

Suncoast Woodturners Newsletter

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Dedicated to Turning
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Where: Woodcraft Store

188991 U.S. Highway 19 North
Clearwater, FL 33764

When: April 22, 6:30 – 9 PM

Notice: Store opens 30 min prior to the meeting.

Demonstration – Fluting
Jim Mullins

Board of Directors

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2010 Tampa Woodworking Show

We would like to thank everyone who participated in manning the booths at the Woodworking show. The following shows your members at work. I also included Sherry Hockenbery.



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Wood of the Month

Honduras Mahogany

Names: South American Mahogany Caoba (throughout Latin America) Acajou (French-speaking areas). Often named after the country it came from (i.e. Brazilian Mahogany, Peruvian Mahogany, etc.)

Species Distribution: Scattered areas throughout central and South America including some Caribbean islands.

Endangered: The species is secure in El Salvador and Honduras, but it has become endangered or extinct in some regions of South America. (Bolivia, Brazil (some regions), Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, & Panama.)

Honduras mahogany trees once had a distribution covering most of South America. Supply of the wood is still plentiful thanks in part to plantation harvesting.

Tree Characteristics: Height of 150' with trunk diameters as large as 6'. Honduras mahogany prefers dry forests and can also be found in high elevation stands.

Wood Characteristics: Straight grain with a fine even texture. Honduras Mahogany is relatively free of voids and pockets.

Color: Reddish brown to medium red which darkens to a deep reddish-brown with time.

Workability: Excellent! Honduras mahogany is one of the best woods for machining, cutting, and planing. Tools should be kept sharp, and a low angle should be used when planing Mahogany with a wavy grain pattern. Honduras Mahogany can be sanded very easily and efficiently. Routed edges are crisp and sharp. Honduras Mahogany also turns well on a lathe.

Finishing Qualities: Excellent! Honduras Mahogany readily accepts a wide range of common stains and finish.

Durability: Very Good! The wood is strong and dense. It will dent with a sharp hit from a solid blunt object. Slightly less durable than Red Oak. For outdoor applications such as patio furniture and wooden boats, its combination of strength and rot resistant is excellent. The popular Chris Craft wooden boats were built from mahogany until the early 1960's when it was replaced by fiberglass.

Drying: Honduras Mahogany can be air-seasoned and kiln-dried without appreciable warping or checking. Movement after manufacture is rated as small. pounds per cubic foot.

Stability: Excellent in kiln dried lumber

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Uses: Fine furniture, cabinet making, plywood, turning, boat building, outdoor furniture.

Comments: Honduras Mahogany has become a valuable cash crop for many South American countries. Plantation farming is working to supply the demand for this versatile lumber. Many other species, such as Lauan, are marketed as "Mahogany", however, they often come from other wood families.

Price: Moderate.

MAY MEETING: Thursday, May 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm

DVD/Video Tape Library

The Suncoast Woodturners have instructional videos available for rental before each meeting. A full list of the videos is be listed on our website. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. The items must be returned the following month. Late fees of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for each item not returned on time.

AAW MEMBERSHIP

The AAW provides a common bond that brings members together to enjoy the passion of woodturning. The mission of the AAW for more than 20 years continues to encourage, support, educate and develop the field of woodturning. AAW is the largest organization in the craft field, serving a membership of over 13,500.

All members are on a yearly basis from January 1 through December 31.

Benefits of AAW Membership

Six issues of American Woodturner

Marketing opportunities on the AAW website for artists, collectors, galleries and museums.

Group rates for health, life and commercial business insurance.

Merchandise discounts at many suppliers, and savings of up to 50% on AAW merchandise, including project books, DVDs, logo apparel and more.

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Access to Educational Opportunity Grants.

AAW Forum and member only access to articles and resources at www.woodturner.org.

Exhibit opportunities

Annual Woodturning Symposium

AAW Resource Directory contains a complete listing of contact information of our members, local chapters, demonstrators, and woodturning resources.

www.woodturner.org.

QUARTERLY WOOD AUCTION

April is our Quarterly Wood Auction. The club bought various types of wood from Woodcraft last month and David put together bundles of different pieces (samples pictured below).

Some are much bigger than others but that should make things interesting - generally the smaller bundles have more burl pieces. There are about 30 bundles.



April Turning Challenge:

Segmented Bowl

FUTURE DEMOS:

May - Don Geiger - Natural Edge Bowl

Nov - Larry Hasiak - Norfolk Island Pine

TBA - Rudy Lopez

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ending Balance..... \$

24th AAW Annual Symposium

Please join us June 18-20 in Hartford, CT

Register now and take advantage of the early registration rates. For more information, visit the [AAW website](#) or call 651-484-9094. Demonstrations and professional sessions require registration.

The **AAW Annual Symposium** for woodturners is coming to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut on June 18 - June 20, 2010. The symposium is the premier gathering of woodturners in the world and features woodturning demonstrations, participant involvement and exposure to new woodturning skills. More than 1,100 of your fellow

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woodturners are expected to attend this annual event where you will be able to enjoy the opportunity to see incredible works of wood art on display in the galleries, get inspired and attend exciting rotations of woodturning demonstrations by world-class woodturners.

Demonstrators - This symposium will feature 82 artist demonstrators from the US and around the world. Demonstrations will cover a wide array of topics, such as: Translucent Wood Lampshade, Platters & Plates, Vessels, Bowl & Box Turning, Chinese Balls, Spike Star in Sphere, Piercing, Burning, Carving, Airbrushing, Texturing Techniques, Turning with Diamonds, Hot Pipe Bending, Making Tall Plywood Vessels, Hollow Turning, Aesthetics & Properties of Wood, Production Turning, Turning on the Bias,... and more

Exhibits - The featured gallery exhibits this year include an invitational and juried exhibit: *Maple Medley: An Acer Showcase*; as well as invitational gallery exhibits: *The Teapot* and *A Gathering of Spoons* - selections from the Norman D. Stevens collection. The Instant Gallery is always a crowd favorite. AAW members display their unique pieces of wood art for everyone's viewing, enjoyment and amazement. The Instant Gallery is a great way to see a wide variety of work from new and experienced woodturners.

Georgia Association of Woodturners

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting its annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XVI". This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 17-19, 2010.

GAW sponsors this annual event which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans.

This year's featured turners include:

J. Paul Fennell, Alan Lacer, and Stephen Hatcher.

Also featured are:

Nick Cook, Johannes Michelsen, Peg Schmid, and Dave Barriger.

Instant Gallery:

The instant gallery will return as a favorite and we invite each participant to display up to four pieces of his/her work for all to enjoy.

Vendor Area:

As always, the vendor area will be well stocked with tools, wood, and all other woodturning related supplies and equipment.

Saturday Night Dinner and Auction:

Prior to our auction, there will be a banquet dinner on Saturday evening. As always, all proceeds from the auction support continuing education in woodturning through our

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scholarship program. We encourage all who participate in the symposium to donate a piece to our Saturday Night Auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

For Further Information:

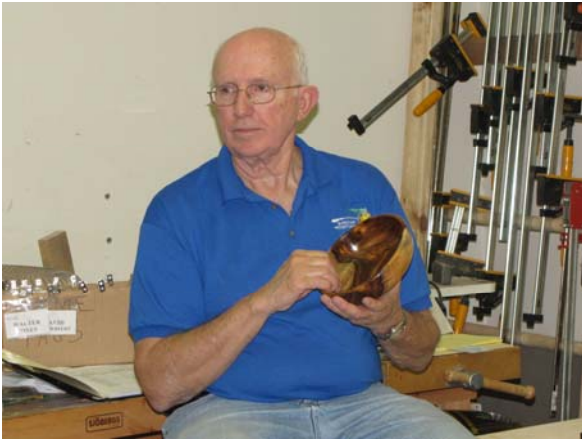
For additional information and pricing, please visit www.gawoodturner.org.

You are encouraged to register prior to August 1, 2010. Refunds for cancellations will be given up to September 1, 2010. Registration may be limited, so act quickly.

Show & Tell – March Meeting - Challenge: Decorated Edge Bowl



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Meeting dates for 2010

May 27, Jun. 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sep23, Nov 18, Dec 16

Miss Sunshine Please notify Sharon if you know of a member who is ill. . Our club cares for our members and I would love to send you a bit of Sunshine through the mail. Email is wjones101@tampabay.rr.com or 727-734-4078