

Artistic Woodturners Meeting - 18 November 2017

Meeting was convened by Mike Demaline. 22 members were present. Guest/new member James Fox was recognized. Monthly pool draw for chance at free annual membership was won by Ned Wernick. This will be awarded by drawing at Christmas Party.

Mike discussed annual Christmas party, which will gather at 10 AM on December 16, meal to begin at 10:30. Pulled pork and drinks will be furnished by the club, with side dishes to be brought in by members. Voluntary member- turned gift exchange will take place; if you bring a gift, you will receive a ticket and will be able to select a gift. All gifts should be submitted in anonymous brown paper grocery bags, stapled. It will really help with planning if you email to say you will be attending and what dish you anticipate bringing. Reply to northhill@yahoo.com and I will compile the list.

Ed Rose is working hard finding visiting turners for 2018. He discussed briefly our budget and the mechanism for paying the costs of visiting turners. If the club subsidizes half the cost, the remainder is usually made up by the \$10 event fee charged attendees. He hopes to have 4, possibly 5 visiting turners present their skills this coming year, with club members conducting demos and leading sawdust sessions at other meetings.

Ralph Thomas was present at 8 AM, dispensing AnchorSeal from a 55 gallon drum secured in his truck. He has 10 gallons surplus that he will not need soon, so if you missed out or want some more, call him at 850-934-3259.

Earl Rennie encouraged everyone to download the free program entitled Graph Paper Maker to make index wheels or to pre-configure patterns on POLAR graph paper for basket illusion projects.

Visit our members gallery to keep track of our new members.



Members looking over gallery and auction items pre-meeting



Jim Mallett's creative 50th anniversary bud vase



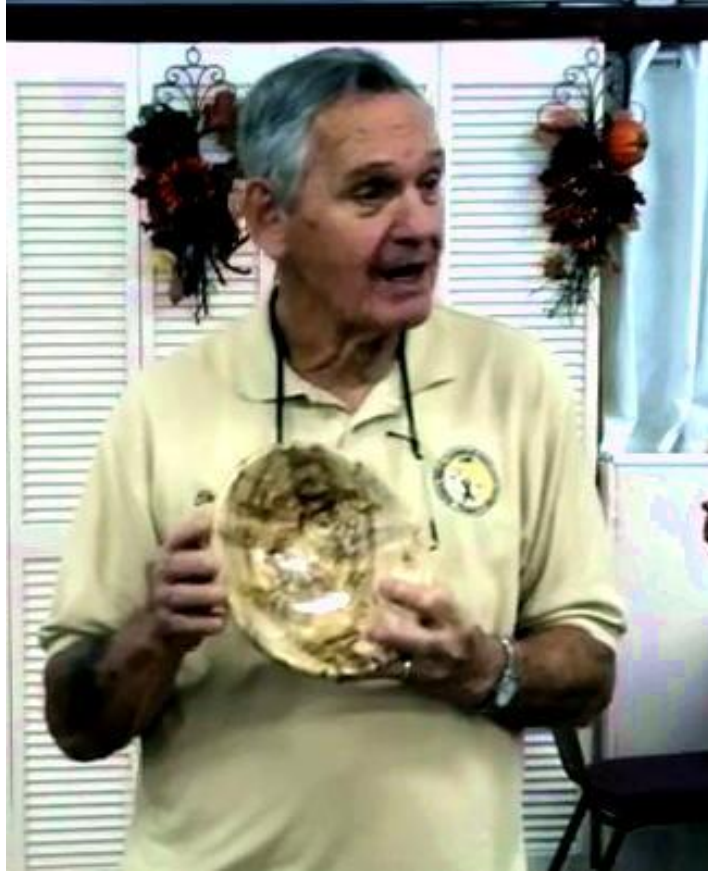
Al McCoy's exquisite first effort with a basket illusion plate



Earl “Thomas Edison” Riney’s completed sphere turning jig



Ralph describes the challenge of mending pith cracks in an end grain cherry bowl. Face grain cherry bowls and spalted hackberry hollowform are also his handiwork.



Charlie declares that “I’m back” as he displays spalted bowl



Mike’s lazy susan sports a segmented rim and a HomeDepot wood bottom



Jeff displays his “three finger sized” poi bowl



Sourwood bowl and a sleek salt shaker and peppermill are Ed Rose’s contributions to this Show and Tell session.



Thanks to all who contributed to auction materials and to those who purchased. One of our better auctions, multiple species of wood were offered – cherry, walnut, pecan, hickory, mesquite, maple, sycamore – as well as man made materials to test our member’s creative talents.

Demonstrator for this meeting was me, showing bottlestopper turning using a home made pin chuck and the Ruth Niles bottlestopper jig. As I am the usual photographer, I regret/rejoice that I have no photos to offer.

Respectfully submitted, Neil McWilliams, Secretary

