

August 2013

West Hawaii Woodturners
Minutes of August meeting 8/10/13

Aloha Fellow Woodturners,

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by Gregg Smith standing in for Jack Mise.

A big Mahalo to Kirby Fritchman for standing in for me and capturing today's minutes.

Welcome and General Business

Gunner Mench of Harbor Gallery in Kawaihae made an announcement for the progress of turnings from the Waimea tree damage. So far only 6 pieces have been turned in. He wants to have an auction of the pieces in a couple of months so needs to have the turnings soon.

Big event - Gregg is celebrating his 60th birthday. His wife Lauren cut and served cake while Cliff Johns made a presentation of a walking cane complete with all the bells and whistles.

On a sad note one of our newest members, Michelle Miereanu, cut her finger then passed out and fell which broke her nose and caused a head injury. She was medevac'd to Honolulu for treatment and was released today after five days in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We had three visitors:

Ken Aitchison from Los Gatos, CA

Paul Graffe local – pgraffe@bmwhawaii.com

Brian Ingraham local – dehawaii@yahoo.com

Kelly's Treasurer's report mentioned our funds are now at \$2751.10. Kelly also mentioned that Liam O'Neal would be available for a demonstration January 2015. Liam is known for his "Irish Grind" on a gouge.

SHOW & TELL

Woodly White from the Ukulele Guild showed his handmade ukulele with a woodburning of a dragon. He was inspired by the woodburning demo several meetings ago.

Gerry Kotz showed a collection of small pieces including three pieces from avocado seeds. He also showed some hand crafted tools he uses.

Cliff Johns showed a large bowl with integrated legs. It was turned from a large piece of Magnolia / Moule (sp).

John Spitzenberger mentioned that old, square, concrete nails make good cutting tools for small work.

Tom Russell informed us that he has some Norfolk pine cut and sealed a year ago. Sizes in large and small diameters. Call or see him if you would like some.

Cliff Johns will be the featured artist in the "Hawaii Craftsman" show in Honolulu in October.

CHALLENGE

The Challenge this month was "Platters".

Kelly Dunn – small koa platter

John Mydock – monkey pod platter enhanced with wood burning

Jerry Kotz

Ken Obenski – lama wood platter

Rick Potter – jacaranda platter

Cliff Johns – monkey pod bowl

Brian Ingraham – spalted mango platter

Gary Beck – maple and yew strips platter

Al Kober – mango platter

Gregg Smith – koa platter

John Spitzenberger – curly maple platter enhanced with India ink lines

Dick Sanford – milo poi pounder and monkey pod rectangular platter

NEXT CHALLENGE: “TURNER’S CHOICE”...Enjoy!

DEMO

After the lunch break, Tom Russell provided a photography seminar for capturing your work on camera that best shows your turnings. Tom included both lecture and demonstrations that will be posted on our web site.

NEXT MEETING: October 5, “Vacuum Chucking” with Jack Mise and John Spitzenberger.

**Kirby Fritchman -- Minutes
Tom Russell – Secretary & Webmaster**

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