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Minutes From The May Meeting

President Tim Rowe called the May meeting to order shortly after 9AM. Twenty six members were present including three new members who were attending their first meeting.

Tim was also this month's demonstrator and he led off the meeting by turning a two piece candleholder.



After Tim's demonstration and a break, Bill Jones spoke about the club's education programs. Bill announced that the adult education classes at Jupiter High have finished until next fall. There is a fifteen student waiting list for next year's program. Bill also announced a program to work with the boy Scouts. He requested that volunteers interested in working with the Boy Scouts on a one day pen turning project contact him. Bill's efforts to promote woodturning education have paid off handsomely for the club in new members and will continue to bear fruit for woodturning many years from now. Thank you, to Bill and his assistants, Al Gruntwagin, John Buso and others whose names escape me but who nevertheless are deserving of our recognition.

Dan Lague continues to improve the club website. The next project is to publish a list of the Club's library materials.

Jerry Bassett announced that the club has T-shirts, and golf shirts available for purchase. He also reminded members to contact him if they need new name badges.

This month's 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Murphy. The bring back raffle was won by Don Schwartz who received his prize a spalted Mango bowl turned by last month's winner Vince Denchy.



Club Issues Candleholder Challenge

The club has issued a challenge to members to turn a candleholder to bring to the July meeting. Members bringing a candleholder may display them in the July gallery. Each member bringing a candleholder will receive a ticket to a prize raffle. Tickets will be drawn to determine the winners of the various prizes awarded. This is not a contest to see who can turn the best candleholder. It need not be like the holder Tim turned at the May meeting. We want to see all types of candleholders and challenge the members to be creative.

Rules: The candleholder must be capable of holding a candle. It must have been turned by the member presenting it after May 22, 2009. It must be present at the meeting.

So, turn a candleholder and bring it to the July meeting. It's fun and not too hard for even the newest turner and you could win a great prize. Need help? Turn one at the Wednesday workshop. The mentors there will be glad to help.

Wednesday Workshops

Tim Rowe, sponsor of the Wednesday Workshops, requests that you not arrive before 6PM. The influx of turners before that time is interfering with his dry cleaning business.

Carl Schneider requests that if you plan to attend the Wednesday Workshop you respond to the weekly email invitation so that he can plan for the meeting. If no one responds there will be no workshop.

June Demonstrator: Bill Kruger

Project: Turning A Peppermill

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Woodpile Challenge



Clues: Irregularly shaped trunk, smooth grey bark, no distinct color difference between heart and sapwood, alternate simple dark green shiny oval leaves with pointed tips, thick milky sap

You're driving down the road and you spot a pile of freshly cut wood. As a woodturner you can't resist the opportunity to acquire free turning stock so you stop to pick up a few pieces. The question is: what kind of tree was this? Is it worth collecting? If it is good wood for turning what is it best suited for? Can you identify the wood in this pile from the photos? We've included a few clues to help you in case the photos aren't enough. The answer is on the back of this issue.

Call For Scholarship Applicants

Anyone interested in receiving financial assistance from the PBCW to attend a recognized woodturning course may apply for a grant in the amount of \$250 or \$500 to assist with expenses.

To apply for a grant simply complete a grant application and give it to a member of the education committee.

The education committee members are: Bill Jones, Brian Rosencrantz and Al Gruntwagin.

A copy of the grant application is included with this month's newsletter.

In return for the aid the scholarship winner must agree to provide one or two demonstrations for the club at regular meetings during the year following attendance at the course.

Eligibility for the scholarships will be judged by the club's education committee.

Palm Beach County Woodturners Application for Scholarship

To: PBCW Scholarship Committee

Date: _____

I _____ (name) would like to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$_____, (\$250 or \$500) for the purpose of attending a class/workshop with _____ (instructor) at _____ (teaching location).

The course description is _____ (attach copy of brochure, if available) and the date of this class/workshop is _____. My purpose in attending this class/workshop is _____.

I understand and agree that I will be required to do one or two club demonstrations after the completion of the class/workshop.

Name

Email address

Address, City, State and ZIP Code

May Members Gallery



Vase,
Manzanita Burl,
Tim Carter



Sculpture,
Manzanita Burl /
Wenge /
Malacjhite,
Tim Carter



Sculpture,
Yew,
Herb Cohen



Vase, Ash,
Brian Rosencrantz



Box, Lilac /
Ebonized Citrus
,Brian
Rosencrantz



Vase, Lilac,
Brian Rosencrantz



Clockwise from lower left:
Platter, Mahogany, Bob Salvetti,
Platter with Beads, Poplar, Bob Salvetti,
Bowl, Ash, Brian Rosencrantz,
Bowl, Cherry, Brian Rosencrantz,
Bowl, Unknown Wood, Brian Rosencrantz



Sculpture,
Norfolk Island Pine,
Herb Cohen



Box,
Mahogany / Bubinga,
Don Schwartz



Vase,
Mahogany,
Don Schwartz



Bowl,
Spalted Mango,
Vince Denchy



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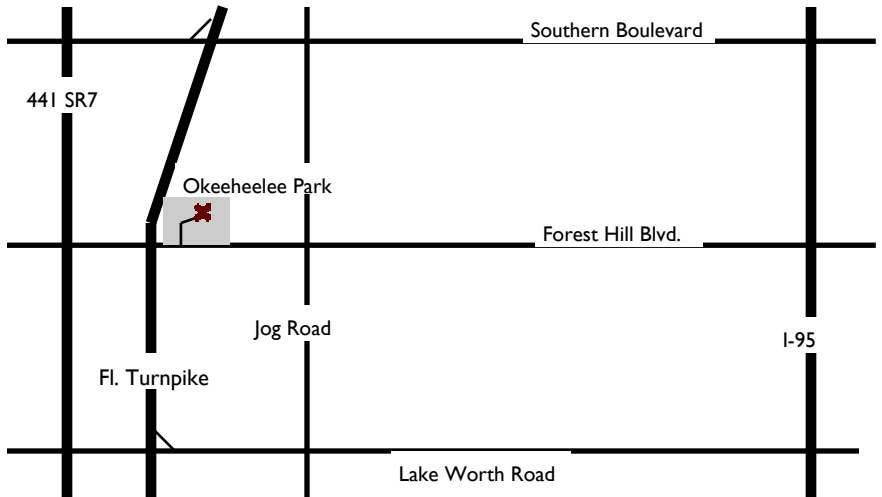
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Calendar

- **June 27, 2009 Meeting, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, Fl.**
- **July, 25, 2009 Meeting, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, Fl.**
- **August, 22, 2009 Meeting, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, Fl.**
- **September, 26, 2009 Meeting, Okeehelée Nature Center, WPB, Fl.**

The answer to the woodpile Challenge is Ficus. Can it be turned? Of course it can and with proper techniques it will produce very nice woodturnings. However, the milky sap can be a serious skin irritant, and the wood tends to split and shrink more than many species. For these reasons most woodturners pass it up for other species. It also turns grey as it ages if left in the log so it is best turned while fresh and left thick for returning at a later date.



Next Meeting This Saturday, June 27