



Gulf Coast Woodturners Association

GCWA Newsletter

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January 2001 Issue

President's Corner

Welcome to the year 2001. The G.C.W.A. will see changes as we elect new officers and board members in May and the new officers will take office in June. There is room on the ballot for you. If you are interested in taking part in this great club, inform a board member and we will put you on the ballot.

This is also the first year we will have an outside demonstrator/instructor at our retreat. Christian Burchard will be joining in our retreat festivities. Christian is a well-known wood turner with more than a few gallery exhibitions to his credit. Along with this new development is a rejuvenation of an old event with the return of vendors to the retreat. With this combination, I hope to see an increase in the number of members that participate in this annual event. **Boyce Gahagan** is the Retreat Coordinator again this year and still needs volunteers. Contact Boyce if you are willing to help in any way.

A new year also means another Texas Turn or Two. This long time tradition started by one of our club members is now in its 10th year. The attendance has increased to the point that the TTT is the 2nd or 3rd largest symposium in the world. This is quite an accomplishment. **Greg Gonsalves** will be attending the planning committee meeting as our club representative. I believe Greg to be an excellent choice for this because he is also an active part of the TTT in the hands-on area. We will know more about our clubs participation in this year's event when Greg returns from the planning meeting. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Thomas Irven

What is Wood Turning?

By Mack DeBose

Recently I was engaged in a discussion with the wife of a close friend. The conversation eventually got around to spare time activities. She asked what my interests were and I replied that I turned wood. Her response was; "What is wood turning?" I proceeded to explain that it involved spinning a block of wood in a lathe.... She interrupted me to ask "What is a lathe?" I then attempted to describe a lathe as consisting of a headstock, tailstock, ways, banjo and tool rest. Her befuddled look soon developed into an in-depth explanation of each of these terms, which further complicated matters by having to regress to explain such unfamiliar subjects as chucks, spur centers, live centers, between centers, steady rests and spindles. By the time we had made it through these basics, I had almost forgotten the original subject of "what is wood turning". I then began to delve into the different types of turning tools and their uses. At some point in this discourse I could tell that I was losing her again, so back to the basics. By the time we got around to actually understanding what "turning wood" is, I felt that we had covered the entire process from building a lathe to producing a finished turning. Her final question that really stumped me for a proper answer was "Why do you do this?" I thought of several responses including; fun, creativity, application of a limited skill, artistic expression, getting away from mundane tasks, and the relief of physical and emotional stress. But I believe that the real

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GCWA Web Sites:

[Http://www.gulfcoastwoodturners.org](http://www.gulfcoastwoodturners.org)

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GCWA is affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. GCWA meetings are usually held at 9:00 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the Calendar of Events page. 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 Assn.

**January Meeting
January 20, 2001
Pro Tool and Supply
222 Pasadena Fwy.
Pasadena, TX
713-472-5588**

Show & Tell

Winners at the **December** meeting at The Cutting Edge were:

Beginner Category

1st Place — **Earl Rogers** for a Hackberry Lidded Vessel

2nd Place — **Bruce Dolen** for a Small Mesquite Vase

Intermediate Category

1st Place — **Francis Pate** for a Mesquite Vase w/ Osage Orange Inlay

2nd Place — **Bill Metzger** for a Pecan Vessel

3rd Place — **Bill Metzger** for a Small Pecan Vase

Advanced Category:

One Piece Turning:

1st Place — **Bruno Wesolek** for a Spherical Pecan Vessel

2nd Place — **im Keller** for a Long Stem Cocobolo Goblet

3rd Place — **Dale Barrack** for a Pecan Bowl

Multiple Piece Turning:

1st Place — **Andy Chen** for a Mesquite Vase w/ Maple, Walnut, Mahogany, Ebony & Zircote Segments

2nd Place — **Andy Chen** for a Mahogany Jar

3rd Place — **Tom Enloe** for Maple and Walnut Christmas Ornament

Best of Show

Murray Powell for a Turned and Complete Percussion Drum

Special thanks to our Judges;
By Reed and Kip Powers

Pictures of these turnings can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.gulfcoastwoodturners.org> and <http://get.to/gcwa>

Status of 2001 Spring Retreat

By: Boyce Gahagan

Everything is in place for May 19 & 20, 2001 for our Annual Retreat. Listed below are the committee chairs.

Friday Night Hospitality

Chairperson: **Susan Whiddon**

Assistant: **Bob Bullock**

Registration and

Reservations: **Helen Young**

Saturday - Sunday Hospitality

Chairperson: **Linda Box**

Linda will be needing lots of assistants. We are looking forward to the miraculous efforts from Linda. She keeps us well fed. Please contact her to volunteer. We need at least 4 people to help.

Friday Setup

Chairperson: **Vic Vucinovich**

Assistant: **Greg Consalves**

Vic and Greg will need help. Say **Yes** when they ask you.

Equipment

Chairperson: **Willie Hooper**

Willie will need about 40 lathes with accessories: chucks, knock out bars, spur drives, live centers, extension cords, etc. Also 2 or 3 grinders and bandsaws will be needed.

Vendors

Chairperson: **Murray Powell**

Instruction

Chairperson: **Thomas Irven**

If you want to be an instructor call Thomas. We have **Christian Burchar**d coming this year as an instructor. He should be a good one.

Sunday Clean-Up

Chairperson: **Bill Hubbard**

Bill will need lots and lots of help. Just say **Yes**.

You will be hearing from several of the committee chair people. Pitch in and make this the best retreat ever. The raffle will be after cleanup. We will have a lot of nice items again this year.

This will be your last newsletter if your membership dues expired on November 30, 2000.

Membership

Please welcome our new members who joined in December.

Richard Watkins
and **Bob Walworth**

Classified

For Sale

No items to list this month.

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What is Wood Turning?

reason is the feeling of accomplishment achieved when the turning is complete and a pleasing finish has been applied. And I realize that even though it might not be the most attractive object ever produced, it is one-of-a-kind and will always contain the efforts, skills, thought and even frustration, that I, alone, put into it. Maybe, someday one of my descendents will pick up something that I made and proudly proclaim, "My great grandfather made this way back in 2000".

Club News

- ◆ There was no Woodturning Tip submitted this month, so I managed to come up with one that has served me well.
- ◆ Congratulations go to **Brian Laing** for winning the 3 Day Woodturning Workshop at Craft Supply in Provo, Utah in last month's raffle. The certificate for this trip was donated by **Jonathan Bartz**.

2000 Profit and Loss Statement

By Helen Young

Gulf Coast Woodturners Income and Expenses - Actual For All Accounts January 01, 2000 through December 31, 2000

INCOME

Income	
Membership Dues	2,031
Raffle of Donated Items	953
Spring '00 Retreat	<u>1,809</u>
Total Income	4,792

TOTAL INCOME 4,792

EXPENSE

Expense	
Clothes Items	30
Demonstration - Berger	165
Demonstration - Clanton	75
Domain Registration	70
Library	372
Newsletters & Postage	1,162
Office Expense	19
Refreshments	378
Show: Woodworkers	188
Storeroom	<u>514</u>
Total Expense	2,973

TOTAL EXPENSE 2,973

NET INCOME (LOSS) 1,820

Editor's Note: This article was obtained from the Woodbin website @ <http://www.woodbin.com>

Exotic Hardwoods: Goncalo Alves

Common Name: Goncalo Alves

Other Common Names: Palo de cera, Tigerwood

Botanical Name: Astronium graveolens

Family: Anacardiaceae

Mature Tree Height: to 120 ft. **Diameter:** 2 to 3 1/2 ft.

Weight @ 12% M/C: 60 lbs./ft.³

Working Properties: Not difficult to work in spite of its high density, finishes very smoothly, and takes a high polish. It is reported to be difficult to glue.

Growing Regions: The upland forests of Mexico and Central America through to Colombia, Benezuela, Brazil, and Ecuador.

General Characteristics: When fresh, the heartwood is russet brown, orange brown, or reddish brown to red with narrow to wide irregular stripes of medium to very dark brown. After exposure it becomes brown, red, or dark reddish brown with nearly black stripes. The dingy greyish or brownish-white sapwood, 2 to 4 in. wide, is sharply demarcated. Grain variable, straight to roey; texture fine to medium, uniform; no distinctive odor or taste. The wood often has a striking figure caused by irregular dark longitudinal bands.

Uses: Everything from durable construction timbers to fine furniture and cabinet work, veneers, knife handles, archery bows, billiard cue butts, turnery, and carving.

Acceptable Substitutes:

References: "Tropical Timbers of the World", USDA Handbook #607, Sept. 1984, p. 23

Discussion: Goncalo Alves is naturally very slick making it a good choice for hand plane bottoms, shuffleboard tops, and machine guides and rails.

Woodturning Tips

Vibration Dampening Using Tape

By Mack DeBose

When turning thin-walled bowls, a problem with tool chatter often exists. This can sometimes be reduced or eliminated as follows:

After finishing the outside of the bowl, apply duct tape around the circumference and laterally before making the final passes in the cavity. The tape will absorb a lot of the vibration thereby eliminating the chatter. Remove the tape immediately after finish turning especially if it has been applied over a finish. If left on too long the adhesive will be difficult to remove and may damage the finish.



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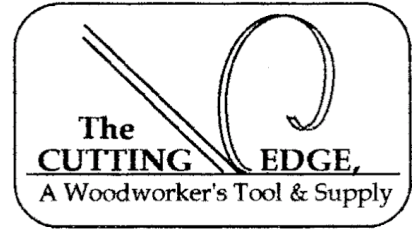
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ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:

These By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by Gulf Coast Woodturners Association, 5202 Willow Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401-3933, on November 13, 2000.

Signed: President _____ Date:

 Vice President _____ Date:

 Secretary _____ Date:

 Treasurer _____ Date:

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association was chartered May 1, 1987. We expect to draw members from Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principal office of Gulf Coast Woodturners Association will be located at 2502 Esther Avenue, Pasadena, Texas 77502-3239.

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, Local Chapters are advised that the nature and extent of their activities are left to their discretion. Demonstrations, while probably part of the normal activities of Local Chapters, are to be conducted solely at the discretion of Local Officers, and all safety and instruction is to be under their explicit discretion and control.

The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstration; that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. Use a dust mask and wear hearing protection. The lathe is a potentially dangerous instrument only to be used with Chapter approved supervision.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES

The Chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are: 1. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners; 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft; 3. To trade woods; 4. To exchange ideas about tools, and 5. To encourage and assist in the development and refinement of members woodturning skills.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for Gulf Coast Woodturners Association (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$18.00.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association will meet every month. The meeting will be held at various locations throughout the area. They will for the most part be on the third Saturday of the month, starting at 9 a.m. A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member approximately five (5) days before it is scheduled.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

1. Number and Election. The Officers of Gulf Coast Woodturners Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of GCWA's paid-up members. Such Officers and Assistant Officers as deemed necessary may be elected by GCWA's members or

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appointed by the elected Officers.

2. Term of Office: Each officer shall hold office for one year.
3. Removal. Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when it is deemed that the best interests of GCWA would be served by such removal. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of GCWA's members who are present at the time of the vote, so long as at least 50% of the paid-up members are present.
4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by a majority vote of the members or of the Officers for the unexpired portion of the term.
5. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. His/Her duties include: Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter; Conduct Board meetings at his own discretion, at least six (6) times per year.
6. Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of these By-Laws. In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to GCWA. He/She will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the Chapter. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's national office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to Gulf Coast Woodturners Association incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

ARTICLE IX - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNER'S DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL

The corporation, the American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of Gulf Coast Woodturners Association. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of GCWA.

The Corporate Organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by GCWA.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the qualified voting members of the Chapter then casting ballots. Copies of all modifications to these By-laws MUST be filed with the national office of AAW.

Calendar of Events

Scheduled Meetings & Events

January 15, 2001 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

January 20, 2001 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ Pro-Tool & Supply, 222 W. Hwy. 225, Pasadena, TX, 713-472-5588

February 5, 2001 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

February 12, 2001 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

February 17, 2001 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd, 713-681-6422

March 5, 2001 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

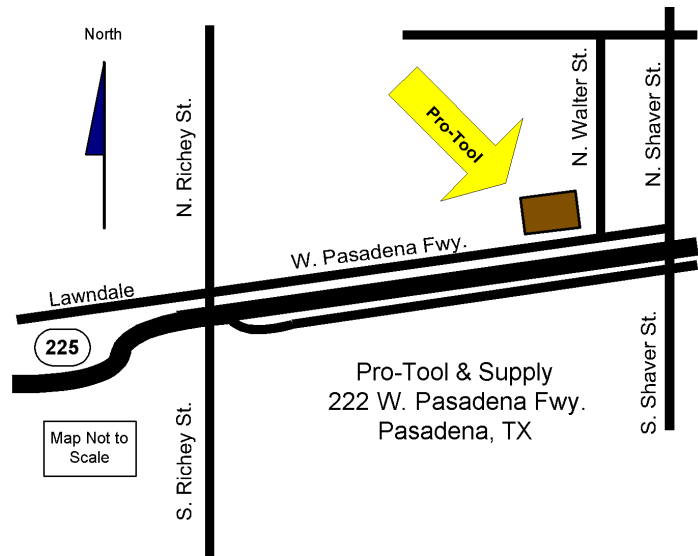
March 12, 2001 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

March 17, 2001 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

April 2, 2001 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

April 16, 2001 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

April 21, 2001 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ Hard-wood Lumber, 700 E. 5th. 1/2 Street, 713-862-6628



Meeting Location This Month

January 20 - 9:00 AM Pro Tool & Supply, 222 W. Pasadena Fwy., Pasadena, TX, 713-472-5588

Program

Bill Hubbard will demonstrate his platter turning procedure.

Executive Committee

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American Association of Woodturners: <http://www.woodturner.org>
Robert Sorby: <http://www.robert-sorby.co.uk/turning.htm>
Woodturning Supply Sources: <http://www.rtpnet.org/~twnc/sources.html>
Wood Magazine: <http://www.woodmagazine.com>
The Cutting Edge: <http://www.cuttingedgetools.com>
Craft Supply: <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/index.html>
Triangle Woodturners of North Carolina: <http://www.rtpnet.org/~twnc>
Tidewater Turners of Virginia: <http://www.esva.net/~woodturner>
North Carolina Woodturners Association: <http://www.charweb.org/organizations/hobbies/woodworking/ncwa>
Fred Holder's More Woodturning: <http://www.fholder.com>
Exotic Burl: <http://www.exoticburl.com>
San Diego WoodTurning Center, Inc.: <http://www.sdwoodturning.com>
Kestrel Creek Gallery: <http://www.kestrelcreek.com>
Hibdon Hardwoods: <http://www.hibdonhardwood.com>
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