



Wood Turners of Polk County August 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Bob Varner called the meeting to order around 7:05 PM at the Bartow Civic Center. There were 12 in attendance. Coffee (both regular and Decaf.), cookies & cake were enjoyed by all.

Bob discussed the upcoming events: Florida Symposium registration is now open on the web. As Rick Horton will be moving, the club needs a new representative on the Symposium committee. John Kriplean volunteered.

Items for sale: John Kriplean still has the floor stand drill press for sale (\$125).
 Ron also has a Nova DVR lathe for Sale.
 RB's big lathe is still available ~\$1,500.
 Carl Swonger's widow is getting ready to have a sale on his tools. Call Bob Varner or Gary Bates for details.

Gerald Avery gave a report on the Freedom Pens Project, where special turned pens are sent to military personnel in combat areas with a note of encouragement. The club decided to purchase 300 pen kits and give them out 5 at a time to those who are willing to turn the pens. Also plan to have a sawdust session to turn pens.

John Kriplean noted there is a new DVD of Mike Mahoney on Bowls and Urns. The club approved the purchase for the library.

David Smith reported that he had a lot of wood from Duane, to come get it after the meeting.

There was no raffle. Treasury: Current balance is still at \$ 2,524.

Show and Tell:

See photos below for detail of items: All of these are very nice!!

Adam Hood	2 each 10 cedar bowls, 8x2 water oak bowl, ring bowl and bottle stopper with penny inlay in top.
Keith Walker	2 zebra wood pepper mills – ceramic inserts
David Scully	8" segmented Vase, and 3 pens with Celtic pattern
Gerald Avery	3x4" walnut bowl – from rings.
Red Burton	Sat and Pepper shakers, cone bottom with hole.
Rick Horton	Proto type wedding bowl, yet to cut in two to add names and date. Wood is wenge and maple veneer
John Kriplean	Wizard's wand for grand child – purple heart, completed the wobbler that was demonstrated last month.
Ted Smith	13 " maple platter and cedar wobbler

Demonstration: Starting at 7:45 pm., Ted Smith gave a demonstration on turning coasters. The main issue is when you are turning a lot of them, it is worth building the jigs to make it a production run go easier and quicker. First, determine the size of glass / mugs that will be used, to make sure they are the appropriate size. The size demonstrated was 3-3/4" glass recess in the center. Starting with 4 5/8 square block, about 3/4" thick, the block was chucked in a square recess in a home-made "turning chuck", and the top side turned, sanded and finished. This process is repeated for the number of coasters being made. (plan on making a few extra in case something doesn't work out on one.) Then on a jam chuck (disk 3 3/4"), complete the outside rim and the bottom, turning to a total thickness of about 1/2 ", sand, turn guide rings and label name and date.

To cut the cork disc for the inside, Ted Showed how to make a cutting jig between a flat board and a wooden disk the size of the cork disk. The cork is held tight between the disks, with the lathe running slow, cut the cork with a sharp knife.

The meeting ended about 9:00 pm.

Ted Smith, Sec.



Adam's Cedar bowls



Rick's bowl & John's magic wand



Salt and Pepper Shakers



Example Coasters



Jam Chuck for Coaster



Jam chuck for turning bottom of Coaster