

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association

GCWA Newsletter

July 1999

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President's Corner

While traveling to Provo, UT with **By Reed**, he came up with an idea for a column for our News Letter. It would be a "Wood of the Month" article that would start with woods native or found in Texas. About the same time By and I were talking up the idea, **Jim Bennett** was developing a similar idea. We have many great minds in the club. As a result, Jim has agreed to be the driver to coordinate, delegate, setup and make this column happen. Jim will be calling many of you to get your ideas and input. I know this will be very interesting and informative. Please give Jim all the help that you can.

For those interested in books on woodturning, which most of us should be, there is a new book out entitled The Fine Art of Small Scale Woodturning by William R. Duce with a forward by David Ellsworth. Check out this book at the club library or get a copy for yourself.

Happy Turning,

- Tom Irven

Called Board Meeting

The Board met on June 14 at the Cutting Edge in a special called meeting in order to "get organized". Duty assignments agreed to are:

Programs **Murray Powell**
 Meeting Locations **Boyce Gahagan**
 Show 'N Tell Judging **Tom Irven**
 Conduct Raffle (ticket sale & tumbler) **Chuck Garrett**
 GCWA Shirts & Hats Sale **Chuck Garrett**
 Coffee pot & donuts **By Reed**
 Silent Auction for Wood **Robert Frost**

Board meetings will be held monthly on the Tuesday before the regular club meeting. The meetings will be held at **Tom Irvens'** house, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire. All members are welcome to

attend and participate in the discussion.

Helen Young gave an excellent Treasurer's report. While the retreat was designed to break even, it actually resulted in a profit of almost \$700. The profit was attributed to the sale of raffle tickets and the purchase of surplus wood.

Please Look Again

A Nova Chuck disappeared at the retreat. It had a large blob of green paint as an identifier. Also, a yellow broom with a black handle is missing. Everyone who attended the retreat please check around to see if you have it. Call me (281 474-4690) or better yet, bring them to meeting.

Membership News

Welcome to our new members **Ernest Johnson & Russell McKinley** who joined us in June. Make yourselves at home Ernest & Russell. This is a mutual help organization so please don't hesitate to ask anyone about their work or any problems you may be having (woodturning that is).

Show & Tell Winners

Winners at the June Meeting:

Beginning Category: 1st **Vic Vucinovich**, segmented bowl; 2nd **Bob Bullock**, segmented bowl; 3rd **Jeff Schrader**, open bowl w/ inlay.

Intermediate Category: 1st **Frank Masaro**, Sycamore oil lamp; 2nd **Don Fluker**, Mesquite turning; 3rd **Don Fluker**, turning of road kill wood.

Advanced Category: 1st **Murray Powell**, Myrtlewood plate; 2nd **Chuck Garrett**, Mesquite bowl; 3rd **Bill Hubbard**, Spaulted Elm turning.

Thanks to **Andy Chen** and **Scott Luhnau** for a fine job of judging.

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July Meeting
Woodwright Woodworking
1407 Spring Cypress
Spring, TX
281 651-9663
July 17

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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.

End-Grain Sealer

Frank Massaro has about 10 gallons of end-grain sealer available for GCWA members. This is what's left from the drum of AnchorSeal Premium Clear that we had at the last meeting, and the price is rock bottom: \$5.50 per gallon. Contact Frank (e-mail: BSGD51A@prodigy.com, or phone 713-682-7880 in the evening) to make arrangements.

To use AnchorSeal, apply a liberal coating of the sealer to end grain, limb-sites and open scars on fresh cut logs. An old paintbrush works well, but you could use a roller, or even dip small pieces into a bucket of the stuff. The sealer slows down the rapid loss of moisture which turns a log into firewood, but it's not a guaranteed solution. You might still consider cutting a log along the pith to relieve tensions, and then using the sealer. It's also best to keep your wood out of the sun, and away from drafts. And, as always when dealing with logs, Good Luck!

Classified

For Sale:

14" RELIANT Band Saw
4 speed w/ riser block set, miter & rip fence
\$200 Mickey Johnson
281 488-2179

There is now a Classified section on our web site. Call or e-mail Jack Hanley in addition to me if you have something to sell. The only requirement is that the item must be connected in some way to woodturning.

- Editor

Membership Dues

This will be your last newsletter if your dues expired June 30, 1999

Librarian's Corner

All tapes and books are due at the next meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, either mail it to Ernie

Bahr at 2502 Esther Ave., Pasadena, TX 77502-3239 or ask someone to take it to the meeting for you.

The Cutting Edge will accept your books or tapes, and send them to the meeting.

After the second month, a late fee of \$5 per item per month is assessed. The late fees go directly to the Library Fund, and are used to purchase library materials.

THE FINAL FINISH???

Many of us are still searching for a finish that will provide our turnings with one that will beautify and endure yet will not cause an inordinate amount of time and energy to apply. Some members experiment with various methods and products and a few of those are further energetic and enthusiastic in sharing their techniques and findings with club members.

In the April meeting, a demonstration was given on the merits of Minwax Wipe-On Poly. The demonstrator showed how he used a rag to apply one quick coat at a time with sanding done between coats to achieve the desired results. I was amazed at the way this polyurethane product flowed-on, was self-leveling and the minimal number of coats that was required to begin attaining a lustrous finish. He explained that there were two types of finish available - one a clear gloss and the other a satin finish and that he was using the clear gloss. As I have been guilty in the not-so-distant past of spending more time than I will readily admit in the finishing process, this seemed just right for the hollow vessel that was currently on the lathe. I was now more than ready to try out this new finish.

The wood I was using had been down for over six years and was as dry as one could expect but even as I applied the first coat there was a definite finish beginning to appear. During this process, I used the lathe turning at a speed which allowed rapid application of the product without slinging it around and then immediately slowed it down to a level where it just barely turned. Within a couple of minutes the product self-leveled and left no marks from the rag applicator - just what I had hoped. After drying (manufacturer recommends 3-4 hours - although I found additional coats could be applied in a more rapid fashion), light sanding was completed and subsequent coats were applied. In my haste, however, I violated the demonstrator's advice of a quick, one-coat at a time process" and applied three successive coats prior to allowing each to dry. I quickly found myself with the dilemma of the vessel turning into a sticky, streak-filled mess and the strong possibility of more sanding than what I intended. As with fools and children, I was fortunate to have some Minwax 209 Natural around and a quick dip with the rag and then back on the turning immediately restored an even-flow finish.

Approximately six coats were applied and the results were even better than what I expected. The finish was exceptional, giving the turning an ambering appearance and the time consumed in finishing was minimal, allowing for the turning to be ready for the upcoming meeting. What's next? - Maybe I'll try the Satin Finish.

Oh, the demonstrator??-----
Thanks to **Bill Berry** for taking the time and initiative for another great contribution to the club!!!!.

-Chuck Garrett

NEWS from CPSC
U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

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CPSC, Harbor Freight Tools Announce Recall of Work Lights

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Harbor Freight Tools, headquartered in Camarillo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling more than 48,500 work lights, sold as magnetic base lights. These lights present electric shock and fire hazards.

CPSC and Harbor Freight Tools are not aware of any injuries related to these lights. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The 75 watt light, measuring about 12 inches long, is made of black plastic with a metal bulb reflector. A magnet is connected to a flexible arm. Labeling on the magnetic end of the flexible arm reads in part, "WARNING! LAMP IS HOT...MADE IN CHINA." The light was sold in a white box that contained a Harbor Freight Tools Warranty Notice. The box was labeled in part, "SKU# P 32263 MAGNETIC BASE LIGHT-75 WATT MADE IN CHINA." Harbor Freight Tools stores and catalogs nationwide sold the lights from November 1994 through March 1999 for about \$10.

Consumers should stop using the recalled lights immediately. Consumers should return the lights to the store where purchased for a full refund. Catalog customers are being sent written notice of the refund and a \$5 coupon. If consumers have questions, they should call Harbor Freight Tools at (800) 444-3353 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PDT Monday through Friday.



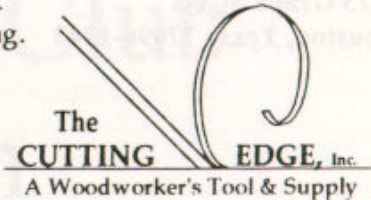
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Calendar of Events

July 13, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

July 17, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodwright Woodworking

August 2, 1999 ~ 7:00 PM ~ First Monday at The Cutting Edge, 7123 Southwest Freeway on the north (inbound) feeder road, just north of Bellaire Blvd.

August 17, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

August 21, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodcraft

September 14, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

September 18, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ The Cutting Edge

October 9-10, 1999 ~ Texas Turn or Two, Maricopa Ranch

October 12, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

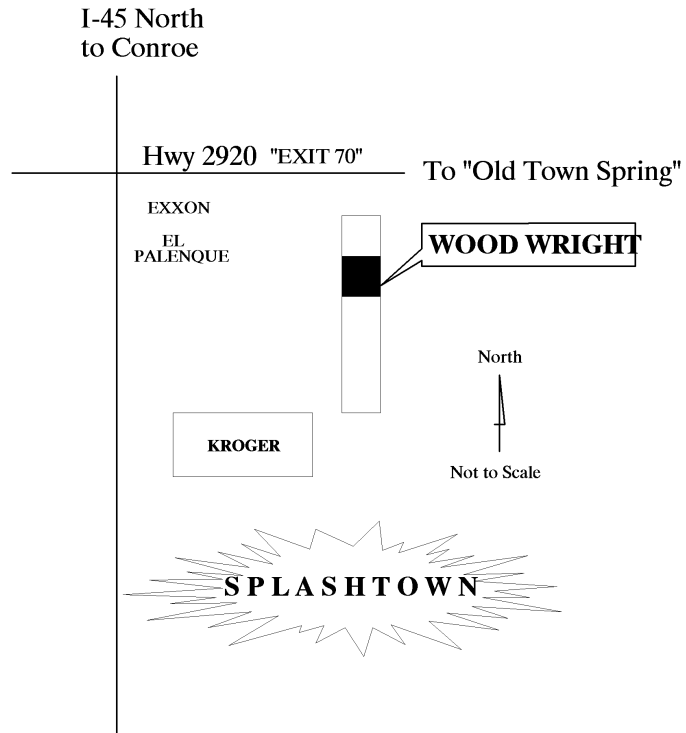
October 16, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodcraft

November 16, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

November 20, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodwright Woodworking

December 13, 1999 Board Meeting - Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713 666-6881

December 18, 1999 ~ GCWA meeting @ The Cutting Edge



This Month

July 17, 9:00 AM - GCWA meeting @ Woodwright Woodworking, 1407 Spring Cypress, 281 651-9663

Program

Vacuum Chucking

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