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Michael Matherne will auction this bowl from his July club demo at the wood auction to be held this month at our regular scheduled meeting.

From the Presidents Desk



Hello from the road

Hello everyone, Carol and I are one month into our four month trip and have traveled 4,732 miles to date.

We stopped in Mars, PA. and got a bumper sticker that says I've been to Mars. While in PA we attended my grand daughters wedding and then went sailing in a two masted schooner on lake Erie with my daughter. Went to Cuyahoga National Park in Ohio, rode on a train and hiked some trails. Stopped at Canal Fulton and went on a canal boat ride.

After all that we went to visit the Ohio State Reformatory where the movie Shawshank Redemption was filmed.

We are presently in the black hills of South Dakota where we visited Custer State Park. We also visited the homestead of Laura Ingalls Wilder in DeSmet SD. Ms Wilder is author of *The Little House On The Prairie*. From here we go to Mt. Rushmore and then Wind Cave where we will see many bison, pronghorn, and coyote.

It just so happens that we got to Sturgis just as their annual Bike Rally started. They claim there are a half million bikes here for the rally and I believe it. There are bikes everywhere.

Next, we are on to Wyoming and Yellowstone.

I'm already having withdrawal symptoms from turning. Carol won't let me take the lathe in the camper. Says it takes up too much room. Next camper should be a toy hauler. That's a toy isn't it?

So keep the chips flying,

Ross

Monthly Meetings

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The Central Florida Woodturners chapter of the AAW meets on the third Thursday of every month. Our meeting location is Woodcraft - 8155 S US Hwy 17-92, Casselberry, FL 32730. Meetings start at 7:00pm. Guests are always welcome.

All day hands on workshops are conducted at Danny Hoffman's house 4311 Golden Gem Rd Apopka, FL 32712 These workshops are held each week on Wednesday starting around 12 noon and lasting until approximately 8PM. You must be member of the CFW and also the AAW to participate.

Mark your calendars to make sure you come out and see our very own club Secretary, Jon Hollingshead demonstrate how he makes these elliptical shaped hollow forms at our regular scheduled meeting of the Central Florida Woodturners to be held on August 15th, 2019 at 7PM. We will meet at the Casselberry Woodcraft store

Blind Woodturner Exemplifies Courage to Thousands of Fans

By Thurman Mason

When George Wurtzel closes his eyes, whales are not the only things he can hear. Most people recognize George as the star of a well-known Subaru TV commercial. Few people know him as an accomplished woodturner and furniture maker.

Totally blind since the age of 19, George has had to rely on his other senses to get by day to day. He doesn't need to read rpm on his lathe, he is totally reliant on sound. He doesn't need to see the angle of attack in his gouge, he can visualize it in his minds eye. He sees vibration more clearly than most folks who have perfect vision.

George attended the Michigan School for the Blind, at the same time as Stevie Wonder. He once made a one-third model of a Steinway Model D concert grand piano and gave it to the music legend. They remain friends to this day.

George's resume is impressive. He has been an auto mechanic, industrial arts teacher. As a former member of the US Paralympic team, he is an avid cross country skier. He once skied over 500 miles in Lapland.

"I love seeing see people succeed at what they like to do." To that end, George relocated to Greenville, TN where he bought a two story building, renovated it and put in a classroom where he teaches both sighted and visually impaired students.

At age 65, George shows no signs of slowing down, " my big thing is... I want to continue to teach. There are a lot of people getting up in age and think they have to quit woodturning because their vision is going bad. I recently had a student who had lost his vision and thought he had to give up woodturning. I told him the woodturning part was the hardest and he already knew how to do that. All I had to do was show him how to read a ruler as a blind man and he would be on his way. He had been turning for ten years and was ready to sell all the equipment he

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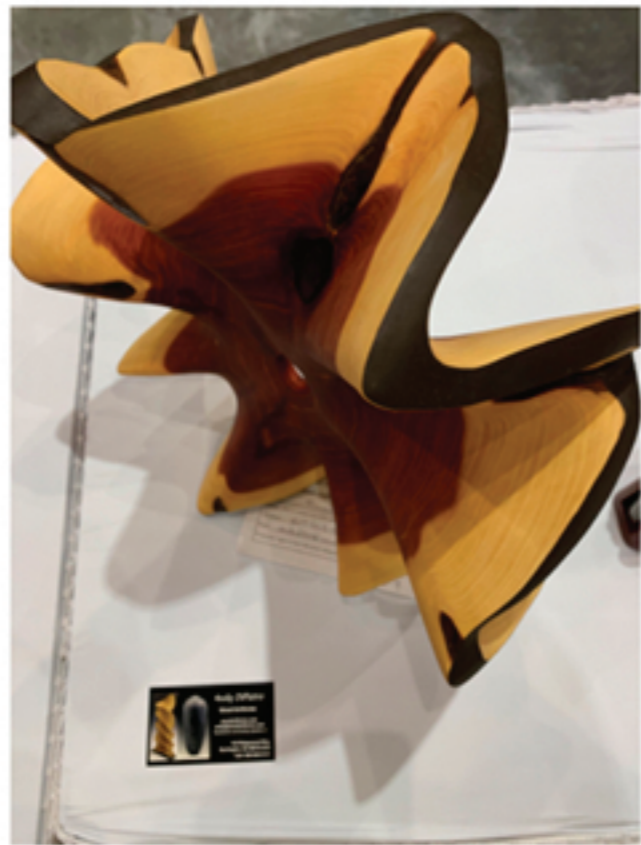


Movie Night has been canceled until further notice. . . We may try again in the future but, only if successful in reducing the price of the tickets.

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PHOTOS





SHOW AND TELL PHOTOS

IF YOU CAN TAKE GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT PICTURES FOR THE CFW CLUB NEWSLETTER PLEASE CONTACT US. YOU WILL RECEIVE PHOT CREDIT FOR ANY IMAGES WE USE.



If you have a piece of work you are fond of, proud of, or just particularly pleased with, you don't have to wait for show and tell to brag about it. Just email tomason@earthlink.net with a photo and a brief explanation about your inspiration or the process you used to make it and I will be happy to include it in a future newsletter. JPEG, TIFF, or PNG files are accepted. Deadline is on the 15th of the month

CLASSIFIED ADS

Large 2.5 inch X 32 inch green Hickory rounds. Tree was over 150 years old when Hurricane Michael blew it over. These pieces are perfect for coffee tables or other fine pieces of custom made furniture. \$75.00.



Band saw for sale. Has new blade and is useable as is. Needs a little TLC and fine tuning. Call Dave Farrell 407-222-1566 \$45.00

New, 1-1/4 inch Robert Sorby Bowl gauge. Never used only \$75.00. Still in original package. Best price anywhere. Call 770 843 4908 or email: tomason@earthlink.net



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had put together for when he retired. Well, he's still turning and doing fantastic now.

George's shop is equipped like most woodworking shops. It has a drill press, bandsaw, routers and big stacks of wood. A huge lathe resides in one corner of the room.

In one concession to his blindness, George does not use pencils in his shop. Instead, he works with a scribe for marking lines, that way he can feel where the line is. He also uses an audio-output measuring tape. Most woodworkers are surprised to learn that he does not use a blade guard on his table saw preferring to "feel" his way to the blade. A technique not for the faint of heart but, after 50 years of woodturning George still has 99% of his fingers. (He lost a tip a number of years ago when he fell asleep while turning).

Nevertheless, don't feel bad for George. While some may look at him and feel sympathy, he has no time for such sentiment. "I am not a big fan of whiners.", he says.

To see more of George's work, visit gmwurtzel.com.

If you would like to place a classified advertisement in the next issue of our monthly newsletter please email the editor at tomason@earthlink.net. Submissions must be received by the 15th day of the month. A picture and brief description of the item will be helpful. Remember to include your contact information.

July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes for the Central Florida Woodturners

Steering Committee

Attendance **absentees noted in red:**

- Officers: **Ross Nichelson**, Danny Hoffman, Connie LeFebvre, Jon Hollingshead
- Steering Committee: **Bill Dalton**, Dave Farrell, Ed DeMay, **Ed Eldrige**, Mike Matherne,
- **Thurman Mason**
- Guests: Rick Coffman, Gordon Cain

Steering Committee Minutes:

- Meeting held at Buffalo Wild Wings, Casselberry
- Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm, Danny Hoffman presiding
- Last meeting Minutes Read and Accepted
- Treasurer Report: \$8,854.80 of which \$2,415 is earmarked specifically for education
- OLD BUSINESS
 - No old business to follow up on
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Club lathe out at Danny's needs new bearings
 - Tonight's demo will be by Mike Matherne on How to decorate a piece with the "Cosmic Cloud" design
 - Next month's demo will be by Jon Hollingshead on Turning a Squashed Bowl with the Lost Wood Process"
- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

General Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, Dave Farrell presiding
- Welcome to all with 1 new guest
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - UPCOMING EVENTS
 - ♣Wednesday Night Group – Wednesday nights at Danny's
 - ♣Club T-shirts are available for purchase for \$16
 - Dark blue with club logo on the front and "Just One More Cut" on the back
 - ♣List being started for another order of turning smocks – once enough people sign up the order will be placed
 - ♣Member brought in extra ornament stands – free to anyone wanting to take one
 - ♣Dave Farrell is selling a 14" band saw for \$45! A bargain at 10X the price!
 - ♣Wood Auction
 - A large wood auction was conducted of various species of wood including Walnut, Cedar, Rose Wood, Tulip, Camphor, Mulberry, Maple, and several assortments of small pieces of exotics. A batch of Corian for projects was also sold. Over \$75 was raised for the club.
 - Show and Tell
 - Eight different members brought in items for show and tell. Items included a four foot long pepper mill, bottle stoppers with rose engine tops and others with hand made cabochons, a squashed bowl hollow form, several pens (including two pens not from kits!), and a custom bowl gouge. Great work by everyone and thanks for sharing!