

The Hardwood Herald

November 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 28 members and 5 guests at the meeting tonight.

President's Message

As I sit here contemplating this morning and in whose hands our glorious country will be held, it felt good to do my part but now, like many of us, we hold our breath in anticipation for better days ahead.

On a lighter vein, I have made a tour of my workshop (formerly garage) and find several things I have been contemplating for the auction on November 13th -- actually, quite honestly, I have contemplated these items -- or shall I call them friends -- for a couple of years. Now, I feel it is time to share them with someone who might need them. So, dear friends now is the time to part -- on to possibly a bigger workshop, a new friend, and a few dollars in our treasury. Are some of you in the same fix as I am? Share a friend!

Many of us believe that this year has been a good year for the club. In attending the past meetings, I find myself looking for my old friends as well as the new members. If any of you feel hurt over some issue, or are not feeling up to par, give me a call. We miss our old friends and something cannot be fixed if you don't share it with us. The diversity of membership makes for a great group. We are a great group and we have a few evenings coming up where we can share a few laughs, new ideas, and challenges.

Looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

Keeping making sawdust! John

Oct 22nd Main Meeting



Bob Pitt talked about boat building in general and Florida boat building in particular. Bob has 30 years experience as a boat builder and serves as volunteer coordinator/educator at the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez, where he also runs the boat shop. In his presentation Bob talked about the history of boat building in Florida and the Caribbean, showed us tools of the trade, and discussed woods and techniques used.

Our Guests



The guests were, from left, Terry Bair, Jim Gregory, Rich Keating, Mike Belkin and Jung Sok Yo.

Main Meeting Show and Tell



Denny Wetter showed Christmas ornaments made at the turner's meet and bracelets he is planning to turn at the next turner's meeting. He also presented a camphor wood bowl.

John Slezak showed bandsawed guitar trinket boxes made from mahogany and ebony. He also had heart shaped boxes made of bloodwood. He showed how they were cut but they were still not finished.



Pictures of a shelf Joe Mathis made had to be shown instead of the actual 13 foot ones at home.

Main Meeting Show and Tell (cont.)

John Philips presented the mahogany table legs he is making for a bathroom vanity.



Ed Goldberg presented the problems he has had with applying and varnishing a veneer top for a box.

Dick Koster showed us a large walnut bowl he turned.



Shop Meeting on Oct 20th



We had a great shop meet tonight with eleven present. We first met at Denny Wetter's shop. We had great snacks and a good time browsing the shop.

Turner's Meeting on Oct 13th



There were 7 at this month's turners meet held at the Woodcraft store. Denny Wetter had a program on turning bracelets. He had samples he had turned and explained the gluing up process. The glued up form was placed on the lathe and turning began. After the basic form was turned it was placed in a chuck for completion. This is the completed bracelet which still needs sanding and a finish applied. Gene Mathes took a turn at making a bracelet. Leslie Somos also got to try his hand at making one.

Club Activities

Wood Club Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at WoodCraft's Store, 4456 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL. 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

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



Nov Events

Nov 13th Thursday – Presentation at WoodCrafts (Our new Main mtg location)
Nov 17 Monday – Turner's Meet
Nov 24 Monday – Shop mtg at Joe Mathes

Dec Events

Dec 11th Thursday – Annual Christmas Party



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

Go to:

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Directions to Next months Shop Meeting

The December 11 program will be our annual Christmas Party. This year it will be at the Orange Acres clubhouse at 5800 Clark Road. Spouses or a friend are invited. Each member should bring two gifts preferably made in the shop. One is for the guest and the other will be auctioned to other club members. Proceeds will go to the club. Members who's name begin with A - H are to bring a salad, I - Q bring a vegetable and R - Z bring a desert. Drinks and the meat will be provided by the club.

From I75 go west on Clark Rd to Catamaran. Turn left on Catamaran and follow it around to the left and then turn right on Jeffrey Drive.

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 _____

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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 WoodCraft's Store, 4456 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL.
(From the Bee Ridge exit on I-75, go west on Bee Ridge and turn left into the shopping Plaza just before McIntosh Rd.)



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