

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association

GCWA Newsletter

January 1999

President's Corner

Happy New Year, All, and welcome to 1999! I trust that all had a good holiday season. I hope it will be profitable to all.

Many thanks to Deer Park High School, and especially Dave Berry and Max Wohlgemuth, for hosting our December meeting. We had a good group of people, with plenty of Show and Tell pieces. Our annual Toys for Tots collection was a success, and I'm sure the boys and girls were very pleased with what they received. The Deer Park Fire Department works hard to coordinate this program for needy kids and families, and I know they appreciate all the help they can get.

With the new year just starting, G.C.W.A. starts a new business year as well. We will be looking for new Board Members and officers. This is an election year for President, Vice President and Board Member. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in running for one of these positions, I urge you to talk to the election committee. Jim Keller is the election committee chairman.

As well, Helen Young and Murray Powell announced last October that they would resign as Newsletter Editors next May. Helen has served as Editor for a number of years, and has done one fine job. And, I should add, with little or no complaint. Last month, Robert Frost offered to become our Editor, immediately after income tax season.

G.C.W.A. Spring Retreat is very close, being May 15-16. If you are new to the Club, this is a must for you to attend. It is a lot of fun and learning, with plenty of hands-on turning. If you are a old hand with the Spring Retreat, you know the ropes. We need you to help in any way you can with tools and equipment, etc.... This is a two-day event, being all day on Saturday and Sunday. We'll also need help on Friday night to set up and get the

place ready. Many thanks to the people of Conroe and the City Council for providing a very fine facility -- with air conditioning! So be sure to get registered early for this event.

On January 9 I will attend the Board Meeting for Texas Turn or Two in Temple, Texas. We already know it will be at the same place as last year (Maricopa Ranch), but we are planning to have a little more going on in next year's program. I'll have more to report to you about TTT at our next Club meeting.

Thinking about Texas Turn or Two reminds me that I have been to several different clubs in Texas, and worked with people like James Johnson, John Jordon, James Poppell, Gary Roberts, Nick Cook and many others that are very good turners. Well, we have the equivalent of those people right here in our own Club! The work that I have seen at our GCWA meetings is some of the best in the country. I've been told any number of times about what a good club we have down here in Houston. I tell them back "I know! We have a damn good group of people and I like working with them!"

But then I often get asked, "Why don't we see pieces from GCWA outside of Houston? How come you guys keep your work a secret?"

I know what you are capable of doing, I've seen the work that you have done. Now I will ask you to get more involved and get into the demonstrating and teaching of woodturning to other people and clubs alike. We have a turner trade or swap program between the Texas chapter clubs. This is a good way to break the ice and get out there and strut your stuff! If you would like to do this, call me and we will set it up for you. It is a lot of fun; you will like it. Let's keep the the lathes a turning and bring in that wonderful turned object that you have created.

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GCWA is affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. GCWA meetings are usually held at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the last page for our Calendar of Events. Annual dues are \$18. Dues may be mailed to Helen Young, 2502 Esther Ave., Pasadena TX 77502-3239. Make your check payable to GCWA or Gulf Coast Woodturners Association.

REMEMBER face shields and eye protection always. Think Safety First. Happy turning in the New Year.

-- Bobby Bridges

January Program

STEVE RUSSELL featured Demonstrator

The turning presentation for the January meeting will feature Steve Russell. Steve is a very skillful turner and will be turning a Plate/Platter to share his skills and techniques with us.

Future Programs

I have received several good suggestions for topics for future programs. Keep them coming !!! The demos and programs are to benefit you as a member. Please tell me what you want to see. Call me at 281-479-8073, E-Mail me at BBERRY2301@AOL.COM or talk to me at the meeting.

-- Bill Berry

Show & Tell Winners

We had a good turnout at our December meeting at Deer Park High School, North Campus.

Winners in the beginning category were, 1st: Jeff Schrader, a deep bowl. 2nd: Carol Land, small kalaidoscope. 3rd: Jeff Schrader, tool handle.

Winners in the intermediate category were, 1st: Jack Corron, a pen. 2nd: Robert Frost, a bowl (red cedar). 3rd: Robert Frost, a bowl (walnut). Special Award: Gary Berry, bird houses.

In the advanced group, single piece of wood, 1st: Luna Ford, hollow vessel. 2nd: Dale Barrack, bowl of maple burl. 3rd: Luna Ford, hollow vessel of maple.

In the advanced group, multi-pieces of wood category, 1st: Jim Keller, large flared open bowl. 2nd: Jim Keller, small segmented bowl of pine and mahogany.

Many thanks to our judges, Jose Berrios and Steve Russell. Judges are chosen from members at the meeting. If you would like to try your hand at it, let one of the officers know. No experience necessary!

-- Carl Blair

For Sale

6-1/2 x 21 lathe. Includes shop-built stand, 4-speed pulley, and motor, \$65. Located in Southwest Houston. Jacob Schulzinger, 713.776.9063.

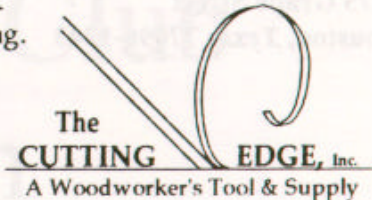
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January 12, 1999 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Executive Committee meeting @ The Cutting Edge.

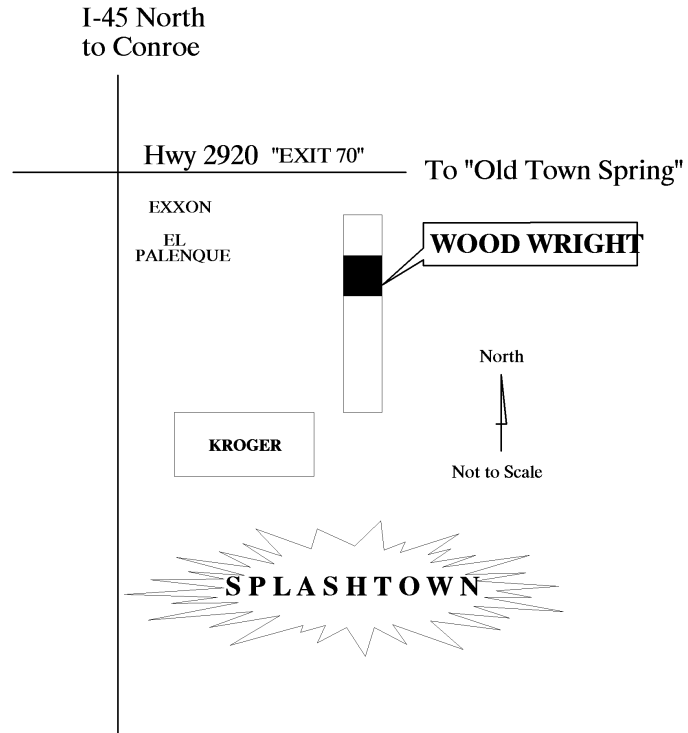
January 16, 1999 ~ 9:00 AM ~ GCWA meeting @ Wood Wright Woodworking

February 20, 1999 ~ 9:00 AM ~ GCWA meeting @ Pearland High School (Gary Rodgers)

March 20, 1999 ~ 9:00 AM ~ meeting open

April 17, 1999 ~ 9:00 AM ~ GCWA meeting @ The Cutting Edge

May 15-16, 1999 ~ GCWA 3rd annual Turning Retreat.



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