



PBCW News

PBCW Presence at Two Spring Shows



On Saturday March 26 and Sunday March 27 the Palm Beach County Woodturners took part in the Royal Palm Beach Art Festival. About six members presented their work at this show. The work was well received by show attendees and though traffic was light sales were moderate with mostly small items being selected. Total sales for the two days were in the neighborhood of one thousand two hundred dollars.

On Saturday April 16 and Sunday April 17 the PBCW participated in the mounts Botanical Garden Spring Show and Sale. This has traditionally been one of the club's favorite events with continuous woodturning demonstrations and a large number of participating turners. The Garden has been very kind to the PBCW, providing us with some

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Minutes From The March Meeting

President Eric Williams called the March meeting of the Palm Beach County Woodturners to order at 9:15 on Saturday March 26. Present were thirty two members and three guests.

The first order of business was a demonstration by Gerhard Schwenke on turning a calabash bowl. A calabash bowl, according to Gerhard is a round bottom bowl with an incurving opening. That is, the mouth of the



Don't miss our April Meeting where Al Gruntwagin will demonstrate fluting techniques.

bowl is significantly smaller than its largest diameter. Gerhard turned his bowl from Norfolk Island Pine.

Gerhard says that this is a form he recently began turning and in a year or so he'll have learned exactly how to create it.

After the demonstration Eric called for reports from the committee chairs.

Treasurer Bruce Williams reported that the club has

\$8040.41 in the general fund and \$1289.50 in the Otto Dunder memorial education fund.

Education chairman Bill Jones announced that the spring classes conducted in North Palm Beach have been completed. Registration is in process for fall classes with nearly all positions filled. In a correction to last month's newsletter Bill states that the program no longer has any affiliation with the Jupiter High School Adult Education program.

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PBCW Events Schedule

Apr. 23 Meeting, Okeehetee Nature Center
 May 28 Meeting, Okeehetee Nature Center
 Jun. 25 Meeting, Okeehetee Nature Center

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Pedestal Box, Jim Davis, Amboyna Burl, Padouk, African Blackwood



Above and Below: John Buso, Hollow Form, Mahogany, Box, Maple



Spice Box, Gerhard Schwenke, Norfolk Island Pine



Left:
Bowl,
Gerhard
Schwenke,
Norfolk Island
Pine

Right:
Birdhouse
Ornament,
Gerhard
Schwenke,
Various





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Above: Bowls, Blake Patterson, Walnut/Maple/Cedar, Purpleheart/Maple/Cedar

Below: Bowls, Blake Patterson, Cedar/Walnut/Maple, Pine/Cedar



Segmented Bowl, Blake Patterson, Oak/Purpleheart



Above: Box, Michael Morris, Bubinga



Left:
Bowl, Stephen Hlasniecek, Mahogany



PBCW Takes Part In Okeehetee Earth Day Celebration

The PBCW and Okeehetee Nature Center celebrated Earth Day on Saturday April 16 with a display of turnings and a delegation of turners. Woodturning demonstrations were held continuously from the start of the festivities to the close of the day.

The turners, Carl Schneider, Herb Cohen and Richard Chesler were available to answer questions about woodturning in general and about the PBCW specifically. A number of other organizations that use the facilities at Okeehetee were also represented at the event.



Richard Chesler answers questions as Carl Schneider turns for a group of possible future woodturners.

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of the best exhibit space. It is also an excellent opportunity to introduce our club and woodturning to a wide audience. Traffic Saturday morning was exceptionally light and sales were correspondingly low. Sunday continued in the same manner. Overall the whole show brought less than eight hundred dollars in total sales. This is by far the lowest amount ever for a show at Mounts Botanical Garden.

An informal survey of other vendors at the event seemed to indicate that similar results were seen by all, no matter what their product.

There was speculation as to whether this might be due to the date of the event having been moved to one week earlier than most years or if it might be due to the Garden's new ten dollar entrance fee for the event.

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Woodturning Scholarships Available

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](#). 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.

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Programs chair Tim Rowe announced that there were no plans for a Meet and Eat Picnic this Year. A vote was taken by the members present with the result that the membership chose not to plan a picnic at this time.

Bill also encouraged club members to apply for a scholarship to help with expenses in attending a woodturning course. Bruce Williams has been awarded a scholarship to attend a course with Alan Lacer at the Mark Adams school in Indiana in October. After reports members presented their work in the show and tell gallery.

The 50/50 raffle prize was won by Mike Morris who generously donated his winnings to the club. Thank you, Mike.

This month's bring back raffle was won by Gerhard Schwenke who received his prize, a box turned by March winner, Brian Rosencrantz.



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