dinner and Chinese gift exchange party was held Wednesday evening December 4th. Tony and Sons of Ybor City catered the food. Rudy Lopez was gracious enough to coordinate this part of the party for all to enjoy. Members and guests provided appetizers, desserts and drinks. Everyone walked away with full tummies and a surprise Christmas gift provided they came with one to exchange.

The efforts of Judy Francisco, our president was acknowledged through several plaques. Other member recognized for their contributions this past year were Rudy Lopez, Glenn Ploeckelmann, Jim Smith, Bob Varner and Tony Parisi. New club officers were introduced. These introductions included Dave Joffere President, Don Watson Vice President, Neal Janis Secretary, and Bob Varner Treasure. If I missed anyone or misspelled any ones name that received acknowledgment, I do apologize.

Club Business:

It was announced that no club meeting will occur in January due to its occurrence on January 1st. Please be safe and enjoy the New Year.

Members are reminded that the Florida Symposium at Lake Yale is January 31st thru February 2nd.

Members are reminded that the deadline for contest entry registration to the Florida State Fair is December 16th.

Rudy Lopez asked members for a show of hands for interest in a Saturday demonstration from Alan Lancer. There were about 15 – 20 members that indicated an interest in this event. Alan will be in Florida sometime the latter part of March. The cost per member to participate in this function would be around \$15-\$20 per member. The exact cost and dates will be announced when final details are determined.

November 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes November 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by President Judy Francisco. Eighty-six members and two guests were present.

SHOW AND TELL

A spalted cherry set of five bowls finished with Odie's Oil, a cherry hollow form nicely embellished with pyrography, a persimmon spalted bowl made from raffle-prize wood, several Christmas ornaments, a live oak saucer, and two citrus hollow forms. A weed pot and a LARGE sycamore bowl with fluted edge. Two camphor plates, one demonstrated positive aspects of an "accident," and one just showing off beautiful grain. Camphor hollow forms, a box elder hollow form and pine and cedar square plates. A home-made parting tool, a "penny platter," a stool with oak legs and a cherry seat, a rededicated bowling pin mallet, fluted small citrus hollow form, a classic citrus hollow form and a butternut hollow form.

THANK YOU

To Carl and Jan for the great job they do with our audiovisual equipment. Thank you to Jim Johnson for helping with our raffle.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner provided a budget report indicating that we are solvent. Funds from lights members purchased last month helped replenish our treasury.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Glenn Ploeckelmann nominated members who were elected to the following offices:

President - Dave Jolliffe

Vice President - Don Watson (Glenn and Jim will help until Don assumes the position.)

Treasurer - Bob Varner

Secretary - Neal Janes

Accolades and thanks to this year's officers!

OLD BUSINESS

Florida Woodturning Symposium. Registration for the Florida Woodturning Symposium at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center is on-line. It will be held on January 31st - February 2nd, 2014. Funds provided by the AAW Symposium have been allocated to assist six of our members to attend next year's Symposium. Each of the members, who have not attended a previous Symposium, was allocated \$150.

Club BBQ. Our annual Family/Club BBQ/Cook Out/Pot Luck was held on October 26 at Rudy Lopez' home on the Hillsborough River. The club provided BBQ and members brought covered dishes and desert. A great time was had by all.

Demos. One of the discussions at the cook-out was related to the need to increase participation at our meetings by providing help to members in how to present demonstrations. The AAW has recently completed a video on demos. Next year, Rudy will hold a workshop on the topic.

Hands-On Workshop. Mark your calendar for a TCWT all-day hands-on workshop. As part of our club's continuing commitment to help each of us develop our turning skills we will be having another of our workshops on November 16th from 9:00AM - 3:00PM. It will be held at Carlos **Rañon's** warehouse, 5109 N. Howard Avenue, in Tampa.

The theme of this workshop will be "Turning Natural Edge Bowls." If you have something special that you want to turn please bring it along. Please bring safety gear, gloves if you use them, bowl gouges, and good sturdy shoes (no open toes or flip-flops).

Coaches will be on hand to help with questions and proper tool use. A few extra grinders and a few extra lathes would be greatly appreciated. Pre-registration is not required, but we will be asking for a donation of \$10 to help with lunch and refreshments.

Florida Sate Fair. The Florida Sate Fair will be held on February 6-17. Deadline for entering work is December 16th.

NEW BUSINESS

TCWT Christmas Party. Our Annual TCWT Christmas Party will be held on December 4th, instead of our usual monthly meeting.

Following discussion of menu alternatives, it was decided that we would have the same menu as last year, with lasagna, roast beef, chicken picata, salad, and gumbo. Rudy will coordinate arrangements. Members (and their guest) are asked to bring a dish to share; those with last names beginning with A thru J are asked to bring a desert dish; those with last names beginning with K thru Z are asked to bring a side dish.

Each member is asked to bring a piece for the gift exchange.

Dues. We would like to expand the demos and number of guest turners we bring in. Several proposals related to fund raising were considered. It was

proposed that, beginning with our next fiscal year in January, we will raise dues by \$5.00, going from \$20 annually to \$25 annually. The proposal was approved by acclamation.

Safety. Possible Health Risks of 80 Woods. Art Worth briefly discussed health risks and toxicity related to different woods. Bruce Engler has developed a handout on the topic; it is posted on the Internet. Thank you Art.

Fund Raising.

Dave Jolliffe showed a unique wooden cowboy hat and stand. The cowboy hat, by Richard Morris, will be raffled off Dec. 19 and the winner need not be present. Raffle ticket cost is \$5.00 of which 50% goes to the Tri-Country treasury. Angel **Rañon** was the lucky winner of the "gold plated" bowl gouge!

PROGRAM

Our presenter was Franck Johannesen who demonstrated how to turn a mushroom from Norfolk Island Pine. Franck is a founder and past president of the Sarasota Woodturners chapter of AAW. Thank you very much for another great demo!

October 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes October 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by President Judy Francisco. Fifty-six members, including two new members and three guests were present.

SHOW AND TELL

A spalted Hickory natural edge bowl, "looking thru the wormhole," a spalted Oak bowl, a natural edge Florida Rosewood bowl, a yellow spalted Maple bowl, a Cherry bowl, a fluted Camphor chalice-Halloween Candy Bowl, a thin natural edge hollow form. A Monkey Pod burl hollow form, a small NFIP hollow form. A "Pine Cone" vase-Bottle Brush hollow form, a "red corpuscle" two-sided platter, a Purple Heart hollow form with a threaded lid and a number of beautiful pens in a roll.

THANK YOU

To Carl and Jan for continuing to do such a great job with our audiovisual

equipment. Thank you to Jim Miller for your ongoing great work with our web site. Also to Ralph Turner for organizing our raffle. Thanks to Bob Varner for ordering and distributing the LED lamps.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner provided a budget report and noted that monies from the lights he ordered last month will be coming in to help replenish our funds. Don Watson also donated \$ to the club from the bowl rough-outs he had as part of his demo last month. Tonight's raffle included some pieces purchased from North Woods at Super Club bargain price.

OLD BUSINESS

Funds are still available to assist someone to attend next year's Florida Symposium at Lake Yale. If you have not yet been to a Florida Symposium and would like to be considered for tuition assistance, please contact Judy.

Our annual Family/Club BBQ/Cook Out/Pot Luck will be held on October 26 at Rudy Lopez' home on the Hillsborough River. Plan to arrive at about 1:30. The club will provide the main course: BBQ. Bring a dish to share. Please bring chairs and folding tables if you have them. Directions are on the TCWT Web Site.

Mark your calendars for a TCWT all-day hands-on workshop to be held at Angel Ranon's shop on November 16th. We'll probably be turning natural edge bowls.

NEW BUSINESS

Registration for the Florida Woodturning Symposium at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center is now on-line. It will be held on January 31st - February 2nd, 2014

The Polk County Woodturning Club is still collecting pens for veterans. If you can help, please contact Adam Hood.

The Florida State Fair will be held on February 6-17. Registration forms will be on line after October 10th and the deadline for entering work is December 16th.

Elections for TCWT Officers will be held next month. Judy will be vacating her post as president. Please think about volunteering to be an officer; our club can't work without you.

Safety. Art Worth discussed safety features for home made tools. Especially important is that we put ferrules on the tool end of the handle. Ferrules can be

made from copper pipe and fittings and brass plumbing fittings. One of our members suggested wrapping the end with string and soaking it with CA glue. Don't forget plastic tubing to protect the end and to protect yourself! Great Reminders! Thank you Art.

Fund Raising.

Dave Jolliffe showed a special fund-raising item for next month's raffle, a Special Gold Colored Bowl Gouge! It is half inch size, 23" overall length.

Dave also showed a unique wooden cowboy hat and stand. The cowboy hat, by Richard Morris, will be raffled off Dec. 19 and the winner need not be present. Ticket cost is \$5.00 of which 50% goes to the Tri-Country treasury.

The Hands-On-Woodturners club will be sponsoring an all day demonstration featuring Lee Sky on Sat. Oct 5 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the VFW Post 10087, 2170 West Vet Lane, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Cost is \$15.00 per person, including lunch.

Buy and Sell.

Charles Reynolds has a Jet BVC1200 Dust collector wired for 220V he would like to sell. (813) 654-0498.

Glenn Ploeckelmann has a Miter Saw and a 4"Delta Jointer for sale. (813) 948-2264.

Art Worth has a 9" Delta (tabletop) Bandsaw for sale. (727) 641-3019.

PROGRAM

Our presenter was Lee Sky from Ft. Lauderdale. Lee demonstrated the making of his miniature birdhouses, some with threaded tops and others with glued tops. He likes NFIP knots for the bird house bodies and a different wood for the lid. Lots of great hints plus a detailed primer on manual threading. Some neat ideas that are so straight forward, once he mentions them (e.g., using turning thread-shavings to make nests and palm seeds to make eggs). Lee uses Permapaque Markers to color chatter work. Thank you very much!

September 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes September 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order with a new gavel at 6:45p.m. by President Judy Francisco. Forty seven members and one guest were present.

SHOW AND TELL

Two natural edge bowls, one very nice maple bowl, hollow forms, a flat plate and a large Chinaberry bowl. Another large bowl with a scooped rim, several sets of stoppers, two camphor bowls and a clock and a spectacular-grain bowl. A spalted bowl that began as an urn but got smaller, a small hollowed box and a box with finials. A chalice with two rings, a LARGE Rosewood bowl, a blue-dyed maple hollow form with a finial. A loooong stemmed crepe myrtle goblet. A thin walled red maple salad bowl and a thre-winged-bowl.

THANK YOU

To Carl and Jan for doing such a great job with our audiovisual equipment. Thank you also to Jim Johnson for organizing our raffle.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner reported that we are solvent.

OLD BUSINESS

We still have funds from the AAW Symposium to assist someone to attend next year's Florida Symposium at Lake Yale. If you have not yet been to a Florida Symposium and would like to be considered for tuition assistance, please contact Judy.

Judy reviewed progress the new Brooksville turning club is making. Several of our members have been very helpful in getting them started. A motion to donate the old video projector that we are no longer using to them was made and passed.

A person interested in swapping Sugar Maple and Cherry for Norfolk Island Pine and Camphor has contacted Glenn Ploeckelmann. Please call him if interested.

Adam Hood is trying to assist a blind turner who needs funds for equipment. Please contact Adam if you can help.

The newly founded Brooksville Club is attempting to raise funds for a very sick little girl. Please get in touch with Judy if you can help.

Mark your calendars for our annual Family/Club BBQ/Cook Out/Pot Luck to be held on October 26 at Rudy Lopez' home on the Hillsborough River. Bring a dish to share and the club will provide the main course: BBQ. Don't forget chairs and a folding table if you have one !!

NEW BUSINESS

Registration for the Florida Woodturning Symposium at the Lake Yale Baptist

Conference Center is now on-line. It will be held on January 31st - February 2nd, 2014

Mark your calendars for a TCWT all-day hands-on workshop to be held at Carlos Ranon's shop on November 16th.

Safety. Dave Jolliffe recalled David Ellsworth's comments about speed and the importance of using appropriate speed for your turning. He noted the importance of the tool rest and discussed examining the stock you are turning prior to mounting it on the lathe. He strongly suggested that you always remove the bark on Norfolk Island Pine before turning. Some great reminders! Thank you Dave.

Buy and Sell: Shoe Booties-Alice Edwards has made a batch she is selling at a very reasonable price; contact her if interested. Shirts with TCWT Logo and Lamps: contact Bob Varner if interested.

PROGRAM

Our presenter was Don Watson who provided an excellent review of basic lathe and safety techniques while demonstrating how to turn a winged bowl. Thank you Don.

August 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes August 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. by President Judy Francisco. Seventy-two "old" members, two "new" members and three guests were present.

SHOW AND TELL

Jim Mullen brought the maple bowl he had begun in his fluting demo in July. He also brought two ash goblets that had woodburned decoration, one with left hand and one with right hand fluting. As with several other Show-and-Tell pieces, Odies Oil and buffing was used for finishing.

Other items included a Podocarpus Bowl with natural openings, a Box Elder Vase with beautiful pink tones, a laminated platter, two other platters, one of Koa wood from Hawaii, and one of Spalted Maple decorated with carving tools, a threaded jewelry box with inset, a Camphor Bowl with inset and finial, and a large Camphor bowl with dramatic grain. A LARGE Rosewood elbow hollow form and a soft Maple bowl and many chatter tool/multicolored tops. Two utilitarian pieces, a Red Cedar fork and a fruit tree soap dispenser holder completed the display.

THANK YOU

To Carl and Jan for going "above and beyond" with the audiovisual equipment. Thank you also to Jim Johnson and Dave Jolliffe for organizing our raffle; there was LOTS of wood!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner reported on income and expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS

We still have not appropriated the funds designated for education that were provided from the AAW Symposium. Only one person has applied for registration assistance to be used for next year's Florida Symposium. If you have never been to a Florida Symposium and would like to be considered for tuition assistance, please contact Judy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark your calendars for our annual Family/Club BBQ/Cook Out/Pot Luck to be held on October 26 at Rudy Lopez' home on the Hillsborough River. Bring a dish to share and the club will provide the main course: BBQ. Don't forget chairs and a folding table if you have one !! Check the TCWT Web Site for directions

Safety. Art Worth presented tonight's Safety topic, Part Two on SPEED, Your Friend, or Your Enemy. In this second of two parts, Art discussed the relationship of rpm and size of the piece being turned. He showed a shattered bowl and strongly suggested that as we are finishing an operation we turn the speed down to ensure that the lathe starts off slowly for the next step or new piece of wood. Art also suggested that when we are using a scraper for smoothing, the lathe be run at a slow speed to avoid catching it in a groove. SLOW SPEED CAN BE YOUR FRIEND.

Judy briefly discussed progress the new Brooksville turning club is making in getting started. Several of our members have been very helpful in helping them. Judy noted that we have a video projector we are no longer using and asked for a motion that it be donated to the Brooksville Club. A motion was made and passed by consensus.

Someone interested in swapping Sugar Maple and Cherry for Norfolk Island Pine and Camphor has contacted Glenn Ploeckelmann. Call Glenn if interested.

Adam Hood is trying to assist a blind turner. The person needs funds for equipment. Please contact Adam if you can help.

The newly founded Brooksville Club is attempting to raise funds for a very sick little girl. Please get in touch with Judy if you can help.

Buy and Sell. Alice Edwards has made a batch of shoe booties that she is selling at a very reasonable price. Contact her if interested. John Alleman is looking for a good craft show set-up. Please contact him if you have something.

PROGRAM

Our presenter was Don Geiger who demonstrated how to turn decorative work using different centers. A detailed handout is available on his web site, www.geigersolutions.com. **Look in New and Hot or Tech Notes and Instructions. Thank you Don.**

July 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes July 3, 2013

President Judy Francisco opened the meeting at 6:50.p.m. Forty-two members and one guest were present.

The meeting opened with Judy providing accolades for all of the help TCWT members provided for the AAW Symposium. Special thanks to Jan and Carl for their assistance with video, to John Long for all of his efforts in providing wood as requested by demonstrators and to Rudy Lopez for his overall efforts in helping to make the Symposium work. Officers of the AAW provided high praise for the planning and hard work and last minute accommodations that our members contributed to make the Symposium such a success.

In a token of gratitude for all of our help, the AAW presented TCWT with a

\$1,500 grant for education. It will be allocated to TCWT members who have not previously attended the Florida Woodturning Symposium and who could use some financial assistance to attend next year. See Judy for information.

Congratulations to Andrew Janis, winner of one of the Jet Lathes from the Youth Room at the Symposium.

SHOW AND TELL

Jim Mullins, our demonstrator this evening, brought five examples of fluted bowls that were very impressive. One of them was a blue ribbon winner from the Florida State Fair. His presentation demonstrated the techniques he uses to make them.

We were also treated to a number of Bonnie Klein style tops made with chatter tooling and color. An ornament with a very nice finial completed Show and Tell.

THANK YOU

To Neal and Andrew Janis and Dave Jolliff for help with the raffle and to Carl and Jan for their usual great work with the audiovisual equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy circulated a roster asking for corrections to email and phone numbers.

The Northwest Figured Burl raffle was postponed until a future meeting when we would have greater attendance at a meeting,

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner reported that we are still solvent.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety. Art Worth presented tonight's Safety topic, beginning with a bit of the history of OSHA. His talk dealt with SPEED, Your Friend, or Your Enemy. In this first of two parts, he reviewed material from "Turning Wood," by Richard Raffan, and discussed the relationship of rpm and surface speed, reminding us that outside diameter of the workpiece significantly influences surface speed. Great reminders!

PROGRAM

Fluting. Our presenter was Jim Mullins, a tool and die maker from Clearwater. He described the dividing disk and the sled-table that he made to support the high-speed grinder. His presentation demonstrated the techniques he uses to create the fluting with carbide bits or router bits or rounded-end sanding drums. An impressive demonstration! He makes and sells all or parts of the fluting mechanism; for information, phone him at (727)397-2452.

June 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes June 5, 2013

President Judy Francisco opened the meeting at 6:45.p.m. Fifty-seven members and four guests were in present.

SHOW AND TELL

The meeting opened with some very impressive items for Show and Tell. An ash goblet and a maple bowl with fluted sides created a lot of interest. Jim Mullins, a tool and die maker from Clearwater, created jigs for them; he will present our featured demo at our August meeting.

Other interesting pieces included a cherry bowl, a sphere, peppermills, an awesome popcorn bowl, two boxes, of cocobola and hard maple, with VERY tight tops, and pecan and sycamore natural edge bowls from the wood-gathering a while back.

A beautiful three bowl set, a spalted bowl, a natural hollow form and a red gum bowl with a mahogany insert. A very thin-sided bowl, camphor with woodburned decorated edge; two natural edge bowls, Podocarpus and mango and camphor bowls. A chinaberry bowl with polyurethane and Beall Finish and a "Mickey Mouse" fluted bowl.

THANK YOU

To Jim Johnson and Dave Jolliff for conducting this evening's raffle.

To Rudy. The Swing-Away for the club Powermatic has arrived and will be installed tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer, Bob Varner, is out of town and was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Income from last month's raffle has been added to the treasury.

The passing of Dale Nish, one of the "fathers" woodturning was reported by Rudy. Dale was a professor at Brigham Young University for many years and authored four benchmark books, the most popular of which was Creative Woodturning. His work, lectures and demonstrations served as inspiration to many. We are indebted to his good work. A sympathy card was circulated for

signatures and will be sent to his family. Our condolences to his family.

Bowl Challenge. Each year the local organizers hosting the AAW Symposium select a charity as the recipient for funds from the ReTurn to the Community Project. This year, proceeds will benefit Tampa Crossroads, a community effort to support homeless female veterans and veterans with families. At last count, the Jacksonville Club has donated 60 bowls. Paula Nicks' club has donated some 135 bowls! We need bowls!

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Symposium on Sunday evening.

Exhibit and demos at Tampa International Airport by Tri County Woodturners during the week prior to the Symposium. Please let Rudy know if you can participate.

Commemorative Powermatic lathe will be auctioned at the Symposium. Please see Rudy for tickets.

Art Worth brought "Bottoms" handouts for his recent presentation.

Turning Saturday Hands On was a great success. Thanks to Angel for allowing us to use his building and to Rudy for the chainsaw demo.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety. In an effort to make everyone more conscious of safety we will dedicate a few minutes at each of our meetings to the topic. It began this evening with an excellent presentation from Sherry Hockenbery on Chuck Safety. Some great reminders!

PROGRAM

Our presenters were James Tinghitella & Paula Nicks. James is the creator of Odie's Oil, and a fine woodworker, furniture designer, forestry pioneer and hardwood importer. James demonstrated the application and use of Odie's Oil and offered it and other related products to club members

Paula as many of you know, is the creator of the Dust Bee Gone mask. Paula also runs a successful saw mill and has access to many unique woods She described the various items Paula offered her line of safety gear and mask to club members and offered them to club members.

May 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes May 1, 2013

President, Judy Francisco opened the meeting at 6:45.p.m. Fifty-five members and four guests were in attendance.

SHOW AND TELL

The meeting opened with a wealth of items for Show and Tell. The first item was a very nice ambrosia maple shallow bowl and a smaller bowl with fluting. They were finished with Odie's Oil, a one-coat finish that is worked into the pores. A jar of the finish was included as the final raffle item this evening.

Next was a discussion of small ball turning. A new "Marvin Jig" features a Hunter carbide cutter; with practice it is possible to turn small balls that essentially require no sanding. A ball-in-a-ball-in-a-ball was also described. Impressive!

A natural edge bowl with wood burning detail followed. A "first bowl," from the root of a camphor tree. A cherry bowl with spectacular grain; a flat camphor bowl that had started as a larger bowl with biscuit inserts that didn't work.

Ambrosia silver maple three-bowl cored set that became a one bowl set! A Camphor decorated bowl. An oak mallet carved and burned onto a mallet. Several bowls for the AAW Auction. And finally a red bowling-pin hollow form left over from the bottoms demonstration last month.

THANK YOU

Thanks once again to Carl and Jan Brown who provided their usual AV and photography support! Thanks to Dave Jolliffe who again conducted the raffle. Thanks also to all of those early arrivals who helped set up for the meeting and to those who put things away at the end of the program. Special thanks to Rudy (AGAIN!) for the clean up. Thanks also to Sherry Hockenbery for making AAW T-Shirts available.

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and a copy is also posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Varner provided an update on our treasury. The primary expense during the month was the purchase of insurance coverage, to be provided thru the AAW program.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Members' Info.** Judy circulated a sign-up sheet with members' info. We were all asked to check the data next to our name and make corrections. One of the problems with the lack of responses to the Turning Saturday Workshop was probably the number of incorrect e-mail addresses in our database.
- **Turning Saturday.** We will again be offering a Turning Saturday, a hands-on workshop day for new and more experienced turners, but will delay scheduling it until after the AAW Symposium. The workshop will be held Angel Ranon's workshop/warehouse, located in the Hillsboro Armenia/ Himes area.
- **Swing Away for Club Powermatic.** Rudy will move ahead on purchasing a TailStock Swing-Away.
- **Glenn Ploeckelmann** recognized past TCWT President Les Bauer, who joined us this evening.

AAW Symposium Information

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** The 2013 AAW National Symposium will be held in Tampa on June 26-29. Rudy Lopez and Ron Browning from the Polk County Woodturners are the local leaders.
- **Raffle Bowls.** Many are Needed! Jim Smith and Glenn Ploeckelmann are collecting bowls
- **Powermatic Raffle.** Rudy has Raffle Tickets for the Blue custom-painted Powermatic lathe that will be offered at the Symposium.
- **Rudy** asked if anyone might be available to assist a blind turner at the Symposium; he would need help getting to and from the meetings and during the Symposium.

FOR SALE

- Bob Winter has a like-new Echo electric 16" chainsaw at a great price. (727)525-0593 bw1036@yahoo.com
- **John Alleman has several students who would like to purchase (inexpensive) wood lathes (813)417-0590 jpa51655@yahoo.com**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wood Raffles.** Bob Winter, from the Clearwater Turning Club, mentioned

the success they have had in raffling wood at their club meetings. We will review the possibilities after the AAW Symposium.

▪ **Program for June 5 Meeting** will be coordinated by Dave Jolliffe. It will be in two parts.

▪ Part One will be a demo of Odie's Oil Finishing products. TCWT members are asked to bring unfinished pieces to the meeting where they will be able to apply various Odie's products.

▪ Part two will be a discussion of safety concerns related to woodturning. Mechanical aids such as ear muffs and face masks, and safety fixtures on tools and work pieces will be discussed along with respiratory aids such as dust extractors and organic filters for masks.

PROGRAM

Bob Winter demonstrated how to turn Wall Sconces. Looked like really straight-forward spindle turning with a great piece of Rosewood until the punch line! Thank you Bob!

April 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes April 3, 2013

President, Judy Francisco opened the meeting at 6:45.m. Seventy-three were in attendance, including five visitors from Tampa and Zephyr Hills.

SHOW AND TELL

A Rosewood Pot-Pouri A segmented Hollow Form A bowl with lacquer finish. A Camphor Bowl. A very nice Hollow Form. Dave Keller's "Death Wish," a roughed out hollow form about ready to fly apart and likely cause some real damage completed the collection. Thanks to all for sharing your work and to Dave, for reminding us of the importance of using a face shield!

THANK YOU

For the Nametags! To Bob Varner who printed them out and placed them in holders. To Jackie Cronin, our Cheerful Greeter, who exceeded expectations

with her Welcome!

Registered (paid-up) members were issued permanent clip-on tags. Non-registered (not paid up) folks were issued paper "Hello, My Name Is..." adhesive tags. Bob Varner can help with questions regarding status. We ask that Permanent Nametags be left in the box at the side of the room so that they won't be "forgotten" for the next meeting.

Thanks once again to Carl and Jan Brown who provided their usual exceptional AV and photography support. To Ralph Turner for coffee and Dave Jolliffe who conducted the raffle. To Adam Hood for bringing in the replacement lenses for face shields.

Thanks to Jim Miller for organizing the club band-saw blade purchase.

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and a copy is also posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances. Our balance is far healthier this month, thanks to many that brought their dues up-to-date at the last meeting. Bob also reported on the status of our insurance coverage. He has extended our current coverage until the end of April, when it will be provided thru the AAW program.

OLD BUSINESS

Officers and Help at Meetings. Judy thanked the many volunteers who have taken part in, setting up and tearing down the meeting chairs and tables and who have helped with the lathe and clean-up.

Swing Away for Club Powermatic. Since our finances have improved we will move ahead on purchasing a TailStock Swing-Away.

AAW Symposium. The 2013 AAW National Symposium will be held in Tampa on June 26-29. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Rudy Lopez and Ron Browning from the Polk County Woodturners are the local leaders.

NEW BUSINESS

Bowl Making Workshop on May 4 at Angel Ranon's warehouse. Proceeds from the bowls will help donated to ReTurn to the Community, the AAW Community

project for 2013. It will support Tampa Crossroads, a community effort to benefit homeless female veterans or male veterans with minor children. The program expanded in 2011 with additional funding of the Veterans Homeless Prevention Project and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families. They continue to provide permanent housing, employment, and basic services to homeless and at-risk veterans and veteran families.

Program for May 4 Meeting will be a demo of the NOVA DVR lathe.

PROGRAM

Art Worth discussed how to finish up bowl bottoms. He described what seemed to be countless techniques to complete the bottoms of our projects. He demonstrated a homemade Longworth Chuck and a number of jam fit chucks to enable working with different sizes and shapes of forms. Perhaps most impressive was his doughnut chuck and the sampling of different rings he brought in to accommodate different sizes and shapes. A copy of his handout, "Bottoms," is posted on our TCWT Web Site. THANK YOU Art !

March 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes March 6, 2013

Our new president, Judy Francisco opened the meeting at 6:45.m. Seventy-two were in attendance. Two guests from the Lutz news were also present. (Jim Smith has posted their article on the TCWT Web Site.) Past President Tim Gates was recognized with applause.

SHOW AND TELL

A Hollow form of red eucalyptus with a finial that had an interesting story. Salt and Pepper shakers of tiger maple and a pecan peppermill. A set of nested rosewood bowls and a natural edge rosewood bowl. Another great collection. Thank you all for sharing.

THANK YOU

To Carl and Jan Brown who once again provided exceptional AV and photography support. To Ralph Turner who again conducted the raffle. To Ken Mattis who once again brought in an awesome truckload of wood. To Adam Hood for arranging for members to buy Uvex shield faceplates.

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and a copy is also posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances. Reminder: Membership donations for 2013 are due; those who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from the roster next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Officers and Help at Meetings. Judy asked for volunteers for various activities related to our meetings, in particular, setting up and tearing down the lathe.

The Woodworking Show will again be at the Florida State Fairgrounds, March 15-17. While many slots have been filled by TCWT members, Al and Sherry Hockenbery can still use help with demos.

Bandsaw Blades. Excellent quality bandsaw blades are available to order at 10c per inch from Bob Winters in St. Petersburg. Contact Bob or Jim Miller for information.

Buy and Sell. A Grainger Dust Collection unit. Contact Glenn Ploeckelmann.

Workshops. Contact Rudy or Adam Hood if you are interested in a workshop featuring James McLure. It will be held at Adam's workshop near Lakeland.

AAW Symposium. The 2013 AAW National Symposium will be held in Tampa on June 26-29. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Rudy Lopez and Ron Browning from the Polk County Woodturners are the local leaders.

Program for April 3 Meeting. Art Worth will discuss how to finish up bowl bottoms. Bring your unfinished smooth and natural edge projects for him to complete bottoms using at least six techniques to give a professional look to your project.

NEW BUSINESS

In an effort to help Judy transition to her new position, several previous and

current TCWT officers met at Smokey Bones for lunch on Wednesday, February 20. The eight who were available to meet were Judy Francisco, Glenn Ploeckelmann, Jim Smith, Carl Brown, Jan DeCamp-Brown, Jim Smith, Bob Varner and Tony Parisi. Thanks to Jan for these notes.

The following is a report from that meeting and outcomes following discussion at our meeting:

Glenn suggested going back to name tags, which everyone seemed to agree on. Bob said he'd get costs for supplies to make laminated hanging tags, since he has a laminator and could do that step for us. We will also buy some "Hi, My Name is.." tags for visitors – this will make them easy to identify. Tony mentioned having a greeter at the door to be sure new members were welcomed as they came in and introduced during the meeting. We agreed unanimously at the club meeting to do this. Bob Varner will coordinate all of this. Thanks to John Alleman who volunteered to be the greeter.

After nametags, we discussed the insurance issue. We decided that it was probably smarter to get the better insurance thru the AAW at a cost of \$425 a year, but our treasury is pretty low. Carl suggested a one-time assessment on all the members of \$5.00 to pay the insurance this year, with a possible 2014 dues increase to at least \$25/year to cover it in the future. Jim Smith discussed this at the club meeting and we agreed at the meeting to do this.

Next we talked about how to get people to help with the mechanics of a meeting. We all thought that setting up and putting away tables and chairs seems to be happening, but perhaps that Judy could remind everyone that it's everybody's job. We ran through who does what now, like Ralph making coffee and doing the raffle, Carl and Jan doing the stills and video, Jim and Glenn volunteering to get demonstrators for our meetings. (It would be nice to have a third person doing the video on a regular basis then if Carl and Jan can't make a meeting, someone else would know how to make it all happen.)

We assumed Carroll would continue being in charge of the DVD rental, but housing the library in our empty cabinets. By storing them in the cabinets he wouldn't have to haul them around anymore and they'd still be accessible when he had to miss a meeting. Bob Varner volunteered to check them out in Carroll's absence.

We need volunteers to be in charge of the lathe and shavings (set-up, tear down and clean-up); but we volunteered Rudy to make a special events (turn-ins, special demos) plan, and then draft club members to do the actual work: schedule a place, arrange for food/drinks, handle everything that needs to be done to have the event. Jim and Glenn volunteered to help with this.

We also discussed Show & Tell. It seems that everyone wants to limit the long-drawn out descriptions so that S & T moves along quickly. Plus the consensus was to start S & T at 6:30, with the meeting at 7. When S & T runs long, the demonstrator's time gets cut. Jan volunteered to review this at the next meeting.

Glen also suggested that we limit the Raffle to 5 items, so it doesn't run too long. We didn't determine who would be in charge of holding us to that number.

PROGRAM

Franck Johannesen presented an outstanding program on "Chasing Scratches." How to deal with sanding scratches and imperfections on a turned surface.

It requires specialized techniques and lots of time. His discussion reviewed the basic abrasive materials available and how they affect the finished object.

Obviously we can do this only with a piece of sandpaper, but machines and gadgets will make it quicker and more pleasant. At this point the relative merits of available grits and film or paper backing were examined. He discussed power sanding, high speed and slow speed, as well as air-driven and electrical devices. Each method has plusses and minuses. He also reviewed lathe-powered devices and commercially available tools. Franck also discussed how to keep the resulting sanding dust out of our lungs.

Thanks to Franck for an outstanding demo!

February 2013

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes February 6, 2013

TCWT founders Glenn Ploeckelmann and Jim Miller conducted the meeting which began at 6:45 p.m. Seventy-nine were in attendance, including six new members and several guests.

SHOW AND TELL

Members brought in an amazing collection of their work to share. Design, finish and quality of turnings was most impressive. Included were a double bowl from

Ear Pod wood, two Oak natural edge bowls, a Raintree hollow form. A Camphor hollow form, a Chinaberry natural edge bowl, several bottle stoppers, a HUGE Rosewood bowl, a set of Cuban Mahogany natural edge bowls, a "Whirlwind " Brazilian Cherry form, A Jim Smith hollow form with an impeccable finish, a Claro Walnut pepper mill, a decorated hollow form, a beautiful Mango bowl, a Spalted natural edge bowl, a VERY thin natural edge Cedar Bowl, a large Ambrosia Maple bowl, a Camphor bowl that sought its own form, Norfolk Island Pine hollow forms with branch rays beautifully aligned, a John Jordan Style hollow form, a Cherry Burl natural edge bowl and a dented/steamed/turned Cherry hollow form. Lots of sharing of techniques and background stories. Great Work!

THANK YOU

To Glenn Ploeckelmann and Jim Smith for stepping in to conduct our meeting. To Ralph Turner who again conducted our Raffle. To Carl and Jan Brown who once again provided exceptional AV and photography support. To Ralph Turner who again conducted the raffle. And to those who donated raffle prizes: NFIP, Camphor, a sanding pad kit and a screwdriver set.

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and a copy is also posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances. Recent income included raffle monies and Membership Donations. Reminder: Membership donations for 2013 are due!

OLD BUSINESS

Officers and Help at Meetings. Glenn reminded us of the need for Club Officers and for members to set up and take down meeting facilities. Judy Francisco is our new president.

The Florida Turning Symposium was held last weekend at the Lake Wales Convention Center. TCWT member and Florida Symposium Board Member John Long thanked all who helped make it a success. He also mentioned the program for 2014. It will be held on January 31 and February 1st and 2nd. A number of outstanding turners have been invited: National turners will include Brian McEvoy, Bonnie Kline, Ashley Harwood and Mike Mahoney. Florida turners will include Keith Larret, Jim Smith, Gene Gross, Read Johnson and Rudy Lopez. Workshops will be conducted by Nick Dimona, Charlie Shrum, Dixie Biggs, Don Geiger and Ted Smith. It should be another great meeting!

Florida State Fair will be held February 9–20. The Florida Handcrafted Furniture show will be held at the Fair. Several of our members have submitted

items in the turning competition.

The Woodworking Show will again be at the Florida State Fairgrounds, March 15-17. Contact Al and Sherry Hockenbery if you can help with demos.

Upcoming Workshops. Let Rudy know if you are interested.

- **Alan Lacer** will be holding workshops in Orlando on February 21 and 22. He will hold a workshop for TCWT members @ Adam Hood's shop on Sunday February 24.
- **Cindy Drozda** will be holding workshops in Sarasota on February 16 and 17.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Walker talked about the need for burial urns for veterans. He urged our members' participation in building urns and brought along some IPE lumber cutoffs and information on dimensions. Tom Jones talloak4@msn.com is coordinating the project.

Need for a Swing-Away Tailstock for our club demo Powermatic was discussed. There may be a possibility of some sort of price break if several of our members order them. Jim Smith will check out prices and will coordinate the project.

AAW Symposium. The 2013 AAW National Symposium will be held in Tampa on June 28-30. We will need lots of Volunteers to help. Rudy Lopez and Ron Browning from the Polk County Woodturners are the local leaders.

PROGRAM

Al Hockenbery presented an excellent demonstrated on types of gouges, sharpening and turning techniques.. He provided an overview of the basics for us all to reflect on and reminders for more experienced turners. Thank you Al!

January 2013

riCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes January 2, 2013

Former president Rudy Lopez opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Sixty-three members and five guests were present.

SHOW AND TELL

An impressive collection to start the New Year. A beautiful collection of pens. A natural edge Hickory bowl. Two peppermills; one of Persimmon and one of NFIP. A box in a box! A turned, carved, wire brushed hollow form aka John Jordan pattern. Christmas Ornaments (late for this Christmas; early for next Christmas). A Camphor vase. A 2 x 4 Bowl with vinegar-steel wool stain and lacquer finish. A BIG thin bowl. A Hackberry Potpourri. An Olivewood Pen.

THANK YOU

To Rudy for organizing a great Christmas celebration! Great food, special people and a fun gift exchange.

To Jim Smith who arranged for Mike Smith, (not related !) a wood dealer with sawmills in North Carolina and in Oregon who was in the parking lot with two large containers of bowl, spindle, and peppermill blanks. Great prices for exceptional wood! Mike is a small businessman with mills in North Carolina and Oregon. He is available by phone, preferable, (home, 252-235-3686, cell, 252-230-3109). Mike also has a website www.centurytreeturnings.com. Jim Smith has more information.

To Ralph Turner who again conducted our Raffle.

To Carl and Jan Brown who once again provided exceptional AV support. (Look at the demo pictures Carl posted on our web-site!)

To Ken Mattis who once again brought in a whole pickup load of camphor, and to Tom Cassidy who helped cut it.

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and a copy is also posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances. Primary recent expense was the Christmas Party. Primary source of income was the raffle. Dues (\$20) are due.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers. Recent past-presidents will discuss a recommendation for

president.

Florida State Fair will be held February 9 – 20. Florida Handcrafted Furniture show will be held at the Fair.

The Woodworking Show will again be at the Florida State Fairgrounds, March 15-17.

Florida Turning Symposium will be held on Feb 1-3. Jimmy Clewes, Hayley Smith, Jerry Kermode and Brian McEvoy will be some of the main demonstrators.

Possible Demos/Classes

- Liam O'Neill will demo gouge use and bowl turning, probably on April 21st. Check out his web site.
- Mike Mahoney may be here on July 31st?

Let Rudy know if you are interested.

NEW BUSINESS

AAW Symposium. Al Hockenberry reviewed the upcoming AAW National Symposium (Tampa June 28-30) and the need for Volunteers. In recent years, local AAW chapters have been awarded a portion of profits to acknowledge their assistance with the symposium based on the number of volunteers from their club.

Rudy Lopez and Ron Browning from the Polk County Woodturners are the local leaders.

PROGRAM

John Kriplean, from the Polk County Woodturners, demonstrated how to make Captive Rings on a baby rattle.