

ARTISTIC WOODTURNERS *of Northwest Florida*



Meeting: January 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Chair: Jim Mencum, President



Business

The Meeting was held at our new location at 6419 Dallas Ave Pensacola FL.

President Jim Mencum led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 32 members present and 6 guests.

Mencum went over some issues with the new location. Caution about where to park to protect the land owner's septic tank and field lines. Mencum stated the area prohibited from parking was flagged off with blue tape. For future reference, the area directly behind the residence on the property is where the septic lines are. Mencum had some note cards for members to write down any suggestions for improvement or ideas for demonstrations you would like to see.

The club is for all members and your input is very important.

We all need to be patient as we are getting used to the location, which is definitely smaller. Feel free to address any board member with any issues and or suggestions to improve our meetings.

Secretary Bruce Shue asked members to be sure and fill out the information sheets on show and tell.

SHOW AND TELL

Alex Webster- Two turnings from Cedar and two from Spalted Oak.



Ed Rose- Bowls from Gingko wood, Maple, Opoku and Padauk. Two spice grinders, one with Padauk and one with Sycamore.



Raymond Lampher- Wand Ornaments and Cosplay Wand, woods were Mahogany and Maple.



Kim Huggins- Spalted vase of unknown wood. Wood turners refer to unknown wood as FOG wood.



Jack McGhee- Two bowls from Poplar wood, a small vase from Cedar wood and a small bowl from Bubinga wood. Jack had presented items in show and tell the last two meetings and refers to himself as a beginner.



Demostration Spindle Turning

Neil McWilliams

Neil reviewed and emphasized many of the safety precautions we all should review and use. The ABC's Anchor the tool on the tool rest, ride the bevel, and make the cuts. He reviewed lathe speeds. Position of your body to the lathe, wearing of protection for your eyes and face. Turning the piece by hand to ensure it turns freely without hitting the tool rest. Neil talked about the sounds your tool and lathe makes as your turning. Neil stated If you hear any change in sound while your turning. Stop the lathe and investigate where and why your hearing the noise.

Neil started with a semi round piece between centers. He demonstrated using the Roughing Gouge to turn the piece to round.

The Skew was next. Neil showed the correct position of hands, the tool and some of the things one can accomplish with the Skew.

Neil demonstrated the Spindle Gouge, a Bowl Gouge , and a Detailed Gouge. He demonstrated the uses, how to use and precautions for each of the tools.



Jim Mencum then demonstrated some techniques with the Skew. Jim cautioned about catches and demonstrated how they can occur. Through no fault of his own Jim demonstrated how ineffective and dangerous a dull tool (Skew) can be. Jim emphasized the need to keep your tools sharp.

