

ARTISTIC WOODTURNERS *of Northwest Florida*



Meeting : October 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Chair: President Jim Mencum

Location : 6419 Dallas Ave. Pensacola, Fl



Business

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jim Mencum.

There were 24 members and 3 guests present.

Up coming events were discussed by Mencum and others. On Saturday October 25, 2025 there will be a wig stand workshop held at Leland Leonard's shop located at 537 Brent Lane Pensacola, FL. The times for are from 9:00 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 4 PM. Lunch and costs will be determined. The wig stands may be donated

or kept. The stands will be donated to local cancer centers. No information was available at the time of this letter on wood. Bring your tools and supplies. This is a great event for a great cause. Any member who wishes to attend as a turner or a mentor please contact us.

On Saturday November 22, 2025, the club will be hosting a local Girl Scout group to help them earn their Wood Working Merit Badge. The event will be at Leland Leonard's Shop from 9:00 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Topics will be safety (always first) and some simple woodturning. Unsure on how many scouts will be attending. However, we will need mentors for the event.

I (Bruce Shue) made a statement about Leland Leonard and Jim Mencum helping me with sharpening techniques, using my tools and sharpening system. I learned a lot of valuable skills. There are many members that are willing to help teach you. Since I have been in the club, Ed Rose had me come to his house and taught me some basic skills. Neil McWilliams, offered to come to my shop and do the same thing. I would have taken him up on this offer. However, I am a little embarrassed to let him see my dirty unorganized shop. There are many members that are willing to share their knowledge.

Discussion was held about the election of board members for the 2026 year. Sally Leonard has volunteered to continue as treasurer. Bruce Shue stated he is willing to continue as secretary. There is a need for members to be available to run the sound/video systems. Earl Rennie and Nic Sherrouse work hard to have us up and running each meeting. We do need more members willing to assist with this. Auction, Neil McWilliams and Ed Rose have done the auction many meetings and have done an outstanding job.

This is our club; I encourage members to take ownership and step up to assist and participate for the betterment of the club.

Show and Tell

Raymond Lanphere, 2 Acorns and 2 wands. Maple, Oak and Walnut.



Jeff Olive, Deer Antler and wood British car part (unknown).



Nathan McCullim, Saber Hilt of cedar.



Bruce Shue, ornamental bell, Pecan Bowl and Cedar ornamental lantern.



Ed Rose, Maple bowl with mica flakes band.

Neil McWilliams, Maple bowl with copper inlay, Wig stand with maple and burl, Red hat lady wig stand. Red hat of padauk wood.



Durk Estes, Bowl.



Earl Rennie, flasks including his prototype, vase, and acorns with screw tops. Used Mahogany, Maple, Walnut and Ash.



Richard Gallaher, unfinished bowl, using Milliput to fill in cracks, two finished and a lidded box still in process.



Alex Webster, two bowls, one with bark natural edge.



Auction

The auction led by Niel McWilliams, there was a good number of items available. The proceeds from the auction go towards the club which benefits us all. You can bid on items, or donate items for the auction.



Remote Demonstration

A live remote demonstration “Turn a forest; ring turned trees: by Dave Landers. Landers utilized his lathe and a bandsaw to make multiple Christmas Trees. Landers will forward the video link and printouts of templates. Here is a link to his website. <https://dlwoodturning.com>

