

* April 2026 Newsletter *

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Hello Fellow Woodturners!

Project Lift classes starting soon! Please contact me if you're interested in mentoring young people interested in learning the art of Woodturning. Project Lift mentors will need to fill out liability forms, go through a background check and must be current AAW members. Classes are slated to occur Monday / Tuesday for about 4-5 hours, and we'll be trialing classes one week a month. Schedules may change in the future as needed.



First place bowl!

Gary from Indiana won first place in the Okeechobee County fair, for this lovely bowl!

If you have any personal wins or sales you'd like celebrated, feel free to send them to me to feature in the newsletter, the club facebook, or Instagram!

Call for Donations!

Heathcote is looking for item donations for a silent auction, to raise money for the garden's 40th anniversary. Anyone with items to donate, reach out to me or Steve Lasher! Items must be received before May 1st.

Call for Woodturners!

Wilson from the McArthur Golf Club is looking for someone to make some commemorative bowls and other objects from a large pine tree being felled on their grounds. Contact Julie if you think you're up to the task!

Stay safe, and Happy Turning!

~Julie

We meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9am

At Project Lift:
601 Atlantic Ave,
Fort Pierce, FL
34950



**An Affiliate Chapter of the American Association
of Woodturners**

TWC Member Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 and the club recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Tom Sturgill was recognized as a former member of the club.

Motion to accept February meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: Income \$1,370 from donations at the Fair, no expenditures, Balance \$14,698 including the restricted wood purchase fund of \$8,930. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Old business:

Julie thanked all club members who participated at St Lucie County Fair. She said she plans to institute a recognition system that awards points to members for various types of participation.

While on the subject of the Fair, Fred had some comments about safety that included; a caution to remove the key from chucks after use, not leaving the lathe while it was running, properly tightening the chuck to avoid loose wood. Others suggested being careful to use the tail stock when possible and being careful to turn the speed down when shutting the lathe off.

Julie noted that there was no equipment donation for the Club Challenge and that the award this month would be a gift certificate.

Because the Veterans Appreciation event occurred at the same time as the Fair, a small group with Bob Haarer did attend the Veterans event.

Port St Lucie Botanical Garden event participation in 2026 is being actively discussed with their board. Barbara Best is representing the club in that discussion.

New Business:

Julie indicated that she would bring additional copies of the skill survey circulated at the February for additional volunteers."

Bob Haarer suggested that club members make and donate "Fancy Tops" as a fund-raiser at Christmas time when the club is doing demos.

There was discussion about reviving the "Classified" section of the monthly newsletter. It was agreed that members who have items to sell should forward photos and description, with price and contact info to Julie for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please send the information two weeks prior to the club meeting. Julie announced that Jack was offering several tools for a live auction with proceeds being donated to the club. The tools were available to examine while the Show-N-Tell was conducted.

Show And Tell was well received and had numerous participants.

Club Challenge was a "Fancy Top" won by Tyler

Bring-Back by Jim Sanders donated an ash bowl – won by Gary.

A live auction with all tools sold enthusiastically and successfully.

Demonstration and April Club Challenge: Jack brought some material for a 3-pointed bowl. Brian did the demo.

Next General Meeting April 11

Attendees: 26

Board Summary

Meeting was called to order at 10:15

Jack Shelton, Ed Stavish, Abe Loughin, Bob Haarer and Bob Ashley in attendance. Amber attended via phone.

Assembling teachers for Project lift classes, bg check and AAW membership needed for any potential teachers. Will check with general membership for additional teachers, teaching schedule discussed. Monday / Tuesday recommended days.

Club demo improvements discussed, looking into procuring a mic for speakers and demonstrators. Laptop for demo recording and file uploading. Additional social media interaction was discussed to help bring in new members.

Will propose a hands-on day to the club, as well as buying a library cart.

Meeting Adjourned 12:30

Classifieds



Thom is looking to **sell** a a jet 1220vs.

Includes extended bed, chuck, face plate, a 1" x 8tpi tap, and a shop built workbench. (not pictured)

Asking **\$600**



Rick is looking to **sell**
a couple 180 grit CBD
grinding wheels

(8 inch diameter, 5/8
inch bore)

Asking **\$25** each

John Bowman is is looking to **buy**

A full size lathe, such as a Laguna 24/36,
a Harvey T60 or a Grizzly g0995

If you have, or know of anyone that
has a similar lathe for sale, reach
out!

Jimmy's Safety Minute

This week I was using a rotary tool to carve and realized after a few minutes that I was working in a cloud of wood dust. I surely had an uptake into my lungs so I stopped to don a filter mask. We all are aware that long-term exposure can result in serious health issues like emphysema. I saw an excellent presentation on this recently and learned that the finer the dust the more hazardous it is, because ultrafine dust will bypass filter masks.

Nothing will completely protect us, but if we use good filter masks and forced ventilation the hazards are greatly reduced.

One final thought: Those cheap disposable paper masks are essentially worthless because they do not seal. I've been using the 3M filter masks which afford pretty decent protection, and I know there are even better ones out there. I hope you will spend a buck and stay healthy...



3M™ P100 provides at least 99.97% filtration efficiency against solids and liquid aerosols, as well as oil-based particles



Have fun and work safe!
Jimmie Porter

Show and Tell



Abe Loughin

*Top
Oak*



Tyler Traynor

*Tops
Poplar*



Tyler Traynor

*Dyed Bowl
Acacia*



Gary Lynn

*Japanese Throwing Top
Spalted Maple*



Jim Dougherty

*Bowl
Mahogany*



Abe Loughin

*Urn - Small
Oak*

Show and Tell

**Mark
Traynor**
Utensil Holder
Magnolia



John Hart
Bowl
Box Elder



Brian Rosencrantz
Fancy Box Top
Maple, Blackwood,
jewelry findings

Mark Traynor
Toy Top
Maple

Jim Dougherty
Tops
Mahogany

Show and Tell



Brian Rosencrantz

*Top w/ Stand
Maple*



John Hart

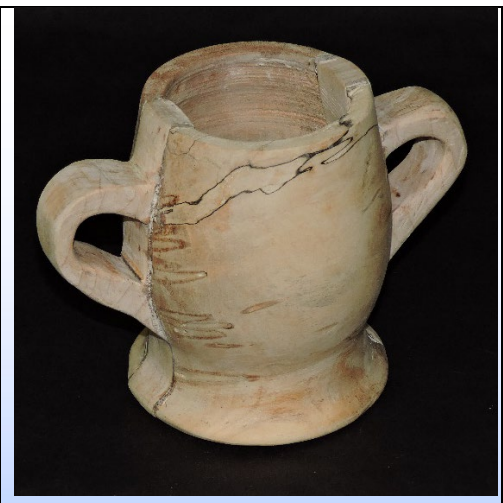
Vase

Show and Tell



Wyatt
Vase
Camphor

Fred Davis
Bowl
Dogwood



Jim Sanders
Dish
Cedar

Wyatt
Bowl
Cypress

Barbara Best
Vase?
Maple?

Show and Tell



Brian Rosencrantz
Serial Box Tops
Maple



Sherry Loughen
Top
Maple



Jim Sanders
Give BackBowl
Ash



Randy Cooley
Top
Maple

Club Calendar

January	February	March
<p>10th - 8:00 am Board meeting 10th - 9:00 am General Meeting <i>Demo -Offset Turning</i></p> <p>24th – Lumberjack Fest</p>	<p>14th – 9am General meeting <i>Demo - Tops</i></p> <p>20th – 22nd Florida Symposium</p> <p>27th – 8th St Lucie Fair</p>	<p>8th – St Lucie fair ends</p> <p>14th – 9am General Meeting <i>Demo – tri-corner bowl</i></p>
April	May	June
<p>6th – 10 am Board mtg @Jack’s</p> <p>11th – General Meeting</p>	<p>9th - 9am General meeting <i>Demo -Rolling Pin w/ Celtic Knot</i></p>	<p>13th – 9am Club meeting <i>Demo – spoons</i></p>
July	August	September
<p>6th - 10am Board mtg</p> <p>11th – 9am General meeting <i>Demo – platter & power carving</i></p>	<p>15th – 9am General Meeting <i>Demo - Bowl w/ Inlays</i></p>	<p>7th – Board mtg</p> <p>12th – 9am General mtg <i>Demo – Inside Out Ornaments</i></p>
October	November	December
<p>10th – 9am General Mtg <i>Demo – Pumpkin</i></p> <p><i>Plant Sale? TBD</i></p>	<p>9th – Board Mtg</p> <p>14th – 9am General Mtg <i>Demo – Ornament balls</i></p>	<p>12th – 9am General mtg <i>Demo – Snowman</i></p> <p><i>Garden of Lights? TBD</i></p>



Don't forget to join the AAW, click on the following link: [AAW Registration](#)

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The Treasure Coast Woodturnings Guild mission is to promote woodturning as an art form to all that are interested. For more information on membership, e-mail us at: info@tcwoodturner.org, visit our web site or join us at Project Lift, second Saturday of the month