

BELL WOODTURNERS

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FLORIDA WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

The Florida Woodturning Symposium at Lake Yale was held Jan 9-11. The Bell Woodturning Club was well represented. There were great demonstrations by local, national and internationally known turners. Stuart Batty, Jimmy Clews, Dave Barriger, John Jordan, Barrie Harding, Richard Morris, Raymond Ferguson and Bobby Clements all gave great demonstrations that were very interesting. Stuart Batty covered some basic techniques that we tend to forget at times. Jimmy did a square bowl, turning at "warp" speed. Barrie did a beautiful Christmas ornament with a star pattern. Each demonstrator added his own touch to his demo. The Instant Gallery included works of several of our club members. Multiple vendors had wood and tools in case you were "one tool away from greatness".

Treasury Report

Beginning balance	\$3327.45
Deposits & interest	260.76
Expenses	514.95
Ending balance	\$3073.26

IN MEMORIUM

We have lost two of our members recently, Bill Smith in December and Wendell Wright in January. We received a Woodcraft certificate from the Jacksonville Club donated in memory of Bill Smith. We received a check in memory of Wendell Wright. Both are to be used for our 4-H Youth Woodturners Program.

4-H YOUTH WOODTURNERS PROGRAM

Our 4-H Youth Woodturners program is on track to start on Feb 28. We need volunteers to help train the kids and keep them out of trouble. We also could use any extra tools you have -i.e. spindle gouges, cut-off tools, roughing gouges and bowl gouges. We will hold our sessions in the Club House just west of City Hall in Bell.



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM BALLOON PROJECT

The balloon project is coming together. Several members have been meeting at Gary's on Wednesday's to work on the stand to hold the balloons. We have the spindles for the column and arms turned. If you have a balloon for the project you need to get it finished as soon as possible so we will know how many we have. It looks like we can use several more balloons than we know are being made. We have counted about twelve that we know about and are hoping for about twenty. If you haven't made one and can, please let us know. It was Bill Smith's hope that each club member would participate in some way. If you can't turn a balloon you could show up on Wednesday and help put some lacquer on unfinished pieces.