



PBCW News

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John Jordan: October Demonstrator



On Saturday October 15 the PBCW will host an all day turning demonstration by John Jordan. The event will be held at the Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium. The club will also host a day of hands classes with John on Sunday following the event.

John Jordan is a woodturner from Cane Ridge (Nashville), Tennessee. Known primarily for his textured and carved hollow vessels, John has been featured in nearly every major turning exhibition the past twenty years. His work has received numerous awards,

and is in the permanent collections of many museums and corporations, including the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, the American Craft Museum in New York City, the White House in Washington, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in Charlotte, the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, and the Detroit Institute of the Arts and the prestigious Victoria and Albert Museum in London, Eng-



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Call For Volunteers

Carl Schneider has volunteered to lead this year's PBCW Nominations Committee. The committee will be seeking members for the 2010 PBCW board and officers. They seek nominees for President, Vice President, Treas-

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The PBCW September meeting will be held at the Mounts Botanical Garden auditorium.

It's in the Horticultural building in the front parking lot at Mounts, and yes, it is air-conditioned.

Mushroom Challenge At September Meeting

Keeping with the theme of last month's demonstration the September show and tell gallery will feature a mushroom challenge. Everyone who brings a turned mushroom to the meeting will be entered into the drawing to win a gift certificate from Craft Supply. You can turn a mushroom in just a few minutes and the variety of shapes is endless. Lets see how many we can gather for this month's gallery.

Boca Raton Recreation Class

By: Carl Schneider

On Tuesday, Sep. 6 there was a meeting of the Palm Beach County Woodturners (PBCW) and the Boca Raton Recreational Department (BRRD). Attendees were: Julia Pinkocze - BRRD, David Feldman, Bill Jones, Lee Sky, Carl Schneider

David Feldman had previously briefed Julia and she was excited about offering the classes.

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Minutes From The August Meeting

The August meeting of the Palm Beach County Woodturners was led by Past President Tim Rowe because both the current President: Eric Williams and Vice President Gerhard Schwenke were unavailable.

After greeting guest turners and welcoming new members Tim called for a report from PBCW treasurer Bruce Williams.

Bruce reported that the club's operating account stood at \$7389.43. The Otto Dunder memorial education fund contained \$789.50. Bruce also informed the club about the progress he was making on completing the club's application for 501c3 status.

Education Chairman Bill Jones announced that Fall classes for the north county were full with four students registered and would be starting in October. Next January's four openings are nearly full.

Tim reported that the club would be participating in the Mounts Orchid Show Septem-

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August Gallery



Above: Round and Toroidal Boxes, Bruce Williams, Cherry
Right: Bowl, Bruce Williams, Norfolk Island Pine



Left: Knitting Needles, Beau Nake, Purpleheart/Ebony

Right: Box, Jim Paulk, Royal Poinciana



Above: Peppermill, , Cherry
Below: Boxes, Wayne Veidt, Bradford Pear



Left: Stave Constructed Bowl, ,Various Woods
Below Left: Platter, Michael Morris, Ash
Below:Box, Michael Morris, Mahogany



Below:
Articulated Mushrooms, Tim Rowe, Live Oak





Woodturning Classes at Boca Raton Recreation Department

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We showed Julia some samples of our work but Julia had already seen the Gold Coast Woodturners display at the Boca Art Festival and was favorably impressed.

After some discussion there was a tentative agreement, subject to PBCW board approval, that the classes would follow the curriculum used by Bill Jones for his classes at the Jupiter High School. The only evenings available were on Friday which we all agreed would probably conflict with other events. Therefore, there would be two consecutive 8 class sessions once a week on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 am starting Jan. 7, 2012 but skipping Jan. 14 due to the Florida Symposium, April 28 due to the Mounts Botanical Garden Show and a Mar. 10 break. The classes would be limited to persons age 16 or older with a minimum number of 4 and a maximum of 6 per class. During the discussion regarding fees Bill Jones mentioned a figure of \$175 and Julia said that seemed reasonable. The BRRD would retain 30% of the fee and PBCW receive 70%. The classes would be advertised in the Boca Raton Recreator publication expected to be available at the beginning of Dec. 2011. For the Recreator Carl Schneider agreed to submit a class description prior to October not to exceed 50 words. PBCW would furnish all equipment, tools, materials and safety equipment. There would be a ratio of one instructor to two students. We visited a room available for the classes and found it very accommodating.

Julia stated that the requirements for teaching the classes are the organization submit an application and be registered as a 501 3(c) and that all instructors submit an application and be subject to a background check. Carl Schneider has the applications for the organization and the instructors and will provide them. These documents should be submitted within the next 10 days to allow checking to be completed in time.

Here is the course information to be published in the Recreator:

WOODTURNING CLASSES

Eight, 3 hour sessions to learn the fundamentals of woodturning. Use a lathe to make a candle stick, tool handle, a box and a bowl. Minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 students. Lathes, tools and materials provided.

Instructors: Gerhard Schwenke, Lee Sky, Tim Rowe, Carl Schneider

Days: Saturdays Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 am

Dates: Eight sessions starting Jan. 7 except Feb. 4

Cost: Residents - \$175 Non-Residents \$219

PBCW Nominations

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urer, and Secretary in addition to up to six at large board members.

If you would like to help find the future leaders of our club contact [Carl](#). Interestingly, helping Carl find others willing to serve is one way to assure your name will not end up on the ballot unless you want it to.

If you are interested in taking part in the decisions that direct our organization contact [Carl](#) about that too. The committee will announce a slate of candidates at the October meeting. At that time nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Voting will take place at the November meeting.



Mounts Orchid Show

Reported by: Carl Schnieder

The PBCW took part in the Mounts Orchid show September 10-11. Participants were: Joe Katz, Lee Sky, Vincent Denchy, Bruce Williams, Tim Rowe, Carl Spinnler, Carl Schneider, and Beau Nake.

Members offered their turnings for sale and provided continuous woodturning demonstrations for the public. Sales were good with total receipts of over two thousand dollars.



Another view of the two Cherry Boxes Bruce Williams showed in the August Show and Tell Gallery



John Jordan October Demonstrator (contd.)

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land.

John is in great demand as a demonstrator/teacher, traveling extensively teaching at universities, craft schools, turning groups and trade shows throughout the US, Canada, the UK, France, New Zealand, Australia and Japan, including an annual week or two at world famous Arrowmont school of Arts and Crafts, Anderson Ranch Arts Center and Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Maine.

His work is frequently seen in publications in several countries as well as articles written by him. In addition to his most recent video on the aesthetics and properties of wood, he has also produced two previous best selling woodturning videos, which received very favorable reviews.

John's pieces are initially turned on the lathe, from fresh, green logs, using a number of techniques and tools that have evolved over the years. Each piece is then hand carved and textured, using a variety of different hand and small powered tools. This texturing process is very labor intensive, and can take as much as several days to weeks to complete. There is little room for error during this carving- one small slip can ruin the piece. A light lacquer finish is applied to most pieces, including the dyed work.



Minutes from the July Meeting (contd.)

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ber 10-11. Mike Zimmerman stopped by to invite the membership to his birthday party at Mounts, also September 10th. Tim further informed the club about the Mounts Fall Show and Sale November 5-6. Tim also mentioned the Turning Southern Style Symposium in Unicoi, Ga. Sept. 16-18 and the North Carolina symposium in Greens-

Upcoming PBCW Demonstrations, Shows and Challenges

Members who bring a qualifying entry to the challenge meetings will be entered in a drawing for several gift certificates to be given away.

September demonstration: Bill Kruger, Christmas ornament.

September challenge: Bring a turned mushroom.

October Demonstration: John Jordan

Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Show and Sale, November 5-6 Contact [Tim Rowe](#) for information

Fairchild Garden Ramble In The Garden, November 12-13 Contact [Tim Rowe](#) for information

November Demonstration: Bruce Williams, Spindle Turning

November challenge: Bring a turned Christmas ornament.

January Demonstrator: Rudy Lopez

boro, NC Nov. 5-6.

Tim reminded the club that John Jordan would be demonstrating at our October meeting and that David Ellsworth would be coming to the club in March.

After the business portion of the meeting Tim demonstrated the techniques he uses to turn an articulated mushroom. Tim first turns the top or cap of the mushroom starting with the underside and creating a socket that will later take the stem. He then turns the stem with a ball on the top that is sized to fit the socket previously turned. Then he pops them together for a mushroom with a top you can tilt to suit your fancy.

The winner of this month's Bring Back Raffle was Joe Katz.

The demonstration was followed by the presentation of the gallery.

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.