

# Emerald Coast Woodturning Guild

P.O. Box 1136, Freeport, FL 32439

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## Next Meeting Saturday May 8, 2010 Freeport Community Center – 9am till noon

- **Tom Lee** will be our member demonstrator and may show us how to make a curved edge on a bowl or platter or he may surprise us with a mystery demo.

## April 19, 2010 Meeting

### Meeting was called to order by Earnest Nettles.

- Welcomed members and guests.
  - The Georgia Association of Woodturners will have their Turning Southern Style XVI Symposium on September 17-19 at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia. Those interested should check the Association's web site at [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org).
  - We will have to elect two board members this year. Earnest is looking for members to be on the nominating committee and the board. This is a great opportunity to be of service to ECWG.
  - We are looking for more demonstrators for our monthly meetings. Earnest is putting together a chart showing who has done demonstrations. It looks like a very short list. When a member demonstrates the member ends up learning a lot about the technique he is demonstrating and the audience learns a new or different technique. Demonstrations benefit all the members.
  - Earnest is interested in the type of demonstrations ECWG members would like to see. He passed a paper around asking members of their interests.
  - The Valparaiso Heritage Museum will have their annual Saturday in the Park Craft show on April 24, 2010. As usual we will have two tents one for demonstrating woodturning and one for members to sell some of their turnings. All interested contact Earnest.
  - Bill Britton has several tools for sale on the back table.
  - Dennis Smith left some wood with Earnest for the raffle. The wood will be in the May 8<sup>th</sup> raffle.
  - Greg Wood has some Magnolia in his truck for use in this week's raffle.
  - Earnest said he would not be able to stay for the balance of the meeting and wants help for the clean up. Bill Ledbetter volunteered to do the clean up work that Earnest normally does. Please help with the cleanup.
  - Earnest turned over the meeting to Jimmy Neilson. Ron Ferreira was to be our guest demonstrator for this meeting. Several days ago he twisted his right arm and it is now swollen. He went to the hospital here and he may have done some damage to his ligaments. Ron's right arm is in a sling and he will not be able to demonstrate his skills. Ron sends his regrets and will be back when his arm is healed. He did donate some walnut from Tennessee for the raffle.
  - Harry Wheeler will demonstrate today right after the show and tell and raffle. Harry will be doing a Hands on Demo on several techniques.
- **Demonstration - Harry Wheeler** member hands on demonstration



Harry started by asking the audience how many people have actually turned a bowl. There was one person who had not turned a bowl. He will be the first one to do hands on. Harry reviewed several methods of mounting the bowl blank on the lathe. First start by placing the bowl blank between centers trying to use the most amount of wood possible and checking the grain of the wood to get the effect wanted. Next he would true up the drive end of the blank. The next step would be to decide which holding method to use. He mentioned forming a tenon on the drive end and using a 4 way chuck to hold the blank, using a faceplate, and cutting a shallow 5/8 to 1 inch hole in the drive end of the blank and using a pin jam on a chuck to hold the piece. He does not like using face plates as the screws go deep into the

bottom of the bowl. Others mentioned the use of a screw chuck which again Harry prefers not to use. Once the blank is secured to the lathe he uses the 45/45/45 position of the tool to form the outside of the bowl. The 45/45/45 method is placing the gouge on the tool rest placing the handle down 45 degrees, then 45 degrees in the opposite direction of cutting. (Harry always holds the blank to the lathe so the bottom of the bowl will be on the drive end therefore the second 45 degree will be to the right of the cutting edge). The third 45 degree would be rotating the blade 45 degrees in the direction of the cut. The positions are approximate and depend on the sweet spot of your gouge. At this point Harry started the Hands On portion of the demonstration. Members formed the bowl learning Harry's techniques. The same procedure was used for other forms.

It was a fun session for all members who participated in the hands on or watched closely while others turned.

Thanks Harry for great demo on such short notice.

### Items of Interest

- The scraper used by Michael Mode in his seminar can be ordered for \$65.00 plus \$8.00 shipping. Send a check for \$73 to:  
Binh Pho  
48W175 Pine Tree Drive  
Maple Park, IL 60151
- I talked with Richard Joiner about the group purchase of his offset chuck and faceplate. The normal price is \$46 plus shipping. He will give us a group rate of \$36 dollars for the chuck and face plate system and could ship up to 30 systems in a flat rate box for \$10.70. If you want one of these systems please bring or send a check for \$37 to the Emerald Coast Woodturning Guild at the May meeting.
- There is a new tool store in Freeport, BLADERUNNER TOOL of FLORIDA, They are located at 15249 Business Hwy 331, Freeport, Florida 32439 phone 850-880-6341. The store is ½ mile north of the Community Center in Freeport just north of the Elementary School. The employees of the new tool store in Freeport will be at the May meeting and will provide hamburgers & hot dogs at their store directly after the meeting. Call Earnest if you are interested in attending their lunch offer.

### Upcoming ECWG Meetings

- May 8, 2010 **Tom Lee** will be our member demonstrator
- June 18 - June 20, 2010 The **AAW Annual Symposium** for woodturners is coming to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut
- September 17-19, 2010 The Georgia Association of Woodturners will be presenting their annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XVI". This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia

### **Gallery**



**Jimmy Neilson** Oak Burl  
Bowl in progress



**Jimmy Neilson** Box Elder  
Bowl



**Barbara Harar** several bowls  
two using Mode technique



**Bill Ledbetter** Mode  
Technique bowl and Walnut  
Goblet



**Bill Nall**  
Pecan Sacrament Set



**Bill Nall**  
Kaleidoscopes



**Harry Wheeler**  
Inside Out Turnings



**Bill Stephenson**  
Two rectangular platters made for a competition

Another great Gallery

If you have any items of interest you would like to place in the newsletter, including items you may have for sale or are in search of, please contact Mike D'Autilia at 850-267-1128, e-mail [dautmh@mchsi.com](mailto:dautmh@mchsi.com) or mail to P.O. Box 1608, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459. Keep in mind that the newsletter is put together about two weeks before the upcoming meeting.

Happy Turning Mike D'Autilia