

Central Florida Woodturners Newsletter Reporting the July Meeting

Central Florida Woodturners, a Star Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, exists to encourage and assist its members in advancing their skills in woodturning, and to educate the public and promote among the public a greater enjoyment and appreciation of the art of woodturning.

President Bill Dalton opened the meeting at 7:01 P.M. Welcome to all, there were 3 guests. The smocks are in the back of the room; see Connie to pay for the smock that you ordered.

The Treasurer reported the current balance of \$8,535.61 with \$699 reserved for education. Danny announced that he has a check from the Florida Woodturning Symposium for \$1,000 that will be given to Connie this week.

Ron Browning reminded the club that the Florida Woodturning Symposium will be February 9 – 11, 2018 and that registration will be open next month.

Ed DeMay requested that everyone complete a survey regarding training and demonstrators. If you were unable to complete the survey, please respond via email to Edwarddemay@gmail.com. The survey wanted the following information:

1. What type of demos would you like for the monthly meeting?
2. What type of all-day demos would you like to see?
3. What type of Hands on demos would you like to see?
4. Are you willing to pay \$125 to \$150 per person for an “all-day hands on demo”? (6 to 8 people each with a lathe etc. Bring your own tools – perhaps a small materials fee.)
5. Who would you like to see as a presenter National or Local for an all-day demo, not hands on?

Bill stated that we will be participating in the Festival of the Trees so please start working on ornaments. This year better accountability will be maintained on the ornaments submitted. Ed DeMay will be coordinating related training classes starting in August.

The Steering Committee has open position(s) – Please see Bill or Danny about nominations. Requesting volunteers for the following activities – please note: We do not want to overload anyone – many hands make light work:

Webmaster, Newsletter editor, Photographer for instant gallery and DVD Librarian.

Show and tell included 9 people with 17 Pieces.

A break was observed to allow for voting for the Challenge winners.

Meeting resumed at 8 P.M. with a wood auction consisting of 1 piece of chinaberry which sold for \$14.

The first Challenge started with 26 blocks being distributed, there were 8 entries returned. The voting results are:

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3rd place – Jon Hollingshead



1st Place –

2nd place – Bob Hazel
Gary West



Dave Farrell did an excellent demonstration on turning non-wood pens. He demonstrated utilizing aluminum, bronze and antler. Dave demonstrated several tricks that allow him to achieve excellent results every time. Dave does all of his pen work on a mini-lathe, from drilling the blanks to assembly of the final product. Some of the tricks are as follow:

Put the blank in a pen drilling chuck. Start



the drilling process

with a center drill;



this



eliminates slight
you start drilling only

misalignments when starting the hole. Any misalignment when results in the hole going further off center the deeper you drill. After drilling and gluing in the insert tube he faces the end of the end of the blank in the lathe using a gouge. The use of the tube is optional when turning a metal pen, if you drill the blank the correct size for the nib, top and action then the tubes are not necessary.



Dave demonstrated turning aluminum using normal woodturning gouges. The pen mandrill used was ordered from Penn State Industries.



or dry paper

Dave polishes his pen parts after turning by wet sanding using normal wet through 400 or 600 grit and then by using Abralon Sanding Pads.

Dave also turned anvils out of Delrin, a hard plastic, with #2 MT and a flat head either with a centering hole or no hole to put into the headstock and tailstock. This allows him to use the lathe as a pen assembly tool.

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This was a very informative demonstration. Looking at the many pens that Dave passed around it is obvious that he is an accomplished craftsman and a good teacher.

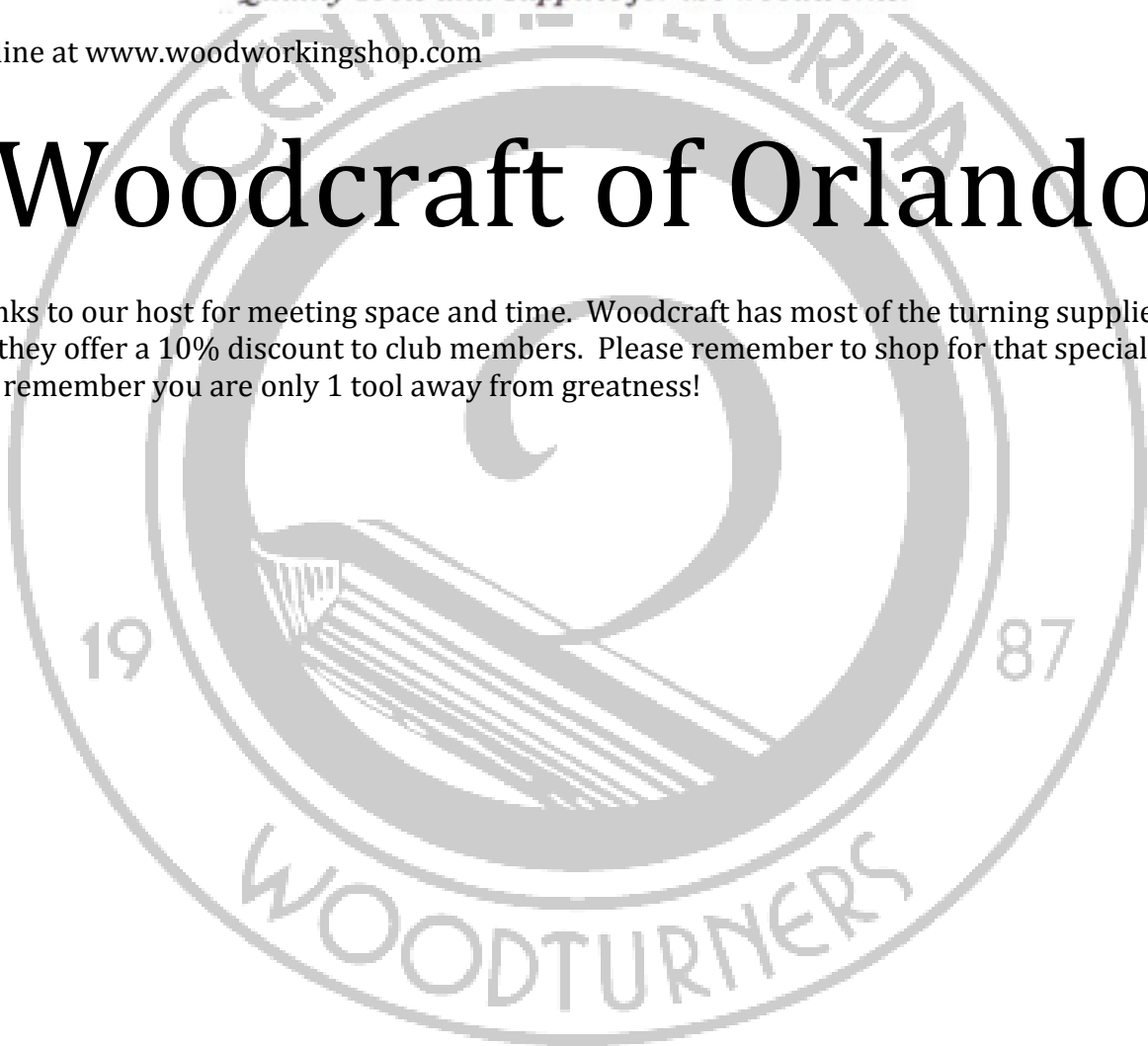
The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

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