



PBCW News

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Al Stirt, Master Bowlturner at PBCW January 24-26, 2009



photo: Dave Brown

I consider myself a "bowl maker" more than a wood turner because, although the turning process fascinates me, it is the resulting bowl that commands my interest. From the earliest times bowls have had meanings for people beyond the purely utilitarian. The bowl as vessel has a resonance deep within the human psyche. I have always thought of each piece that I make as a composition utilizing elements of pattern, line,

weight, texture and form. Even in the most simple pieces I try to find a harmony of grain and shape. I seek a balance in my work between the dynamic and the serene. By playing with the tension created by combining the circle's perfection with the energy of pattern I am trying to make pieces that have life. I use patterns, whether created by grain structure or organic fluting & carving or repeated geometric shapes, to develop harmony in each of my pieces. I find myself always looking for a new means of expression within the turned form.



I started teaching woodturning in 1978 when Albert LeCoff invited me to demonstrate at one of the turning conferences he and Palmer Sharpless had organized at the George School in Bucks County Pennsylvania. Since then, I have given woodturning demonstrations all over the

US as well as in Canada, England, Ireland, and New Zealand. I have taught hands-on classes at Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Brookfield Craft Center, Marc Adams School of Woodworking, Ernie Conover Workshops and many other places.

The PBCW will host a demonstration by Al Stirt on Saturday January 24 from 9AM to 4PM at Okeehelée Nature Center. Al will also conduct hands on workshops for five students each on Sunday January 25 and Monday January 26 at Dave Freidman's Boynton Beach studio. Admission fee for the demonstration is \$35 per attendee in advance and \$45 at the door and the hands on classes are \$125 per person per day. The demonstration will run all day with a break for lunch so be sure to bring your lunch or plan to make a quick visit to a local restaurant. Be sure to sign up early to ensure yourself a place at these exciting events. An enrollment form is on page two of this newsletter

Workshops To Move

Special Wood Auction In February

Long time member and club benefactor Dave Freidman is putting his house up for sale. As a result the club workshops so long hosted by Dave will move to a new location sometime in February.

, Tim Rowe has offered to allow the use of his shop for future workshop meetings. Tim's shop is located on Belvedere road just east of I-95. Some help will be needed to move the clubs equipment from Dave's to Tim's. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the move contact Carl Schneider. The club will hold a special wood auction at the February meeting at which the many pieces of large and exotic woods collected by Dave Freidman will be sold. This is a chance for the club to give back a little to Dave for all he's done for us so be sure to be there.

Jerry Bassett To Organize Shop Tour

Last year's shop tour was received with much enthusiasm by the membership so the board has authorized membership chairman Jerry Bassett to organize another this year. If you would like to participate in this year's shop tour contact Jerry at: jebassett1@hotmail.com or give him a call at: (561)659-5440



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Minutes From The December Meeting

December's meeting began with a demonstration by John Yeend. In attendance were thirty eight members and one guest. John showed how he creates large bodied hollow vessels with a small neck by turning them in two halves and joining them in the middle. John first turns the rough outside shape with a teenon on each end. He then parts the vessel in the half and hollows each on the halves creating a mortise and tenon joint in the process. He then glues the two halves together and finishes the outside. He creates a series of grooves at the joint friction burning the bottoms with a wire. This hides the joint and adds interesting detail to the piece.

There was discussion of the Wellington Art Society show. The show was a success though only smaller items sold well. It was determined that the club should return to the show next year if possible with more members. The tent procured from Jack Nutbrown worked excellently and will be used for future shows.



December's bring back raffle prize made of Sapele by Jerry

The new semester for adult education classes at Jupiter High School will begin January 20. Past sessions have been very successful with many new people being introduced to woodturning and a

number of new members recruited.

This month's bring back winner was Leonard Gabaldon who won a pair of candleholders turned by Jerry Bassett.

2009 Meet and Eat Picnic April 4

The 2009 PBCW Meet and Eat picnic will be held Saturday, April 4th at Okeeheelee Park. This is the once yearly event where members' families can join us and see what the PBCW is all about in a friendly get together with great food and fun. Come on out and join the fun!



Bowl, Norfolk Island Pine, Gerhard Schwenke

Unfortunately this photo does not do justice to this excellent piece.

On Sunday Sept. 21 and Monday Sept. 22 Al Stirt will conduct hands on classes for five students per day at Dave Freidmans shop in Boynton Beach. Admission to these hands on classes is very limited and likely to be over subscribed. To assure your place at these events please register today by mailing this form.

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I would like to take part in the PBCW demonstration and hands on by Al Stirt.

Please sign me up for _____ demonstration seats @ \$35.00 (\$45 at the door) each for a total of \$_____.

I would like to take part in the hands on class on (circle one) Sunday / Monday. Please sign me up for _____ places @ \$135.00 each for a total of \$_____.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

The demonstration will begin at 9AM on Saturday Jan. 24 at the Okeeheelee Nature Center. Refreshments will be available. A lunch break will allow attendees to visit a local restaurant or they may bring their own food to the Nature Center where outside facilities are available. Hands on classes begin at 8AM at Dave Friedman's shop in Boynton Beach.

December Member's Gallery



**Hollow Form,
John Yeend, Norfolk
Island Pine**



**Bowl, John Yeend,
Ambrosia Maple**



**Natural Edge Bowl,
Richard Chesler, Mahogany**



**Box, George Moskowitz,
Wood & Acrylic**



Bowls, Gerhard Schwenke, Norfolk Island Pine



**Box, Gerhard Schwenke,
Black Locust**



**Above: Bowls with Inlaid Inserts, Richard
Chessler, Mahogany and Silky Oak**



**Light Pulls, Gerhard Schwenke,
Various Woods**



**Left
Bowl,
Gerhard
Schwenke,
Norfolk Island
Pine
Right
Balancing
Toy**



**Boxes with Lid Inserts,
Richard Chessler**





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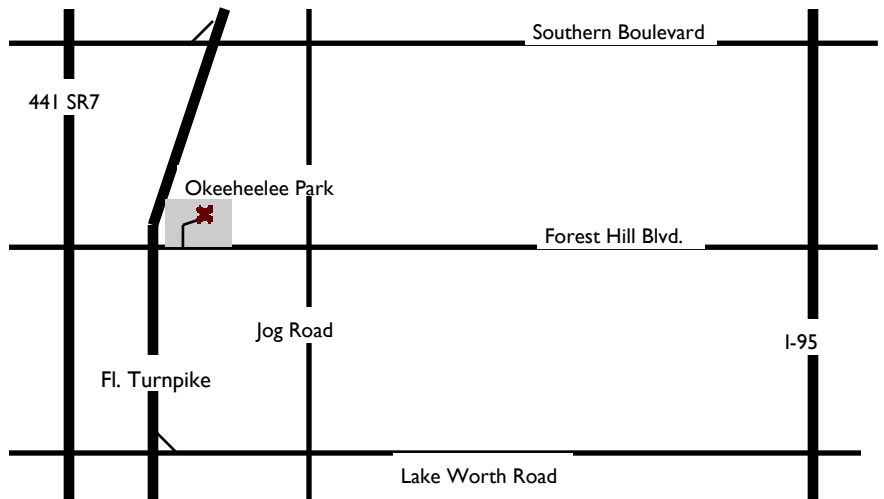
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Calendar

- **January 24, 2009 Demonstration, Al Stirt, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, FL.**
- **January 25-26, 2009 Hands On, Al Stirt, Boynton Beach, FL.**
- **February 28, 2009 Meeting, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, FL.**
- **March 28, 2009 Demonstration, Marilyn Campbell, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, FL.**
- **March 29-30, 2009 Hands On, Marilyn Campbell, Boynton Beach, FL.**
- **April 4, 2009 Meet and Eat Picnic, Okeehelée Park, WPB, FL.**



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Next Meeting This Saturday, January 24