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Artistic Woodturners of Northwest Florida

The business meeting was brief. No holdover old business was discussed. One item of new business was discussed – attempting to attract younger members. One idea raised at the steering committee meeting was that of offering free membership to interested high school seniors. Members present were surveyed for interest in serving as mentors to such students and 8 or 9 expressed willingness. Next step will be how to reach these students, perhaps through the Vocational department at the high schools.

Our auction was likewise brief, with some green walnut offered by Ed Rose drawing some spirited bids. A Craftsman rotary tool was likewise auctioned.

Show and Tell:











Only about 20% of members present have ever made a bottle stopper!



Rounding stock between centers, with a pin chuck and a roughing gouge



Rounding stock using bedan and Niles stopper chuck held in spiral chuck



Shaping stopper with a spindle gouge, using pin chuck in headstock (with drawbore). Keeping stock between centers is big safety measure.



Natural stone cabochon used as insert in end of stopper



Natural stone, glass, corian, figured wood examples of inserts



Ruth Niles stoppers and self tapping threaded bottle stopper chuck (designed to be retained in your spiral chuck). Using this system, stopper takes perhaps 20 min. max from rough stock to waxed and polished end product.