

The Hardwood Herald

April 2008

The newsletter of the Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.
An organization of men and women who are devoted to increasing their skills in woodworking.



There were 24 in attendance at the monthly meeting held at Robert's Hardwood on Cattleman Blvd.

Letter from the Editor

What a great year we're having. A new club meeting location, lot's of guests and visitors. Florida State Fair, Woodworking shows and who knows what else. What's missing? Your involvement. It is widely known that our club has a lot of great talent, wisdom and craftsmanship. What better place to share this then here at the main club meetings on Thursday nights. You all have many skills and talents and some of us younger folk are dying know what you know. We ant to see you in action. Take a few minutes and figure out what you might like to present to us during our presentation time. Is it a turning skill, furniture making, scroll work, carpentry, veneer pressing, boxmaking, pen turning or something else?

We so desperately want to know how to do what you do. You have a gift. Why not share it? It's easy and if you need help preparing, we are more than happy to assist you in that way.

So decide now, and get with John to let him know what you would like to do. We all thank you so much for sharing your talent with us. See ya at the Meet!

Editor
Bill cowan

Mar 13th Main Meeting

At Robert's Hardwoods



Main program by Harry Nelson on how he makes segmented bowls that he turns. He explained how he designs and cuts out the pieces. He showed how he glues up the rings and how he clamps them together. Also had a couple nice finished bowls to show.

Below are some pictures from some of Harry's past projects.



Main Meeting Show & Tell

Denny Wetter: Three turned bowls, 1 grapefruit wood, 1 birch plywood, 1 oak with lid.

Merle Lilly: Carved and painted Pelican,

Dick Koster: Turned Walnut bowl , Maple Jewelry box.

John Slezak: Band sawn Jewelry boxes, pie crust table, small maple & walnut box that he had entered in State Fair. Also a work in process. A large carved credenza leg in African Mahogany He is doing a set of them on commission.

Joe Mathis: Scroll sawn picture of a couple of raccoons. Very nice. I thought it was better than his Rushmore picture he had at the fair. 1/8" oak plywood matted and framed. It had 1079 inside cuts and he went through 110 spiral cut blades on it.

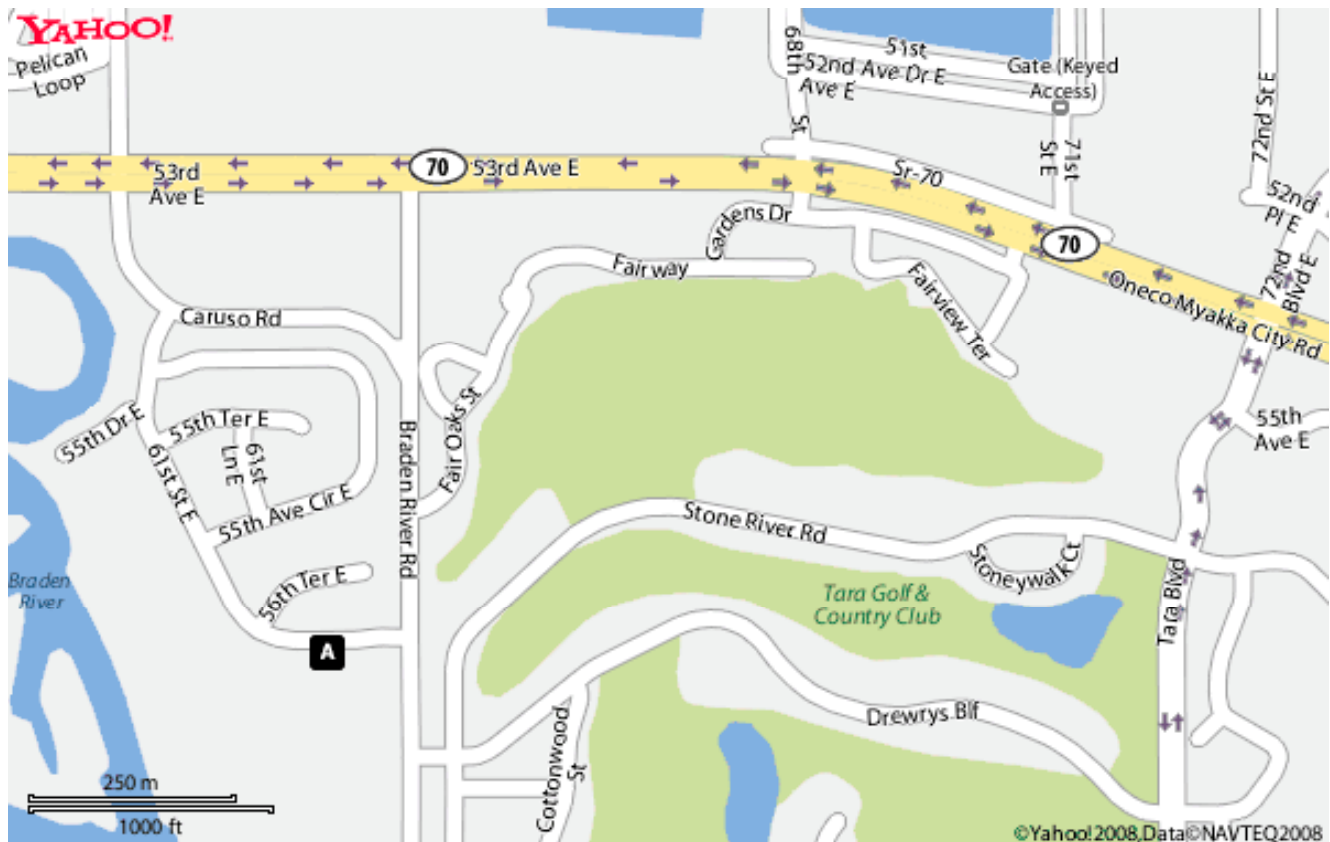
Welcome to our Guests

Guests Jim Bourne, Carl Wilks and Ken Disner .

Upcoming April 21st Shop Meeting!



Our next meeting will be at **Bill Cowan's Shop 5612 61st St E. Bradenton, Florida**
From exit State Rd 70 / I-75 exit go West to second traffic light. Turn left onto Caruso Rd and next right onto 61st Ste E into "River Landings Bluff".



Articles

Picnic Announcement

- What:** Annual Picnic and 2 x 4 Contest
- When:** Sunday, April 13, 2008, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Where:** Twin Lakes Park Pavilion on Clark Rd. ¼ mile east of I-75
- Who:** Members and their spouses or a friend

The Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club will hold its annual picnic and 2 x 4 contest on Sunday, April 13, at the Twin Lakes Park Pavilion on Clark Rd. ¼ miles east of I-75. We will gather for some social time at 5:00 p.m. and eat at 6:00.

Members are encouraged to bring their spouses or a friend. There will a sign-up sheet at the March shop meet and at the regular March and April meetings. Please sign the sheet or let Bob Eslinger (941-351-1934 or eslinger@hendrix.edu) or John Slezak (941-795-0223 or kazels2j@aol.com) know how many are coming.

The pavilion has enough picnic tables to accommodate everyone. The club will provide meat, drinks, and tableware. Members are asked to bring a dish to share based upon your last name:

A to F:	Salad
G to O:	Dessert
P to Z:	Veggie

The annual 2 x 4 contest will be held at the picnic this year instead of the regular April meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their entries, which will be displayed and judged by the members present. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

In order to showcase further the work of club members, members are also encouraged to bring at least one other sample of their woodworking, which will be displayed at the picnic for other members and guests to see.

Club Activities

Wood Club Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Robert's Hardwood 719 Cattlemen Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 Social time 6:30, meeting starts at 7pm. Guests are welcome.

Toys for Kids Workshop Currently Suspended for a short time while we re-organize locations.

Turners Meetings are held on the Monday following the club meeting. Turners meet at Ted Grondin's shop, 4425 Independence Court. (off North Washington in the North Gate Industrial Park). Start time is 7pm.

Shop Meets are held on the second Monday following the regular club meet. They are informal gatherings to inspect (snoop) at a member's shop. Each month is a different location. The size of the host's shop - big or small - doesn't matter. Snacks or cookies and sodas are provided. Maps to these locations are available at the club website:

www.floridawoodworkers.com

Schedule of Events



April Events

Apr 10 Thursday – Presentation at Robert's Hardwoods Lumber

Apr 13 – Annual Picnic & 2x4 contest

Apr 14 Monday – Turner's Meet

Apr 21 Monday – Shop mtg at Bill Cowan's

May Events

May 8 Thursday – Presentation at Robert's Hardwoods Lumber

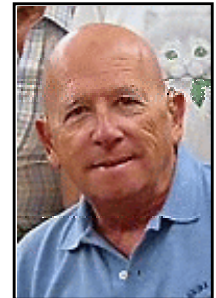
May 12 Monday – Turner's Meet

May 19 Monday – Shop mtg at Bill Cowan's



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Contact Gene Mathes, our webmaster, to place a Classified Ad on our website.



Go to: www.floridawoodworkers.com and click on 'Classified'



Florida State Fair Excerpts

Support your club members and attend this show.



The Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.

Membership Application

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ Your Birth Month: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: (Present) _____ (Former) _____

Woodworking Experience: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Mail Dues to: Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.

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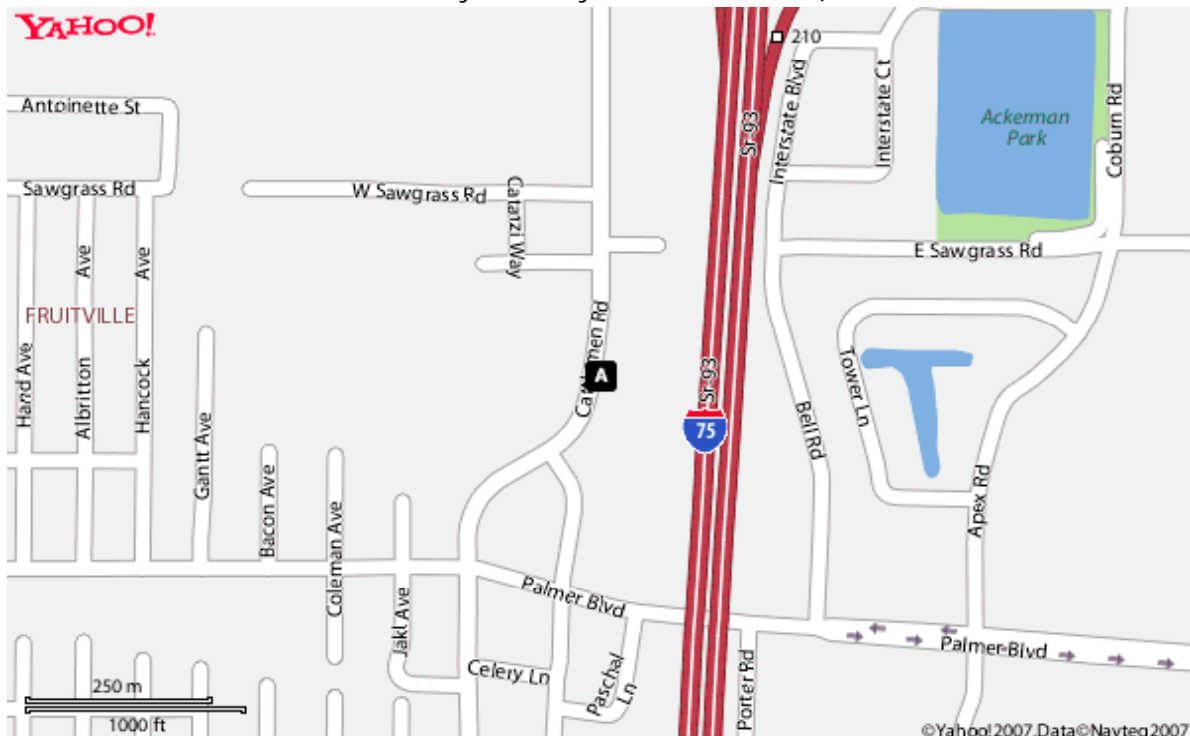
Nokomis, FL 34275

Phone 941-488-9164

Dues are \$25 per year for single membership or \$30 per year for family membership.

This club is an organization of men and women who are devoted to increasing their skills in woodworking. If you have a desire to meet and talk to other woodworkers with experience at all levels, you are invited to attend these meetings. You will experience the common bond of friendship, the sharing of ideas and gain knowledge. These are precious tools that never wear out. We encourage you to experience the pleasure and satisfaction of adding these tools to your present skills. Meetings generally include a program that is of interest to all, including a guest speaker as well as a show and tell segment of our member's projects. Announcements of special interest to our hobby are welcomed and encouraged.

The monthly meeting is held at Robert's Hardwood 719 Cattlemen Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (From the Fruitville exit on I-75, go west to the first traffic light which is Cattlemen. Turn South on Cattlemen and Roberts Hardwood is about ¾ mile on your left. Our first meeting there will be on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 PM.)



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