

The Hardwood Herald

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 38 attending the first Main Meeting of the new year at WoodCraft on January 14th

President's Message

Based on the comments I've heard about last months Program by Jessie Wilhelm, I think many of us will forever look at our chainsaws in a different way. It's a style of woodworking that we often overlook. Our upcoming Program in February will feature Bill Rickle, a skilled craftsman who builds some very intriguing Maloof style rockers, this is one you don't want to miss.

Also February 4th to the 15th is the State Fair in Tampa, we have several items entered by our club members so be sure to give them a look. Keep in mind that any project you build this year is eligible for entry next year.

It's not to soon to start looking for that perfect 2x4 and start planning your entry for the upcoming contest, you could be the winner of cash prizes and bragging rights for life.

Children these days don't have the exposure or opportunity to learn woodworking the way that we did. It's not taught in school, the furniture industry has disappeared and many construction jobs now go to immigrants. With no exposure future generations won't have the skill or interest to do what we do.

President's Message continued

As a community outreach program I would like to see on an individual bases our members mentor a child on building a simple project, and then have that child bring it in to our August meeting. More details will be offered in February, but in short, get involved and don't be selfish with your skills, pass them on.

Brian Timmons
President

Announcements:

A former member Jim Martino died on Jan23. He was a newsletter editor for a number of years.
Some of the few older member will remember him.

January 14 Main Presentation



Artist Jesse Wilhelm from Tatumantikis showed us how he goes about making tikis. As a display he brought in a tiki he had previously completed and a carved wooden fish that he painted. As a full time artist his interest in carving tikis is fairly new

January Main Presentation continued

and he considers it just be a hobby. His work on tikis started by buying two in Key West and now in the short time of 8 months he is building a stockpile and selling to interested customers.



He gave a very interesting demonstration of how he goes about his tiki work.



First he finds a suitable log, then draws pattern on the face, and then starts cutting with his electric chainsaw. He paints them and puts an exterior finish on to protect them. They generally sell for \$200-\$300 per tiki. His work can be seen at www.tatumantikis.com

So, dig out that old chainsaw and get to work; every home needs a Tiki!

January Main Meeting Show & Tell



John Slezak – Pictures of poker table he made.



Floyd Yoder – Ebonized poplar turned plate, spalted maple turned bowl with floppy ears, wood hammer



John Petti – Pictures of highly figured veneer coffee table



Denny Wetter – Ambrosia maple turned bowl, and completed challis from the turners meeting



Herb Osmussen- 1st time turned items – challis, and other small turning



Mike Swart – Pine rocking horse

Show and tell continued



Daryl Walters – Pictures of blanket chest out of pine



Bill Cowan – Small box with intricate lid. Welcome back Bill, you were missed.



Terry Bair – Cut out reindeer



Tony Willemsen – Lidded turned jar he promptly tested on the floor

Prize winners



Terry Bair won a Cabinet Maker's Screwdriver Set in the raffle



The door prize winners were Paul Piehl, Terry Bair, Tony D'Alberto and Woody Trefrey

Shop Meet



There were 12 at the shop meet with Brian Timmons. We all enjoyed seeing his large, beautiful shop and the great snacks.

Mike is shown here enjoying throwing darts. We had lots of great discussions too.



Turners Meet



The January 18 turning demonstration was conducted by Denny Wetter. The meeting was attended by 10 members and one guest.



The wood was provided by Jack Branson. It was a piece of Birch that Woody Trefrey had donated to the Christmas auction. It was decided to make a small box with a lid. The wood was trued up between centers and tenons were cut on both ends.

Turners meet continued



See the club web site for more pictures and explanation of what was done at the turners meeting.

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 5:30, meeting starts at 6pm. Guests are welcome.

Turners Meetings are held on the second Monday following the regular club meet.

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

February

February 11th Thursday 6pm – Main Meeting at Wood Crafts. Bill Rickel will present a program on Rocking Chairs

February 15th Monday 6pm - Turners Meet Meeting at Wood Crafts. Floyd Yoder will show how to make a segmented bowl.

February 22nd Monday 7pm – Shop Meet David Hanna's shop
1711 Tamiami Trail N #6, Nokomis,



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 \$35 per year for single and 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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