

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: July 26, 6:30 – 9 PM

Notice: Store opens 30 min prior to the meeting.

Demonstration – *Lee Ketchum*
Offset Lattice Lid

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Wood of the Month

Bocote

Common Name: Bocote

Botanical Classification: *Cordia gerascanthus*

Family: *Boraginaceae*

Tree is Native To:

Also known as "Mexican Rosewood," Bocote is indigenous to Central America, South America, West Indies, tropical America, Honduras, and, of course, Mexico (which is where Exotic Wood Group's Bocote comes from). The trees, known scientifically as *Cordia elaeagnoides*, are typically medium sized, but can reach heights of about 100 feet.

Characteristics: Bocote's heartwood is rich, golden brown with a pinkish tint, often showing verigated irregular markings and a attractive ray fleck figure when quartersawn

Bocote is a hard, dense, and fairly oily tropical wood that is highly prized for its dramatic, wild striping. These dark brown or black streaks, which sometimes form in concentric circles, give Bocote its defining look and lend finished products a truly distinctive appearance.

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Average Dried Weight: 48-65 lb/ft³

Average Specific Gravity: Bocote is a heavy wood, with a specific gravity ranging between 0.63 to 0.84, as well as dense (about 48 to 65 lbs. per cubic foot). It can be somewhat difficult to dry, tending to develop surface checking and end splitting, but it's also quite resistant to decay. Bocote is fairly easy to work with (due to its natural oils, though, it is sometimes difficult to glue), and polishes to a smooth finish.

Working Properties: Bocote works easily with hand and machine tools. Predrill for fasteners. Bocote polishes to a smooth finish and takes glue well. This wood is a pleasure to work with.

Common Uses: Bocote is extremely sought after for turnery, furniture, inlays, joinery, cabinet work, tool handles and veneers.



July MEETING: Thursday, June 23, 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.

July Turning Challenge:

Letter Opener or Egg Using a Skew (at least 2/3)

FUTURE DEMOS:

*July - Lee Ketchum - Offset Lattice Lid
Aug - Tony Marsh - ?
Sept Rudy Lopez
Oct - TBD
Nov - Larry Hasiak - Norfolk Island Pine*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ending Balance..... \$664

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.

Wood Auction

Remember to bring some wood to share in the July wood auction. Also, this is a good opportunity to get some nice pieces to turn.

Show & Tell

June Meeting



Art Worth, Natural Edge Bowl, Bottle Brush



Jim Mullins; Natural Edge Bowl; Walnut, Maple

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Kimberly Glover, Bowls and a Ball, Lacewood (2), Camphor, Grapefruit



Phil Wilson, Lidded Box, Cocobolo / Blackwood

Candle Stick Holders, Mahagony



Jim Heinz, Natural Edge Bowls, Maple

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Hugh Williams, Natural Edge Bowls, Bottle Brush



Don Ropp, Stuff from Junk Wood



Patrick Sikes, Natural Edge Bowl, Camphor,

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David Eppler, Vase, Camphor



Natural Edge Bowl, Camphor



Mark Nienstadt. Natural Edge Bowl, Rosewood



Bill Howell, Bowl Decorated with Stone Beads, Java Plum

Meeting dates for 2010
Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct21, Nov 18, Dec 09

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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