

# JUST ONE MORE CUT



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## Gene Gross presents Tips and Techniques

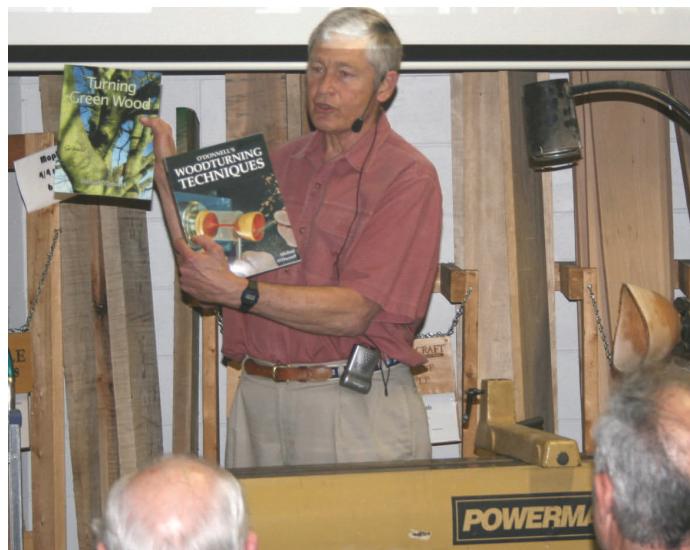
Things were a little different at the February meeting. Instead of a specific demonstration, such as turning a convex vessel from burl, Gene Gross talked and demonstrated shop tips and techniques he has adopted and developed over the years. As shown in the figure, he peruses the turning literature to help develop his collections of techniques.

Gene spent a large amount of his talk on cracks — ways of preventing cracks and ways of treating cracks. He finished his talk with a flurry of proven tips that he has used over the years.

Cracking of the wood in any of the three dimensions is caused by moisture, actually the difference in moisture, from one location to another on the wood. This is because the differences in moisture cause stresses within the wood. Moisture is dictated by humidity (amount of moisture in the air), wind movement around the piece, and heat, or temperature of the environment.

Dr. Gross mentioned methods of draining or drying the moisture and also methods used to keep the wood moist so that turning is easier.

Many approaches to work with wood



cracks once present were presented. These include: filling the crack with CA glue and sawdust, use texturing, paint, carving, and various objects to cover the crack.

## Show and Tell - February 2011



**Bob Walker—**

Platter with pedestal made from camphor and finished with walnut oil

**Bob Walker -**  
Vase made  
from willow  
wood and fin-  
ished with  
poly. The top  
of the vase  
was the root  
ball of the  
tree.



**Gene  
Combs -**  
Lidded  
bowl  
made  
from co-  
cabola  
and  
cherry.

**Gene  
Combs -**  
Sanding  
tools



**Jim Pickney -**

Bowl made from camphor and  
containing southwestern carv-  
ing

**Harvey Driver -**

Cutting tool with additional cutting head



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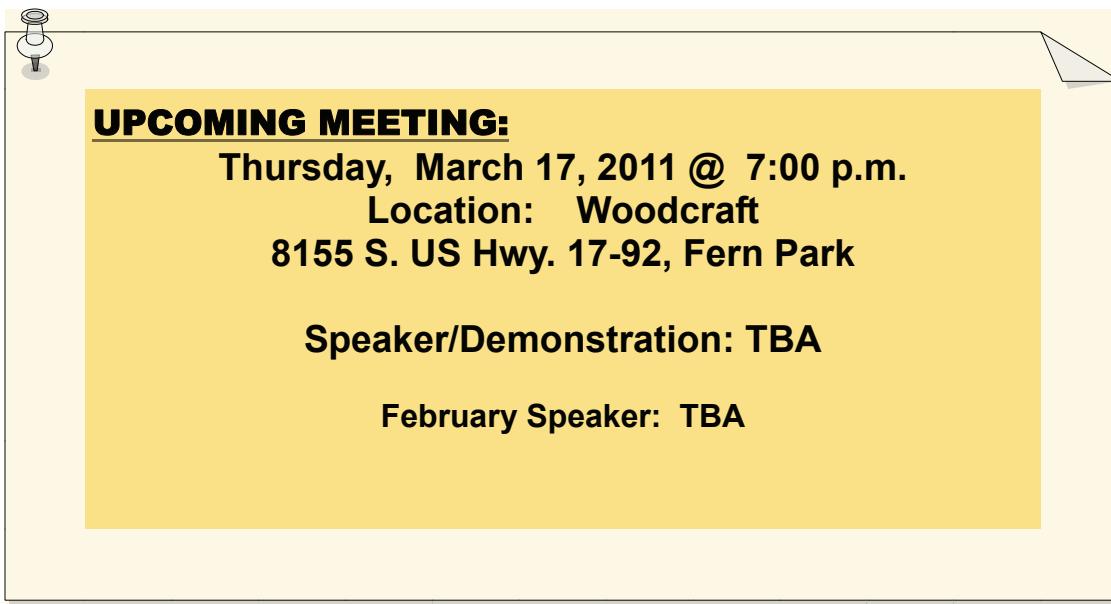
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There will be a meeting of the Officers and Steering Committee at:

**5:00 pm, March 17, 2011 @ Denny's Restaurant, Casselberry.**

This is NOT a closed meeting; all members are encouraged to attend.



## **Moments to Remember**

**18-20 March - 2011 Tampa Woodworking Show**, Florida State Fairground, Tampa FL

**29-30 April - Southern States 11th Woodturning Symposium**, Gainesville GA

**24-26 June - 25th Annual AAW Symposium**, Saint Paul, Minnesota

**15-27 August - Woodturning Cruise 2011**, Norwegian Coast

**16-18 September— Turning Southern Style XVII**, Unicoi State Park Lodge, Helen GA