



## Wood Turners of Polk County January 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Bob Varner called the meeting to order around 7:10 PM at the Bartow Civic Center. There were 25+ in attendance. Coffee (both regular and Decaf.), cookies & cake were enjoyed by all.

New Members: Glen McLean and Larry Lewis joined the club. Visiting was Randy Thomas.

Gerald Avery gave a report on the Freedom Pens Project. Gerald asked to have the pens ready to send off in March. Gerald noted that he and possibly Rick Horton will represent the club at the Winter Haven Library annual Hobby day, Sat. Feb 4 – 9 am. Anyone else who is not going to the Florida Symposium and want to join him is welcome.

Adam Hood discussed the Robust lathe that is being designed for turners that must sit while turning. He will receive the first one in March and is asking for financial help. He will need about \$1,600 to pay for his portion of the cost. He has raised about \$200 so far. He has opened a web site with items of sale and is selling pen blanks.

Adam has been invited to do a demonstration for the Veterans' in Tampa.

Al Hockenbery discussed the upcoming Florida wood show in Tampa March 16-18, and the club involvement. Look for sign up e-mail. Al also noted that the AAW annual meeting will be in Tampa in 2013, and the club will have the opportunity to fill in a lot of the volunteer positions.

Bob Varner announced the Mennello Museum of American Art will have their annual Folk art festival February 10-12, and he will be demonstrating wood turning then. Their web site shows: On Saturday and Sunday, the traditional festival occurs, with bluegrass music all day, a wide variety of folk artists selling their wares, craft demonstrations, entertainment and lots of food for sale. Friday, 10:30 am- 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 5 pm. FREE ADMISSION.

The future Demonstrations planned are:

February	Jim Smith – Pepper mills
March	Kirk Moss -3 legged stool.
April	Ron Browning – Segmented Turning.

Glen McLean noted that he has a band saw type saw mill if the club want to cut some logs to make turning blanks to raise funds.

There was no raffle. Treasury: Current balance is at \$ 2,040 after 18 have paid their 2012 dues.

### **Show and Tell:**

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

Adam Hood	Pencil Holder from plywood, 6'+ Cedar bowl from stump
Keith Walker	5x6" bowl from Mulberry wood, and 3 small natural edged bowls from live oak. Finish is Danish oil and buffed.
John Kriplean	Turned a pen for wife with humming bird inlay, with walnut box for storage. Very nice. Turned with skew, as a gouge would tear out the inlay.
Ted Smith	3 bowls from boards – One 16" and two 7". Mounted on waste block with hot glue for turning – worked very well. Rolling pin for rolling cookie dough – 1-3/4" dia x 12" long. Made from citrus wood.

**Demonstration:** Ted Smith demonstrated how to make a home-made live center by tuning a wood #2 morris taper and mounting a ball bearing on it, then turning various shapes to fit the work – cups for turning balls, cones for insert into open end, etc to stabilize the object being turned.

The meeting ended about 9:15 pm.  
 Ted Smith, Sec.



