

SOUTH FLORIDA WOODTURNERS GUILD

A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

January 2010 NEWSLETTER – VOL 23 NUMBER 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

First and foremost, I would like to wish all of you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year. I can't tell you what a great honor and privilege it is to serve as your new president for the coming year. Members of the Board and I have come up with several new ideas to help expand the SFWTGD with new members and get more exposure in the community such as outreach programs and exhibits. We will discuss these ideas more at length at the January meeting.

However, before our next meeting, I would like to remind everyone about the Fruit and Spice Park show scheduled for January 9-10, 2010. All members who plan to participate should prepare some blanks for turning and any wood items that you intend to sell. Since time is running short you also need to prepare your sales log, just as we did for the Ramble. We could also use all the help we can muster in order to set up our tents the day before.

The AAW is expanding its' services to its members and I would like to encourage everyone to enroll as a member of the AAW. Wouldn't it be great to say that our guild has 100% membership in the AAW? Only a handful of chapters can make that claim. Since I place great emphasis on open communication, please advise me of any new ideas or concerns that you may have regarding our guild.

Please remember to bring any new items that you have turned for our gallery at the next meeting. We will try to have our photo tents set up to include your art work in our website.

-Jay

Guests:

Ron Bowser
Members of David Golzbein's family

Attendance: 47

Opening Credits:

Don Vande Hei opened the meeting by greeting everyone present for the annual Holiday Party. Don recognized the guests in the audience and members of David Golzbein's family. New member Ron, asked if anyone present who lived in the Falls area would be willing to mentor him in woodturning. He mentioned he has no lathe or tools yet but would like to learn how to turn wood. Member Joe Roig who lives in this area volunteered.

Don Vande Hei then spoke about the tribute to Tom Cross that was in the Winter 2009 AAW magazine. A round of applause was given recognizing his efforts in the community.

You can find this article on page 11 at the following link:

<http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/>

New Business:

Don announced that the organizers of the 2010 Redlands Festival at the Fruit & Spice Park had notified him that they would be charging \$100 for each 10' x 10' spot that the guild would be using. This would amount to \$300 for the guilds booth area. After negotiating with them, Don brought the price down to a \$100 fee that the guild would have to pay. A discussion was then held as to how this fee would be paid. Waldo Collins made a motion that this fee would come out of the SFWG treasury account. The motion was seconded and then passed by a verbal vote.

The Redlands Festival will be held Saturday, 1/9/2010 through Sunday, 1/10/2010. Please note that there is just one monthly meeting now, on 1/7/2010, before the festival. Bring any questions or concerns to the January meeting. A SFWG sales log is attached to this newsletter. Copies will be available at this month's meeting.

Jack Skipper announced that David Freundlich spoke to him about changes to the 2010 SFWG officer's slate. VP Jay Hakarem would be switching places with Don Vande Hei. Jay will be the guild's President for the upcoming year and Don will be the VP. In addition to the VP responsibilities, Don will be working on implementing the video projection of the monthly demos. A possible purchase of an LCD projector has been previously discussed in an open forum. This project is pending resolution.

Jack also mentioned the guild's website and asked anyone who has digital pictures of their turnings is urged to e-mail them to Jack so that they can be incorporated into the members page on the site.

SFWG 2010 Dues:

The membership dues for 2010 are now **Past Due**. If you have not already paid your membership dues, please remember to bring payment (\$20 individual, \$30 family), to the January meeting. Remember, after a brief grace period, if you have not paid up, you will be deleted from the SFWG membership e-mail list.

Bring Back:

The bring back, a beautifully carved platter, created by Jan Misitis, was won by a repeat winner, Waldo Collins. Waldo mentioned that this was one time that he didn't mind winning the bring back.

Don brought the meeting to a close and briefly spoke about the assortment of catalogs and magazines which were made available up at the front table.

December Demo:

The demo this month was one that brought everyone to participate. An amazing assortment of culinary delights, made possible by the efforts of the guild's members. It was truly a joyful time of the year.

January Demo:

Bob Hazel will be demonstrating on polishing and different types of finishes.

Upcoming Events:

Food & Spice Park Festival - January 9 – 10

9th Annual FL Woodturning Symposium
Lake Yale, FL (just north of Eustis)
January 15 -17, 2010

www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com

January 2010 Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance (11/30/09) **\$2,364.85**

Revenues---dues renewal \$270.00

Expenses:

3 months web page-- \$29.97

Dade County parks
(prepay for Fruit & Spice \$108.07

Workshop/Fairchild /
Christmas party drinks/ice \$149.78

Total Expenses \$287.82

Ending Balance (12/24/09) \$2347.03

**Checks for turnings sold at The Ramble
will be distributed at this month's meeting**

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NEXT MEETING

December 3rd, 2009

Robert Morgan Educational Center:

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