

November 2012

TriCounty Woodturners
Meeting Minutes November 7, 2012

Former president Rudy Lopez conducted the meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

Another outstanding collection of our members' work. Several bowls, one from citrus and one with a gesso button and several with tung oil finish. A 14" Norfolk Island Pepper Mill and a Live Oak Pepper Mill. A number of Christmas ornaments and bells. A HUGE Pine Cone. Pens. A candy Machine. A Shop Vac attachment. Finials and a Flower.

THANK YOU

To Rudy for conducting the meeting. Many thanks to Lew Wallace and Betty Morris for cleaning up the Norfolk Island Pine remnants from the yard in Town & Country. Thanks also to Joe Priest for taking the meeting minutes. We have such great members!

MINUTES

A copy is posted on the TCWT Web Site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers. Bob Varner has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Tony Parisi will continue as Secretary. We still need volunteers for President and Vice President. Please consider helping the club with these two critical leadership positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues (\$20.00) are due !

Next Meeting, our annual Christmas Party, will be on December 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.. Please bring a desert or an appetizer. Rudy will make arrangements for catering from Tony's Catering in Ybor City. Roast beef, chicken and baked lasagna for the main course, along with salad, gumbo and clam chowder. Please let Rudy know ASAP if you (and a guest) will be attending.

There will be a gift exchange. Place the gift you bring on the table. Each member who brings a gift will have a chance to pick a gift. Other members will have a chance to take that gift (at their own risk!) 2X. A gift that has been picked 3X is safe, and is then exempt from further picking.

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.

The National AAW Symposium will be held here in Tampa June 28-30. We will need many volunteers to help before and during the meeting.

Woodcrafters Club of Tampa. After seeing a TV news story about an indigent veteran buried in a cardboard box in the Florida Nation Cemetery in Bushnell, club members have been working wooden urns for veterans.

The Tampa Bay Times did a story on the club project on Sunday August 26th and also made a video that may be seen at www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/tampa-bay-woodworkers-come-together-give-veterans-proper-burials/1247951

Contact Tom Jones, Club vice President for information talloak4@msn.com or call him (813)380-0921. For info on the club, visit www.tampawoodcrafters.org.

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.

Florida State Fair will be held February 9 – 20. Florida Handcrafted Furniture show at the Fair. Contact Vernon Blackadar at vesablackadar@msn.com. Registration deadline is December 14th.

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

Cocobolo, Inc. in Pinellas Park, is closing down soon. Get there soon if you need cocobolo.

PROGRAM

Patrick Sikes www.norskwoodshop.com presented a great demo, making Sea Urchin Christmas Ornaments. He gets most of his shells from Shell Horizons, Inc., in Clearwater. www.shellhorizons.com/

His ornaments are made in three parts, a cap, a base and body, and he uses a 3/8 Bowl Gouge for most of his turning. Thanks to Pat for a great demo.

October 2012

Former president Glenn Ploeckelmann opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with forty-nine members and two guests present.

SHOW AND TELL

As usual, an outstanding collection of our members' work. A very large, a large, a medium, and a small coring of Red Eucalyptus. A Sycamore Hollow Form finished with Seal-A-Cell and Armor Seal. A sweet gum natural edge bowl and platter. A BIG camphor bowl from wood that has been drying for a year. Christmas Ornaments. A Segmented Bowl made with router and fixture in place of a decorative lathe. Handles for a Carbide Captain Eddie there-gouge set. A Rosewood PepperShaker. And a Sycamore Jack-O-Lantern Halloween Pumpkin.

THANK YOU

To Glenn for stepping in to conduct the meeting. To Andrew Janus for his help with the microphone. Thanks to Ralph Turner for conducting the raffle. Much thanks also to Glenn for bringing in all of those pieces of Camphor. And to Bob Luken for the Australian Cypress and three pieces of "mystery wood."

MINUTES

A hard copy was available at the meeting and is posted on the TCWT Web Site. Unfortunately we do not have minutes for the June July and August 2012 meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Varner provided an update on our finances. **T**here was no raffle last month. A recent major expense has been the acquisition of four Delta Midi Lathes and stands.

OLD BUSINESS

Past President Glenn Ploeckelmann and his wife have been hosting a Club barbecue for many years. In recent years it has become so successful with such attendance that it is no longer practical for him to host it. We are sorry to report that it has been discontinued and we thank Glenn and Mrs. Ploeckelmann for all of their hard work with it in the past.

The four Delta Lathes we ordered have arrived and are stored at Angel Ranon's shop. They will be used for hands-on workshops and for special events such as our booth at the Florida State Fair.

Thanks to Jim Johnson for the follow up to a question about Captain Eddie Castelin of Big Guy Productions. This is the person Bruce Woody mentioned was the source of the cutter bar he demoed at our last meeting. Captain Eddie also has quite a large collection of YouTube videos on woodturning that he produced. His Web Site, Blackhawk Tools & Big Guy Productions is: <http://eddiecastelin.com/>

NEW BUSINESS

We were glad that President Tim Gates was able to join us. Tim reminded us that election for Club officers is on the horizon and it is up to us to volunteer to make the Club successful.

A notebook soliciting ideas for programs during the coming year was circulated during the meeting.

All of the mats Glenn brought in sold very quickly and the club made a few dollars. Thank you Glenn.

PROGRAM: (Hollow) Christmas Ornaments with Larry Hasiak

Larry provided an excellent demo with many side notes. He has been turning Christmas Balls for 25 years and has made 300-325 each year! His hollowing technique was featured in the AAW American Woodworker Winter 2000 edition.

In addition to the hollowing, he mentioned the merits of Kovax Sandpaper and the benefits of regrinding a parting tool. He makes hangers out of brass wire. Larry likes ML Campbell MagnaMax PreCatalyzed Lacquer.

Quite a demo! Thank you Larry.

September 2012

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS Monthly Meeting September 5, 2012

Vice President, Rudy Lopez, opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Sixty members and two guests were present.

Show and Tell

Another impressive collection. Several pieces of Norfolk Island Pine, including a vase and a bowl. A unique barrel/bowl, also of NFIP received a lot of attention. A massive Red Cedar calabash was also interesting. A set of Spalted Oak salt and peppershakers, just barely saved from disintegration, were nicely done.

Rudy Lopez had won a scholarship to the Craft Supply classes at the Florida Symposium. He generously donated it Andrew Janus. At the end of June, Andrew, and his dad Neil, spent five days in Provo, where Andrew participated in intense hands-on workshops at Craft Supply with Kirk DeHeer as a primary instructor. Mrs. Janus joined them in LasVegas and the family spent the next two weeks touring National Parks in the area. Andrew brought in samples of pieces he had learned to do at the workshop and others he has completed at home: a flat dyed piece, a platter with inlay, a Calabash Bowl, a box with maple and

tulip, a maple bowl, an apple and a number of birdhouses. Congratulations to Andrew and much thanks to Rudy.

Thank You

To the Jan and Carl Brown who once again provided superb audio visual support.

Minutes

Were not available for June and August.

Treasurer Report

Bob Varner provided a report on our spending and income and identified our current balance.

Old Business

The band saw blades members ordered have all been delivered. Anchorseal is available at Craftsman Supply on Busch Blvd. in Temple Terrace.

Club Lathe Purchase. It turns out that the delay in ordering the mini lathes we had approved resulted in good fortune for the TCWT. Delta now has a special where a stand is included with each lathe. We will be ordering the four lathes with chucks (and stands) during the next month.

Rudy provided an update on the health of Tim Gates, our TCWT president.

New Business The AAW National Symposium will be held in Tampa next June. We'll need lots of help.

Buy and Sell

Members announced the following items for sale: Hard Maple Peppermill Blanks, an older model Delta 14" lathe and a tabletop drill press.

The Raffle was postponed until our next meeting.

Program for the Evening: Sharpening.

Rudy began with an overview of different sharpening jigs. He also showed the templates he has made for the Varigrind attachment in order to easily replicate the Ellsworth grind. Al Hockenbery added further explanations.

The remainder of the evening was hands-on sharpening. "Thank You" for a great program to Rudy and Al. Thanks also to all who provided the grinders and the coaching.

August 2012

None

July 2012

None

June 2012

None

May 2012

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS

Monthly Meeting
May 2, 2012

Former President, Rudy Lopez, opened the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Fifty six members were in attendance, along with eight guests, including two visitors from the Polk Woodturners.

Show and Tell

Members brought an impressive variety of excellent pieces to share. A Chinaberry curved bowl that originally included a natural edge. A Manzanita burl that had aged for seven years and that had a stone inclusion. . A camphor hollow form, turned using a newly acquired Jamieson Hollowing System. An "Adam Special" natural edge hollow form. Salt and Pepper grinders. A walnut square "propeller hollow form" with a pop lid/top. A camphor bowl finished with Murphy 's wipe-on. A North Carolina mystery wood (Hickory?) with black powder inclusions from Craft Supply finished with wipe-on poly. An "Orchid Holder" hollow form. Camphor pepper mill. A black wood pepper mill. A weeping willow burl hollow form, much smaller than thought. A hollow form with holes. An olive wood box. A square burl plate. A "Junque Box" pen for writing on turnings.

Minutes. Copy on book at table and also on the TCWT Web Site.

Treasurer Report . Bob Varner, our new Treasurer, provided a report on our spending and income and identified our current balance.

Thank You!!

- To Carl Brown went "above and beyond" his usual good work this evening to unravel a spaghetti mess of audio, video and power cables to provide exceptional audio and video. To Judy Francisco and Andrew Janis, who helped.
- To Ralph Turner, who organized the raffle and agreed with members' queries that they had the winning ticket.
- To all who supported the Al Stirt demo. We had a good turnout for an excellent session.

Old Business

Bandsaw Blades. Bob Winter will be ordering bandsaw blades from a company that fabricates them in St. Petersburg. The blades have earned excellent reviews from TCWT members and are an excellent value. They are ½ x 4 tpi and are available in whatever lengths we need. An order will be going in during the next few weeks. Contact Bob Varner or Rudy if you would like some.

Club Lathe Purchase. Following last month's discussion, Rudy has been shopping to get the best deal for our club. Craft Supplies, in Utah appears to have made the best offer; Delta 12" lathes with variable speed and a 1 hp motor and a Nova chuck for \$730 shipped.

They will also give us a good price on a set of five tools. Considerable discussion followed with the general opinion being that it would be hard to beat the Delta quality and features and the price offered by Craftsman Supply. We would fabricate our own wooden bases, enclosed to hold accessories and to provide security. The lathes will be stored at Glenn Ploeckman's.

In view of the treasury balance a motion was made and passed unanimously that we purchase three lathes and not purchase the tools.

New Business

Rudy asked for an indication of interest in a hands-on workshop, to be held in late summer/early fall. He'll need help organizing it.

He also discussed the need for a Tilt-Away tailstock attachment for our Powermatic 3520. No recommendation was made and discussion will be continued at our next meeting.

Rudy made a very difficult announcement: Tim Gates, our TCWT president, is hospitalized, suffering from a very serious illness. All paused in a moment of silence with prayers and good wishes. We all admire and respect Tim and his many contributions to TCWT and hope for the very best for him and his family.

Buy and Sell

- Bob Winter is selling a very nice Jet 1642. He also has a Rikon Mini Lathe for sale.
- Art Worth has a Jet 1220 Mini Lathe he is selling.
- Groupon has a special bargain ticket for Woodcraft.

Demonstration

A demonstration by Art Worth doing a multi axis lidded box. Many thanks to Art for a great demo with many hints on two-axis turning and fitting lids so that they POP! Art will provide plans and instructions on the TCWT Web Site.

April

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS

Monthly Meeting
April 4, 2012

TCWT President Tim Gates is away on business and past president Rudy Lopez conducted this evening's meeting.

Doors were opened at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. We were all impressed with the new audio system Rudy purchased with a headset that includes an integrated microphone.

- Sixty two members and guests were in attendance.
- Rudy began the meeting by welcoming guests from the Eagles and the Plantation and a snow bird from Pennsylvania.
- Tom Whittington, past president of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa mentioned the tools he is helping sell for the widow of a member who had died. He also showed examples of his friend's handiwork in making numerous toy trucks he had donated to youngsters over the years. Available tools include a band saw, table saw, belt sander, hand miter saw, craftsman routers, forstner bits, grinders, a Dremel Scroll saw, a sliding compound saw, a Delta 12" planer, mortiser, Freud biscuit joiner, Delta floor drill press, 6" jointer, a belt sander, cordless drills, a crossfeed machinist vise and shop vac, among others. Tom is having an open house/sale of the tools on Saturday, April 14th. Please e-mail him at whitt944@gmail.com or phone him @ 777-9295 for information.
- Rudy brought us profound thanks for our moral and financial support from Adam Hood. Adam now has an exceptional "Independence Lathe" provided at half price by the Robust Corporation.
- Saturday, April 21st is the date of an all-day workshop by Ron Browning on Segmented bowls at no charge to members. The workshop will be held at Adam Hood's shop in Lakeland. Contact Bob Varner (863.205.6670) or rvarner10@tampabay.rr.com for information.

- Anchor seal is available at an excellent price at Craftsman Supply.
- Band saw blades will be ordered as needed.
- Reminder. We still have a few openings for the three day "Al Stirt" class on April 11, 12 and 13 at the Hockenbery Shop. Cost will be \$350 to \$400 for the three day Hands-On class.
- We also have a number of openings for Al's all-day demo on Saturday the 14th here at the Lutz Community Center. Cost for the day with lunch and drinks included it will be \$25 at the door. Al is an outstanding internationally known woodturner with flawless technique and an abundance of information regarding symmetry in bowls, embellishing such as fluting, beading, carving and his trademark decorative graffiti carving. Go to his website <http://www.alstirt.com/index.html> for examples of his outstanding work. This will be an all day class, from 9-4:30 with lunch provided. Contact Rudy (813.988.3460) rudy@rudolphlopez.com for information.
- Thank you to Carl once again for his work with the AV system. Thank you to all of the Volunteers who staffed the Woodworking Show. Thank you to Jackie Cronin who ran the raffle, Thank you to Judy for her help with the AV and to Andrew Janis, who helped with cameras.
- Treasurer Needed !! Due to a number of conflicts, Joe Priest will not be able to continue as TCWT Treasurer. Bob Varner volunteered to assume this position. Our thanks to Joe and gratitude to Bob for helping with this demanding position.
- Glenn Ploeckelmann made a motion that club officers be authorized to write checks for up to \$300 for purchases for the club. (Rudy had needed on-the-spot authorization to write a check for a bargain from Ron Brown at the Woodworking show for a set of DVDs for the Club library.) The motion was passed.
- Glenn also made a motion that we use available educational funds to purchase several lathes for use by members at hands-on workshops. Discussion regarding model of lathe, features, tools, need for storage, etc. followed. Glenn will organize a committee to review the recommendation and report to the membership at our May meeting.
- The Delta Midi-Lathe donated by Glenn for auction to benefit Adam was won by Tim Gates. The event was a great success and we raised \$1560 for Adam Hood. Tim graciously donated the lathe to be auctioned again this evening. Proceeds will be used for TCWT educational activities. Glenn Ploeckelmann, the original donor of the lathe, was the winner! Glenn decided to give the lathe to a gentleman who would like to become a turner but does not have a lathe; we look forward to meeting him at a future meeting.
- Jim Smith, our salt- and peppermill turner extraordinaire gave a testimonial on the need to wear a face shield while turning. His discussion made an impressive point and we were glad that he was able to provide the testimonial.
- Show and Tell
Peppermills, one black walnut and one laminated maple and cherry. A number of very small miniatures. An ambrosia maple hollow form. Spalted magnolia plate with cup. Candle holder and a lidded box that started out as gavels. A top with a plastic tip. Rosewood Hollow Forms. Salt and Pepper Grinder with laminated centers (walnut and maple and maple and walnut). A BIG rolling pin A burl bowl and burl piece with a "What do I do with it?" question. A beautiful figured oak bowl with a dark finish.

· The demonstration this evening was provided by Steve Marlow of the Florida West Coast Woodturners in Largo. Steve demonstrated his laminated bowl from scrap boards. An exceptional demo with clear explanations and an amazing product from the scrap pile.

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

March 2012

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS

Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2012

Welcome

President Tim Gates began the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with several announcements related to the raffles and auction to be held during the evening. All proceeds from the raffles and the silent auction are designated for Adam Hood, our member from Lakeland who was injured in a motorcycle accident and needs assistance to acquire a sit-down lathe.

The first raffle will be the usual general membership raffle, where holders of winning tickets can pick from the donated items on the back table. Donations were especially generous tonight, with offerings of a Porter Cable Jetstream compressor, a Protech 10" portable table saw, exceptional segmented Salt and Pepper Shakers and Rolling Pin, a camphor bowl, a 105" bandsaw blade, an original Sorby gouge, several pieces of walnut and cedar and other items.

The second raffle will be for a Delta Mini lathe and tools and faceplates, generously donated by Glenn Ploeckelmann.

There will also be silent auctions conducted for a 36 piece Forstner bit set, Nova Cole Jaws and a Norfolk Island Pine and a number of very nice bowls turned by Adam Hood.

Show and Tell

Once again, an impressive variety demonstrating exceptional workmanship. Gouge handles, a natural edge Rosewood Burl Bowl from Belize with incredible grain and a history. A maple pepper mill. Excellent pens. A VERY THIN walled goblet. A nice Eucalyptus turning. A Norfolk Island Pine piece. Several Rudy Lopez Rock-a-bye Boxes, one of which was an interesting "design opportunity" and another that was donated to the silent auction.

Welcome Guests and a New Member.

A number of visitors were welcomed from the Polk County Turning Club and three others from Niagara Falls, and Burlington, Ontario. We also welcomed Jim Edmiston who joined TCWT this evening. A total of 73

members and guests were present; several others had dropped off auction items and were unable to stay for the meeting.

Meeting

Tim began the meeting part of the program at 6:50 p.m.

Thank You !!

To Carl Brown who did his usual good work and, this evening, overcame an obstinate PA System, To Jim Smith who did a great job with auction tickets for the lathe.

To Jackie Cronin, who was drafted to conduct the membership raffle and to John Dingfelder, who was the caller for the raffle.

To Judy Francisco, who helped with the cameras, and to Andrew Janis, who also helped with cameras.

To Ed Bice, who worked on the Florida Symposium.

To John Long and Don Watson who represent TCWT at the Symposium meetings.

To Bob Winter who did a great job obtaining auction donations and who was also the auctioneer.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed accounting is available in the book at the Treasurer's table.

Along with the treasurer's report we learned that thanks are due to all of our members who helped organize and staff the Florida Symposium. As a result of their hard work, TCWT has received funds to be used for Educational Purposes; a huge "THANK YOU" to all the TCWT members who helped make the Symposium a major success!

Reminders –

Tampa Woodworking Show – Fairgrounds – March 16, 17, and 18; Booth space shared among five or six clubs. Al and Sherry Hockenbery are coordinating volunteers.

Al Stirt Hands-On and Demo – April 11, 12 and 13 (at the Hockenbery Shop), with Demo at the Lutz Community Center on Saturday the 14th. The cost will be \$350 to \$400 for the three day Hands-On class and \$20 or \$25 for the Saturday demo (with lunch and drinks included). There are still a few places open for the three day class! Let us know if you would like to attend.

David Ellsworth Class – April 3rd at Daniel LeParq's shop. Class is full at this time.

For Sale

Bulk Bandsaw blades, inexpensive, good quality. Contact Rudy Lopez to order.

Jim Smith has offered the Polk County Woodturners an opportunity to purchase pepper & salt mill kits at a reduced rate and has extended the offer to TCWT members. Contact Bob Varner rvarner10@verizon.net if interested.

Information

We have learned that the wife of Doug Thompson (of Thompson Tools) has passed away. Our condolences to Doug and his family.

Demonstration

Those of you who attended the Florida Symposium may have seen Mark St. Leger turn a small box with three corners or four corners – with a lid that looks something like a wing bowl. Rudy Lopez provided an excellent demo on how to turn a Mark St. Leger-style winged bowl box.

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

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February 2012

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS

Monthly Meeting February 1, 2012

Welcome

President Tim Gates began the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Welcome Guests

We welcomed a number of visitors from winter places like New Jersey, Wisconsin, and Michigan who introduced themselves. We also welcomed five new members: Ben Friedlander, Adam Hood, Bob Rice, Art Worth and Jeff Wright. Eighty six members and guests were present.

Tim introduced Adam Hood, a new member from Lakeland. Adam was injured in a motorcycle accident several years ago and now depends on a wheel chair for mobility. He is fairly new to turning and has been working with Rudy and Jim Smith. He has also worked with Don Geiger, a Robust Lathe distributor, as Robust has been developing a sit-down model of their lathe. Robust will provide him with a new lathe at half price and Adam could really use assistance in financing a portion of the remainder. Jim made a motion, seconded by Rudy, that TCWT hold a special raffle to raise funds at our March meeting. It was approved.

Glenn Ploeckelmann generously volunteered to contribute a Delta Mini Lathe, with extension, that he has, for a special raffle next month. The raffle will have a minimal number of tickets and he will donate all proceeds to Adam. That too was approved by the membership.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Minutes from the January meeting have been posted on our Club Web Site; they are also available in the binder at the side of the room. Joe reported our balance as Joe reported that we have \$4281 in the treasury. Details are available in the Treasurer's notebook at the table on the side of the room.

Thank You

Thanks Judy for doing a great job with Raffle Ticket, to Amber who passed around the Show and Tell microphone and to the Browns for their audio/video work that enabled all of us to hear and to see.

Ellsworth Class

Rudy asked for a show of hands of those who might be interested in a one day David Ellsworth Class, probably on bowl turning. Tuition may be around \$150. He will follow up.

Old Business

- Florida Symposium – February 3-5, 2012 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. Four of our members will be attending as scholarship recipients.
- Florida State Fair. The Florida State Fair, February 9 thru February 20, 2012. We still need help in filling the time slots for the turning demos. Volunteers will receive free admission and parking. A sign up sheet was distributed.
- Tampa Woodworking Show. March 16 -18. Al Hockenbery is coordinating turning demonstrators. He will e-mail a sign up sheet for members to volunteer to work various shifts...
- Al Stirt Classes – April 11-12-13 - Hands-On Classes. All-day club demo, April 14. The Hands-On Classes will be held at Al and Sherry Hockenbery's Shop. Tuition will probably be around \$350 for the three day class. The Saturday demo will be held at our normal meeting place – the Lutz Community Center. More info as it becomes available.

Buy and Sell

Members offered a heavy duty Hawk Scroll Saw, a number of 2" and 3" Snap off Discs, MagnaMas Catalyzed Lacquer and Flow Enhancer and flat bed trailers.

Show and Tell

A beautiful set of Zebrawood sconces that were glued, turned and then split apart. A pair of spalted, natural edge bowls from the same log. Salt and pepper mills with a flawless gloss finish, of ebony and box elder. An art object that had been blued and burned. A winged bowl work of art. A rosewood platter. A lidded box with finial. A camphor lidded box with a cuff-link insert. A fruit bowl. A pen mandrel. A cherry burl platter. A cherry hollow form and other pieces from a huge burl. An awesome collection!

Demonstration: Multi Center Turnings (Turned Triangles)

Rudy Lopez introduced Al Hockenbery, who has been one of his primary mentors. Al briefly discussed some of the AAW innovations and added services, including an on-line video series. He mentioned the importance of members voting on incorporation of AAW in Minnesota as a non-profit organization. Al also noted that our very own Rudy Lopez has been designated one of the AAW Emerging Artists. Rudy will be attending the AAW meeting in San Jose in June.

Al presented an awesome demo on how to turn objects with multi centers. By turning on 3 equally spaced centers, triangles are cut on three faces. Triangles can be used to create pedestals, weed pots, tool handles, bowls, pepper mills, boxes, ornaments, furniture legs, napkin rings, and bracelets.

In the demonstration he showed how to turn a set of 3 sided napkin rings and add a unique feature to each one in the set. He also showed how a slight modification makes a Christmas Tree Ornament. . In response to a request, Al agreed to post his Power Point notes to our TCWT Web Site. Thanks to Al for a great demo!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

January 2012

TRI-COUNTY WOODTURNERS

Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2012

Welcome

President Tim Gates Started the Show and Tell portion of the Meeting, according to our new format, at 6:30 pm.

Amber brought around the microphone as members presented a number of impressive Show and Tell items. There was a first attempt pepper mill, laminated walnut and oak salt and pepper grinder set with a base, citrus Chinese bowls, natural edge bowls, a large monkey pod platter (complete with ramekin), a 1st attempt maple pen with knob, birdhouse ornaments, maple burl platters with silver and gold inlay, several classic bowls, and a cedar hollow form. There was also a closed vessel from David Ellsworth, and a camphor sarcophagus story. Several rescued firewood bowls were shown, and a neat ring holder that brought a story. Show and Tell continued until 6:50 and, after a short break, Tim began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks to Rudy for bringing in a lot of wood Don Doyle gave to the club. Thank you to Ken Mattis for the poplar and cherry he has brought in and to Roy Bennett for the impressive cherry rounds he brought in.

Welcome Guests

Jeff Wright, who is new to turning who attended the meeting with his dad;

Phil Wilson, who has been turning for about ten years; he retired to Clearwater from Ohio;

David Stoehl, from S.W. Ohio who brought an awesome dial indicator thickness gauge he made;

Bob Rice, from New Port Richey, who will be visiting for three months, he lives Pittsburgh,

67 People in Attendance

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

There were no minutes from the December meeting as that was our annual Christmas Party. Joe reported our balance as \$3,850.70; a detailed accounting is available in the book at the Treasurer's table.

New Business

Tim began the meeting by acknowledging the many contributions of Rudy Lopez, our President for the past two years. Glenn Ploeckelmann presented an engraved plaque to Rudy inscribed:

In recognition of your service

Rudy Lopez

Past President

2010-2011

Tri County Woodturners

Tim also presented Rudy with a personal token of appreciation, a knockout bar for Rudy's Powermatic. The inscription brought reminiscing and stories:

Rudy Lopez - President

TCWT – 2010 - 2011

Thanks for a job well done!

Tim reviewed the names of Club Officers for this year. Joe Priest is Treasurer. Rudy Lopez is Vice President, and

Tony Parisi was introduced as secretary. Tim also gave special thanks to Sandra Dean, who has done such a great job as our treasurer; he would also like to thank Jim Smith who does such an excellent job with our web site and the Brown family for their great work with video and P.A. And thanks again to Rudy for agreeing to help out for yet another year.

Al Hockenbery has informed us that the AAW Board has selected Tampa for the 2013 National Symposium. TriCounty Woodturners will be one of the Primary Sponsors. We will need a LOT of help. More information as it becomes available.

Old Business

Florida Symposium – February 3-5, 2012 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center – Sign up for workshops soon as they fill up quickly. Bob Winter mentioned that the Symposium is still in dire need of auction items. If you have a tool or other item you can donate, please contact Bob (727-0593). Items can also be brought to our February meeting; Rudy will take them to the Symposium.

Florida State Fair. The Florida State Fair, February 9 thru February 20, 2012. In the past we have provided turning demos at the fair and have agreed to do so again this year. We need help in filling the time slots. A sign up sheet was distributed with a request for demonstrators. Volunteers will receive free admission and parking. If you did not have an opportunity to sign up, please contact Bob Varner (863-205-6670) or send him an email: rvarner10@tampabay.rr.com

Al Stirt Classes – April 11-12-13; all day club demo, April 14. Classes will be held at the Al and Sherry Hockenbery's, north of Lakeland; they have eight lathes and a fine facility. Location of the Saturday demo TBA. Tuition has not yet been determined but will probably be between \$350 and \$400 for the three day class. More info as it becomes available.

Scholarships to the Florida Symposium – We have previously had a proposal to provide scholarships to the Symposium for four of our members. Funds for the scholarships have been provided to TCWT from the Symposium based on our members who help organize and run the Symposium. Criteria for consideration include:

1. Paid-up member of the TCWT
2. The person has not previously attended the Symposium
3. The person must commit to attend for all three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Those meeting the three criteria above can be entered into a drawing for the scholarships. The four winners will receive vouchers that will be used to pay for the registration (\$125) and for room and meals (\$107 per night for Friday and Saturday). A "winner" would have a \$250 credit toward a total cost of \$339.

Those selected will have out-of-pocket costs of only \$89 for three days of great events, demonstrations and training, the auction, hotel room for two nights, and meals for three days. If two winners opted to share a

room the out-of-pocket costs would be reduced to only \$39 per person since the double occupancy room rate is \$82 per night instead of \$107 per night for a single.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to spend the \$1,000 for the scholarships. Four names will be drawn and four alternates will also be named.

After a selection with an incomplete listing, the process was repeated and the following were selected. Congratulations to:

Winners Alternates

Andrew Janis 1. Luis Vergara
Steve Hanson 2. Dave Jolliffe
Bruce Egolf 3. Jim Johnson
Joe Priest 4. Roy Bennett

Buy and Sell

Jim Smith and his wife will be moving to University Village. He has quite a bit of wood he would like to sell, much of it hardwood from Belize. For information, call (813) 960-8892.

Bob Winter has a brand new Rikon Lathe he would like to sell. \$300 for the lathe and \$125 for a very solid metal stand.

Glenn Ploeckelmann mentioned a Delta midi and a PSA Pen Lathe are available. Phone 299-8207 for information.

Demonstration

The demonstration was provided by Kirk Moss. He did a great job showing us how he makes his three legged stools – Some special insight into the production and turning process. A great refresher on spindle work and woodwork in general.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.