



Meeting : March 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Chair: President Jim Mecum

President Jim Mecum opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mecum sported a new cast on his right forearm. The injury was caused by a piece exploding on his lathe. There was many comments and discussion about ways to avoid incidents like this happening. We all learn from mistakes we make. Most of our mistakes don't have serious consequences such as Jim's. Kudo's for Jim sharing this and may we all learn from it.

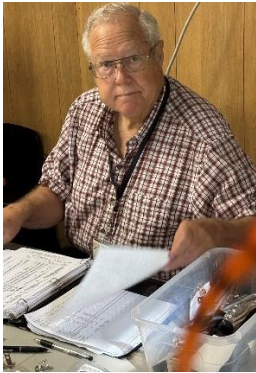


Durk Estes shared some information about some wood working tools for sale in Elberta Alabama. Contact Durk for more information.

Dick Johns and Ralph Thomas discussed the Guld Breeze Arts Festival which is March 22-23. The club will have two tents set up with power. We need members

to demonstrate turning and some to interact with the public. Thomas stated keep the items you turn at the booth simple and quick. Thoms stated parking will be at The Gulf Breeze high School Parking lot with shuttles available. It was suggested members pre make some tops to give away. Johns has a list of times and volunteers. Please contact him if you want to help. Or just show up. The club will provide you a bottle of water (per Ralph Thomas).

One of our most reliable, hard working and friendly board member Steve Dunaway. He keeps the finances of the club in immaculate order. Please take time to thank him



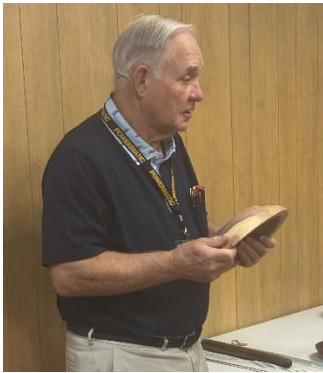
We had 30 members along with 4 guests present at this meeting.

Show and Tell

Jeff Olive- French type rolling pin from Purple heart wood.



Ed Rose- A rough turned bowl of Crepe Myrtle and a small bowl. Rose stated the bowl is similar to the bowl he will turn during his live demonstration.



Richard Gallagher- A walnut bowl with embossed copper.



Dennis Tschida- Bowls from Walnut and Iroku wood. Two small boxes made from bat blanks he picked up at a club auction.



Nathan McCullom- Resin and wood bowl.



Leland Leonard. Serving trays using veneers.



Auction. Each meeting an auction is held. Many good pieces of wood, bowl blanks, tools etc are donated by club members. The auction is great way to clear out some unused tools and wood or to find bargains. The best part of the auction is the proceeds go the club. That itself is a benefit to all of us.



Live Demonstration

Ed Rose

From Blank to Bowl



Our very own Ed Rose conducted a live demonstration which he called Blank to Bowl. Ed used a blank of ambrosia maple. The coloration of the wood is not caused by ambrosia beetles. Ed started the bowl by shaping the outside and turning a tendon to attach the chuck too. After the outside and tendon was completed and sanded Ed mounted it to the check and turned the inside. After turning the inside Ed mounted the bowl to a jam check to finish the bottom and removing the tendon. Ed empathized the need to keep your tools sharp to achieve a smoother finish. Ed had one member who we will only identify as "OOOOOH" come up to check the smoothness.



If you can attend the Gulf Breeze Arts Festival please do. The more the merrier.
Next monthly meeting will be April 12th. Stay safe and happy turning

