GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

JANUARY 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on January 10, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

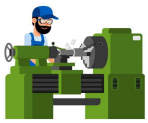
VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

Paul Speich, VP

Offset Turning and

Multi-axis turning



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that this letter finds everyone well and had a joyous Christmas or Hanukkah and are looking forward to the coming of the new year, one that is full of Hope, Inspiration, and Opportunities.

On behalf of the entire club, I want to sincerely thank Doug Ballard for hosting this year's Christmas party. Doug kindly welcomed us into his home for a fantastic gathering among friends. The food was both delicious and abundant, and everyone enjoyed plenty of conversations and good times. We also held a small show-and-tell, which gave us a chance to showcase some impressive woodworking and woodturning pieces.

I would like to thank Steve, our outgoing president, for the outstanding job he has done this past year. Thanks to his efforts, we enjoyed great demonstrations, completed a club project that now is ready for use during future demos and projects and the left the overall

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"health" of the club strong. But, the one thing he did not have was a "good" way to call our meetings to order, a gavel. It was suggested and I think it is a good idea, we have a Gaval Contest and present one to Steve. So, to all, I challenge each or you to make a gavel. Although simple in design, who can make the best. With all the gavels made, maybe we can make a presentation, a donation of sorts to a worthy group or organization. Or you can enter in the November arts event on Jekyll Island. To give enough time, the deadline is our March meeting.

The past couple of months have been busy. Earlier in the year we tried our hand at participating in a craft show at the Balard complex. I will say this was a learning experience. In December, we participated in a craft show put on by Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We had much more success there. We also helped Charles Walker inventory and set up and conduct a tool sale. To date, it has only been to club members and members of the Jax and Savanah clubs. With the 2 events, the club earned a little and has given us a little cushion to work with that we may be able to do something with. Thanks to those that participated.

Speaking of money, it is that time of the year to remind you of the annual membership dues. Dues did increase this year to $50 per individual, $75 for a family. Herb will be ready to take your dues for 2026.

Dues are due for 2026. Please pay your dues to Herb. Individual dues are $50. A new category of Membership has been added for 2026-Family Membership and is $75. See the membership application on our web site, GIWW.org, for details.

Ken Honadel, President, GIWW

The following link is available to access our demos.

https://www.youtube.com/@GIWWClub-j3n

I personally want to thank Doug Ballard for providing this year's venue for the GIWW Christmas party. It was a great party. We had 22 attendees this year. All of the food was fantastic, as always.

I apologize for the lack of photos in this month's Newsletter. No photos were taken at the party and I didn't receive any photos from the members of their current projects.

And, once again, I want to thank Steve Dmetruk for stepping up to serve as President for the past year+. He took the position very seriously and provided us with excellent leadership during his term. I know Ken is going to be a wonderful President in the upcoming (and I hope beyond) year. In addition, I want to thank Herb for serving another term as our Treasurer and Paul Speich for agreeing to serve as our Vice-President for 2026.

I also want to reiterate that dues are now due. A few members have paid already, but we need all of you to rejoin to provide the financial foundation for our club to continue into the future. All of us would like to see more interesting demonstrations, but for that to happen, our financial base must be substantial enough for us to be able to pay for these folks to come from out of town and share their knowledge with us.

PLEASE, if you haven't already paid your dues, either bring your $$ to the January meeting or mail them to Herb Miles, 7 West Lake Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Karen Grogan, GIWW Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Ken Honadel!!!
Ken brought TWO Ribbons from the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Woodturning Category! Bravo Zulu!!!!!!

Ken Honadel
2nd Place

Ken Honadel
3rd Place