



North East Florida Woodturners

Volume 18 Issue 5 May 2018

An Affiliate of the American Association of Woodturners – Club Number 130 - jaxturners.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sitting down to write this month's message I looked for some inspiration on the internet. Wondering what other club President's Messages might include, I Googled the term "woodturning club president's message".

Wow. You would be amazed at how many presidents' messages out there start off with "This month's message is going to be a bit shorter than normal."

So, not wanting to buck the trend, let me start off by saying, this month's message is going to be a bit shorter than normal!

The Board recently held a planning meeting and I will be posting the minutes of the meeting on the website as soon as I have them written up and as soon as I have managed to resolve some of the technical glitches the website is experiencing. In the meantime I can give you the Readers Digest version of some of the topics discussed.

- The club is in a sound financial position and is recovering well after the purchase of the Laguna lathe last year. We have no major purchases planned for this year and the majority of our expenditures will be towards bringing in demonstrators for both

the club meeting and possibly a demonstrator in the fall.

- The question of a family rate for dues was brought up and it was decided that starting in the new year we will implement a lower family rate of \$60 per couple.
 - We decided not to bring in Jimmy Clewes to demonstrate in November. Although a popular demonstrator there were concerns that with him only available on a weekday, attendance might be low. It was felt that the monies could be spent in another area where more club members might be able to benefit.
 - We are looking into putting the club in a position to receive "remote demonstrations" at club meetings. We think we have most of the equipment needed to accomplish this and given the possibility of "bringing in" a national turner for a regular club meeting it is worth pursuing and seeing how it goes.
- The Jacksonville Fair will be soon be upon us, so start thinking about your entry to the fair. Fame and fortune beyond your wildest dreams is waiting for you!



I want to thank Tina for all the time and effort she has put into the role of Program Director. For many years now she has organized the demonstrations for our club meetings. Thanks to her hard work we have all learnt and been entertained by the monthly demonstrations she

has set up. She has decided to step back from the role and I would encourage you to take a moment to thank her for all the hard work she has done that we have all benefited from.

Thank you Tina!

While on the subject I also want to thank Daniel Callahan for stepping up and taking over the role of Program Director. So if you have any ideas about demonstrations or demonstrators you would like to see, or if you would like to demonstrate at one of the club meetings, please speak with Daniel.

Speaking of the monthly demonstrations, we have great programs already lined up for the next couple months.

At the May meeting Ernie Folino



will be demonstrating how to stabilize wood and cast pen blanks. At the June meeting Rudy Lopez will demonstrate turning a winged bowl from a piece of crotch wood.

Rudy will also be hosting a hands on workshop covering "The ABC's of turning a bowl". The workshop will be on Sunday, June 10th from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Woodcraft. Cost is \$75. If

you are interested in attending the workshop please speak with Daniel. Rudy is a very talented turner and instructor and both new and experienced turners could learn a lot from a workshop with him.

See you all at the next meeting!

Regards

Keith

Pens for the Troops

The club is sponsoring an effort to 'Turn pens for the troops'. We hope to have members turn 100 or more pens for us to donate to our active duty military. In order to reach this goal, we are asking for club member volunteers to turn a few pens to support this effort. Gill Harding is coordinating this effort.



Gill handed out 92 pen kits to 14 volunteers at the last meeting. Please bring your completed pens to the May meeting. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please contact Gill at Gill@weharding.com.

An Open letter from the President of the AAW

April 25, 2018

Hello Club members:

It's important that I take a moment to send my personal thanks to you for the work you put into organizing and managing your chapter's activities. And on behalf of the AAW Board and everyone in the headquarters office, we express our deep appreciation for the ongoing support you give to AAW.

Based on renewal rates and the personal stories that reach us, it's clear that the best way to keep people at their lathes and enthusiastic about woodturning is through engagement at the local chapter level together with the AAW's educational services.

A year has passed since we launched the limited time, half price AAW membership offer to chapter members who had never been AAW members. We viewed the promotion as a worthwhile and successful undertaking. Over that three-month period, 900 people took advantage of the discount and joined AAW.

Now, as their membership renewals come due, I request your support to help us encourage them to stay involved with AAW. All I ask is for you to offer a friendly reminder about renewing with AAW during an upcoming chapter meeting. And if your chapter has a website and/or newsletter, a reminder using those channels would also be extremely helpful.

By mid-summer we will let you know how many overall renewals we obtain. Thank you for any efforts you provide to getting word out about renewing with AAW.

Warmly,



Phil McDonald
Executive Director

Committee Reports

National Demonstrations – Ed Malesky –

We were looking at the possibility of having Jimmy Clewes here for a demo and Hands-On in November. However, we didn't think that having Jimmy Clewes in on a Monday and Tuesday would be fair to those club members who work weekdays. Also, we would need to draw enough people to fill the Tuesday hands on to cover costs so; we decided to shift to a regional demonstrator. We are going to ask Al Hockenbery. He's a great demonstrator and a great teacher.

The Michael Mocho demonstration on April 7 was a pretty big Wow! He was really terrific. Many had ever seen chattermarks made with a skew and a spindle gouge.





Nice turnout at the Michael Mocho demonstration

Demonstrators – Daniel Callahan

Daniel has just replaced Tina Minahan as our demo coordinator. Thank you Tina for your wit and enthusiasm over the years in pursuing demonstrators.

We always look forward to your input and ideas for turning demonstrations. Please contact Daniel with any suggestions you may have.

Mark Wood



Mark did a superlative job at the April meeting showing how he makes a bowl starting with examining the log to finishing the piece.

And here's the finished product, well done Mark. As always, your bowls are works of art.



Mark turned this in the span of 1 ½ hours.

New Member Coordinator – Paul Rushton –

The club has a lot of new members and I encourage everyone to wear a nametag. Nametags like the one shown here can be purchased at Woodcraft for \$7. So, please, buy a nametag and wear it so we can learn your name. If you are a veteran club member and already have a nametag, put it on so new members can learn your name.



April Meeting Show and Tell

If you can bring a folding chair, it would help.

We have a limited number of metal folding chairs at Woodcraft and no available storage capacity if we were to buy more.

Three new members signed up in April.

Welcome to new members

- Josh Sprowles
- David Retske
- Wanda Reaves

Wood Raffle – Barbara Hahn – Take a minute and gather up a log or two to bring to the raffle! It cleans up your pile and makes a few dollars for the club!

Secretary – Paul Rushton – We could use volunteers to step into some of our leadership roles. We have some members doing multiple roles and it would be great if we could get some new people involved in leadership positions in the club. Here are a few roles that could be filled by a new volunteer. Talk to Paul or Keith if you want to get involved.

- Safety Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator

Classifieds

We are starting a new section in the newsletter for ads – strictly for club members who want to buy or sell something related to tools.

As a follow-up to the conversation at our last meeting, I'm looking for a good used band saw (14", 115 volt) and drill press (1 HP).

Thanks,
Marty Leopold
mljacksonville@gmail.com
904-710-5997



Ed Malesky shows this nice cherry bowl he made.



Danny Rodriguez brought a beautifully colored small bowl to show.



Ricky Crews tried his hand at making a trembleur. A good 3 feet long and only 1/8” diameter at the narrowest places. Wow, that’s some fine turning Ricky. Check this You Tube video and learn about a French competition to make these challenging pieces. Also, learn about string steady rests. We admire your courage to try this one Ricky!
[Making a Trembleur](#)



Barbara also brought in a nicely crafted pepper mill.



Barbara (always smiling) brought us an off center piece she was proud of.



Terry Braun brought in a pair of nicely finished bowls to show.



Danny also brought this bowl that he plans to donate to Mothers' Day Bowls. Thanks Danny!



Paul Rushton brought this open segmented vessel made from maple, purpleheart and African blackwood. Paul shared his experiences turning these 3 types of wood together in the same piece.



Keith Larrett brought a sycamore bowl. The sycamore was from the Jacksonville Beach library which had some trees taken down last year and donated the wood to the club. Keith is donating the piece to Mothers' Day Bowls.

Upcoming Events

May 14 – Monthly Club Meeting

Monday May 14 - 6PM

WoodCraft Store

11160 Beach Blvd #121, Jacksonville, FL

32246

May 14 Meeting Demo:

Ernie Folino will be demonstrating how to stabilize wood and cast pen blanks.

Excerpt from October 2012 issue of *American Woodturner*.

Protect wood from chuck jaws

After trying several ideas for reversing a small turning and holding it in a chuck to finish the bottom, I devised my own method, which is simple and inexpensive. I had tried cloth, tape, foam, and electrical wire, but always ended up with marks on the turning from the chuck jaws. To solve this, I took some plastic tubing, which is available by the foot in a variety of sizes, and slid it on the chuck jaws.

For pin jaws I cut pieces the length of the jaws. For No. 2 jaws, I cut pieces long enough to cover each jaw. I cut a slit in the tubing so that it can slip over each jaw. The tubing is thick enough to prevent the marks and also provides some holding power for the work piece.

For pin jaws I use 5/8" (16 mm) ID tubing and for the No. 2 jaws, 3/8" (10 mm) ID tubing. Other chucks may require different sizes.

~ Bill Fordney, Pennsylvania

