



**Wood Turners of Polk County
May 12, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Bob Varner called the meeting to order around 7:05 PM at the Bartow Civic Center. There were 14 in attendance, including a new guest – Gerald Avery.

Announcements:

Rick Horton will be hosting the sawdust session on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at his shop from 9 am to 1 pm.

Rick also announced that he will be moving to Tennessee later this year, and that the club will need to find a replacement for him on the Florida Symposium committee. Any volunteers?

The 50/50 raffle of \$6.00 was won by ____ ?.

Demonstrations scheduled are: June – Art Worth will be turning a vase with a decorative rim.

Show and Tell:

See photos below for detail of items:

Keith Walker	Lace wood segmented Bowl, and Zebra wood segmented vase – both very nice.
Rick Horton	Bowl from a board – 4 different woods, large vase from citrus tree – unfinished.
Adam Hood	Case of Pens. Woods – sweet gum, splatted hackberry, persimmon, stained with food coloring, and finished with boiled linseed oil and CA glue.
Ted Smith	5 bowls – 2 bowls from a board – 2 & 3 ring, large 13” maple salad bowl, 8” elm bowl and 3” Cumaru (Brazilian Teak) “dish”
Wally Mulder	6” camphor bowl – unfinished.

Ted Smith won the raffle for show and tell – a set of vice grips pliers from Harbor Freight.

The Demonstration: Al Hockenbery demonstrated the turning of full size bird houses, consisting of a stave turned walls, conical top and bottom (stacked rings) and finial top/bottom. Al talked about the details of setup, how to chuck the parts, and wood / glue to make it weather proof. He passed around an article by Andy Barnum from the April 1990 edition of American Woodworker showing the process. A search of the web shows similar articles can be found at :

<http://www.ghwg.ca/techniques/Turned%20Bird%20House.pdf>

The key to the article is the table of dimensions on the last page which was taken from *101 Bird Houses, Feeders You Can Make* by Hi Sibley. A similar table is found at the following web site:

http://www.wild-bird-watching.com/Building_Bird_Houses.html

The meeting ended about 9:00 pm.

Ted Smith, Sec.



Example of bird house



Turning the roof (top).



Turning the house staves



Cutting the rings for the roof.