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President's Message

In order for an organization to prosper it requires the combined efforts of those in the organization. The greater the number of individual members of the organization that contribute the more prosperous the organization becomes. I believe this concept is true in general and definitely applies to our club. We all have different levels of woodturning talents but we are all talented woodturners. We all have different talents outside of woodturning but we all are talented. It is time for our club to reap the benefits of your talents and prosper.



I know some members only attend a few meetings per year and others never miss a meeting. That doesn't matter; we need your ideas and your involvement. Everyone has something to contribute. If you are thinking how can I contribute I will list the many options for your involvement.

Officer of the club: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

Lead a committee or assist a committee leader. Every committee needs support. Our committees and club activities are as follows:

- Club Library
- Face Book and other social network updates
- Website updates

- Monthly Program Coordinator
- National Program Coordinator
- Community Outreach
- Safe Harbor instructor
- Videographer
- Christmas Party
- Wood Raffle
- Membership Development
- Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up
- Club Equipment maintenance and coordination
- Wood Sourcing
- Zoo Lights Demonstrator
- Fair Coordinator

As you can see from the above list there is something for everyone and if the activity you want to contribute is not listed just tell me what it is and we will add it to our list.

As required by our Articles of Incorporation, at our November meeting we will elect new officers. Nomination of those seeking office will be made at the October meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer of our club please contact me regarding your interest.

I want to thank each of you for your membership in our club. Our club continues to grow and improve each year. Let's keep that growth going.

Committee Notes

Safe Harbor – Kay Sievert

We got three new guys on Friday. Andrew, Zack and Brook, these guys are much better than the last group. They seem to be interested in the class and have some talent. They got the hang of body movement and stance very quickly and turned their cylinders round without catches, dips, etc. They had some problems with beads, especially Zack, but they kept at it. Zach was feeling bad that he just couldn't control his arms to move the right way. However, he was perfect with coves which made him feel much better. They had turned up a lot of their blank, so we had two of the boys make skinny handled mallets and had Zack turn a long taper and make a marlinspike. **Finally, we are down 2 helpers over the next couple of months so please consider helping out a couple of Fridays between now and the end of the year you don't need to be an expert you will be with an experienced turner who will run the class.**

New Members – Paul Rushton

I saw a guy looking at the turning tools at WoodCraft, he knows about our club now. You are the key to new member recruiting, be proactive.

Website – Keith Larrett

Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Kathy McCall

Come on stragglers dues are due!

Library – Liz Jensen-Forbell

The 2017 Florida Symposium discs are in for you to check out

Wood Raffle – Barbara Hahn

Clean out your shop and bring in something special!

Meeting Demos – Tina Minahan

There has been a change in the demo presentation schedule. Keith Larrett will be presenting "Easy Hollowing Form" at our September meeting. We are contacting a chainsaw manufacturer you do a presentation at our October meeting on chainsaws and to respond to any questions that we may have. Ed Malesky will be doing our November demonstration on Christmas ornaments.

National Demos – Ed Malesky

I have confirmed the dates of April 7 & 8 for Michael Mocho next year.

Secretary – Don Penny

Remember! The Fair drop-off is the end of October!

Instant Gallery





Demonstration

This month Keith Larrett will be demonstrating a small end grain hollow form like these.



Shop Tips!

Through the years, each of us learns, develops, or picks up various tips and tricks that make woodturning easier and more enjoyable. These little shortcuts help us to keep our tools razor sharp, reduce the cost of our abrasives, maintain the accuracy of our pen mandrels and produce inlays that are visually provocative. From simple tips to highly innovative solutions, here are 10 tips and tricks that have helped me to save time and money every day I'm in the studio.

1. To reduce “orange peel” and subsequent wet sanding on cured lacquers, spray light coats of lacquer thinner onto the surface, whilst you slowly rotate the project on the lathe. Small disposable sprayers like the Preval unit are ideal for this application. (Respirators with organic vapor cartridges must be worn when spraying thinners).
2. To prevent scoring wood fibers when hollowing bowls, smooth the sharp edge transition on the bottom of your bowl gouge bevel with abrasive paper, or on your grinder.
3. Before starting to turn each day, always clean your lathe bedways, headstock spindle threads and the tailstock ram to insure smooth movement and trouble-free operation. Old toothbrushes make a great cleaning aid for stubborn grit and grime and will not damage your metal surfaces.
4. To reduce subsequent wood movement on finish turned boxes,

rough turn the top and bottom sections and let them rest for two days before you complete the final turning and fitting of the lid.

5. Unless you are turning a significant number of projects every year, don't purchase large containers of finish. Most finishes have a short shelf life and may become unusable before you can empty the container. Remember, the clock starts ticking on the date the finish is manufactured, not the date you purchase the product.
6. Use a flat bastard file to remove any nicks and smooth the top of your tool rests before turning every day. A light stroke or two of paraffin wax across the top of the tool rest will also help your tools to slide along the rest smoothly.
7. When using accelerators or kickers to speed the curing of cyanoacrylate (CA or Super Glue) adhesives, always use pressurized aerosols instead of pump sprays. Aerosols produce a vastly superior atomized spray pattern versus a pump spray unit and will not leak out of the can during storage.
8. When using finishes from compressed spray cans (lacquer, shellac, plastic finishes etc.), always thoroughly shake the can for 2 minutes before using the finish. The quality of your sprayed finishes will be greatly improved if the finish is properly mixed prior to application.
9. To increase the accuracy of tool sharpening systems, build a simple wooden protrusion (depth) jig, to insure the tool extends from the front

of the jig the same distance each time before sharpening.

10. Use Bloxygen (an inert blend of gases that prevents premature curing of oil finishes during storage), or collapsible accordion style finish containers to eliminate oxygen in oil finish storage containers to extend the shelf life and prevent premature curing.

The Benefit of a Well-Made Tenon

Have you ever made a tenon for a scroll chuck only to reverse your bowl and discover it doesn't turn true? If you understand what shape and dimensions are required for a tenon to fit the jaws of your chuck most securely, and then make the tenon accurately, your bowl will turn



truer and reduce the time required to re-true it.

Most of my experience is with dovetail jaws. They pull the jaws tight against the base of the tenon as they are tightened around the tenon, which creates the best potential for a true fit. Profile jaws clamp

straight in against the tenon compressing the wood with the serrations of the jaws and are less likely to clamp with as much accuracy.

The inside of dovetail jaws, the clamping part, is smaller in diameter around the base of the tenon and larger in diameter around the end of the tenon. When the tenon is properly formed, the larger diameter of the end of the tenon will not pass through the jaws, holding the work securely in the jaws of the chuck.

It is best, when possible, to make the tenon the appropriate diameter to fit the jaws when the chuck is scrolled in nearly all the way. Scroll chuck jaws are manufactured in a completely circular form and then cut into four separate jaws that slide toward the center of the chuck as they tighten around the tenon. Vicmarc jaws form a perfect circle when there is a



2mm gap between adjacent jaws to allow for the kerf of the saw blade that was used to cut them into four jaws. When cutting a recess in a bowl blank for the outside of dovetail jaws to expand into, make the recess just larger than the jaws

when they are completely closed. When the jaws are expanded beyond a true circular form, they will still hold, but your work is more likely to turn true when the jaws make contact completely around the tenon.

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Upcoming Events

October Meeting – October 9th 6pm – 9pm

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