GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

OCTOBER 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on

October 10, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

Paul Golenya

Odie's Oil

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE WOOD SHOP OF THE PRESIDENT

Cooler days seem to be settling in, mixed in with a few warm days. Hope all are getting out, doing those cooler weather things and for those who have "weathered" the hot humid days, I hope you can spend a little more time in the shop

We welcome our newest member to the group. Ken Kriner joined us at the last meeting. Come and say HI. Ken, welcome to the Golden Isle Woodworkers and Woodturners.

Thank you to Steve Dmetruk for last month's segmented-turning demonstration. This month, we will welcome a representative from Odie's Oil. Although he will be promoting the company's products, I have heard that his demonstration is excellent. He plans to apply Odie's Oil to several of our projects, so please bring an item that is sanded and ready for finish—such as an end-grain or straight-grain cutting board, or a turned piece from the lathe. Let's give him something to work on during the demonstration!

GIWW, along with a local artist, is being featured at Jekyll Island Goodyear Cottage for the entire month of October. October 4th, 1pm – 3pm, will be the reception. Snacks, finger foods, and various items are being bought by our participants. I encourage members to come out and see items we have put out for display…and hopefully sell. Bring a friend. All members who have items in the show will be present. We will be on the main floor for the entire month.

An application submitted and accepted for craft show at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We will have same location as last year which I felt it was a good one. If you didn't participate in the Jekyll Island Goodyear Gallery, here is your chance to sell some of the things you have made. It costs nothing to display and sell, although the club will take a percentage that will go into our account.

At the last meeting, I brought up the idea of doing a club project, one that would cover all facets of woodworking and turning. This project would then be raffled off in the community and proceeds that will go into our account. Think about this. Come with some ideas.

If you have any safety tips you would like to share, please forward and I will try to get them into the newsletter. Same goes for Shop tips and tricks. I am sure many of you have developed a trick or two to accomplish a task.

One last thing and that is a pitch for demonstrations, looking into next year. Preparing for a demonstration does take some time, but the satisfaction of sharing a little of your knowledge, and pulling it off, can be very rewarding. I am also looking for ideas and from that maybe we can pair someone up to do that demonstration.

Ken Honadel, GIWW President

Shop Safety tip

Recognize the Pressure to Finish

Have you ever pushed yourself to complete a project because of a self-imposed deadline or outside pressure? That extra effort to finish quickly can increase the risk of injury—and can also damage a project you have spent hours creating.

Pause Before You Push Ahead

Only you can recognize when pressure is causing you to hurry. When it does:

- Take a break.
- Step back from the project.
- Reevaluate your approach before continuing.

At my last job, we had a saying: “There is never enough time to get the job done, but there is always plenty of time to do it a second time.” Take your time and work safely.

> **After doing a google search for time pressure in woodturning, interesting results came back.**

When a woodturner rushes to meet a deadline, the consequences shift from a minor quality defect to catastrophic equipment failures, severe injuries, and ruined stock**.**

The primary resultant outcomes for a woodturner operating under deadline pressure include:

1. "Last Cut Syndrome" and Shattered Workpieces

- **The Risk:** When rushing to finish, a turner often tries to make one final, hasty cleanup pass on a bowl or spindle rather than taking the time to set up or sharpen a tool.
- **The Outcome:** This induces a severe tool catch. Under stress and speed, the over-aggressive cut can instantly cause the wood to crack or explode off the chuck, completely shattering hours of work into flying shrapnel.

2. High-Velocity Projectile Ejections

- **The Risk:** Deadline pressure causes turners to skip fundamental mounting and preparation checks, such as testing timber for hidden structural cracks or forgetting to lock down the tailstock.
- **The Outcome:** Bringing a compromised or improperly secured wood blank up to high speed can launch massive pieces of heavy timber directly at the operator. While other machinery causes severe hand lacerations, lathe ejections frequently result in blunt-force head trauma, facial fractures, or being knocked unconscious.

3. Entanglement Disasters

- **The Risk:** A rushed woodturner may forget to change out of loose clothing, fail to remove a wristwatch/jewelry, or neglect to tie back long hair before turning on the spindle.
- **The Outcome:** The spinning workpiece or chuck can instantly grab loose fabric or jewelry. Because a lathe operates with immense torque, it can pull fingers, hands, or the operator's head directly into the machinery before they can reach the safety shut-off switch.

4. Poor Surface Finish and "Sanding Debt"

- **The Risk:** Rushing turners frequently push dull tools past their limits because they don't want to stop the lathe to use the grinder.
- **The Outcome:** Dull gouges tear the wood fibers rather than slicing them smoothly, creating heavy tear-out. The woodturner then has to spend three times as long power-sanding the piece to salvage the finish, which actually wastes more time than proper tool sharpening would have taken.

5. Dangerous Inhalation of Airborne Dust

- **The Risk:** Because the deadline is close, the turner may skip turning on the dust collector or wearing a tight-fitting respirator to avoid "wasting a minute" between cuts.
- **The Outcome:** Aggressive sanding generates massive amounts of fine, microscopic wood dust. Inhaling this fine particulate causes immediate respiratory distress and can trigger acute allergic or toxic reactions, especially when turning exotic woods or spalted timber.

Tricks and tips

Tips for using a jointer. Most will already know these, but a quick review does not hurt.

Woodworkers across various communities frequently share essential **jointer tips and tricks** to achieve flat faces, square edges, and flawless results.

⚙️ Calibration & Setup Tips

- **The "Pencil Trick" for Flatness:** Before running a board, scribble a wavy pencil line across its entire face. Pass it through the jointer; if any pencil marks remain, the board is not yet perfectly flat.
- **Feel the Suction:** When a board is perfectly flat, lifting it straight up off the clean outfeed table will create a slight, noticeable suction-cup resistance.
- **Wax the Tables:** Regularly apply paste wax to the infeed and outfeed tables. This significantly reduces friction, allowing the workpiece to glide smoothly and preventing jerky feeding.

▯ Handling Imperfect Lumber

- **Concave Side Down:** Always place a cupped or bowed board with the concave side (the "cup" or "legs" of the bow) facing downward. This creates two stable points of contact on the table so the board doesn't rock while cutting.
- **Cut to Rough Length First:** Do not try to joint a full 8-foot bowed board. Cut your stock down to its rough project lengths first. Shorter boards require fewer passes and lose much less material.

🪚 Hand Technique & Safety

- **Shift the Pressure:** Start with your downward pressure on the infeed table. However, as soon as 6 to 8 inches of the board has cleared the cutter head, **shift your downward pressure entirely to the outfeed table**. Never push down hard on the trailing edge while it's on the infeed table, or you will copy the board's warp rather than flattening it.
- **Take "Small Bites":** Keep your depth of cut shallow—ideally between **1/32" and 1/16"** per pass. Making deep cuts increases the risk of dangerous kickback, causes grain tear-out, and strains the motor.
- **Use the Hand-over-Hand Combo:** Many experienced woodworkers on Reddit's Beginner Woodworking forum recommend using a push block in your left hand (to apply downward pressure onto the outfeed table) and a push stick in your right hand (to safely hook the back of the board and drive it forward).

🔄 The Proper Order of Operations

A jointer is only half of the squaring equation. To square rough lumber, always follow this order:

1. **Face Joint:** Flatten one wide face on the jointer.
2. **Edge Joint:** Place that newly flattened face perfectly flush against the jointer fence to square one adjacent edge.
3. **Thickness Planer:** Run the board through a planer with the flat face down to make the second face flat and parallel to the first.

4. **Table Saw:** Rip the final unjointed edge parallel on your table saw.

THE WOODCHIP HUMOR SECTION

Employment Standards determined a small woodworking shop owner was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

Well, there's Jake my finisher who's been with me for 3 years, I pay him $900 a week.
The apprentice Tom has been here for 6 months, and I pay him $500 a week.
Then there's the half-wit that works here about 18 hours a day. He makes $10 a week and I buy him a case of beer every Friday," replied the owner.

“That's the guy I want to talk to; the half-wit," says the agent.”

The owner says, "That would be me.”

SHOW AND TELL

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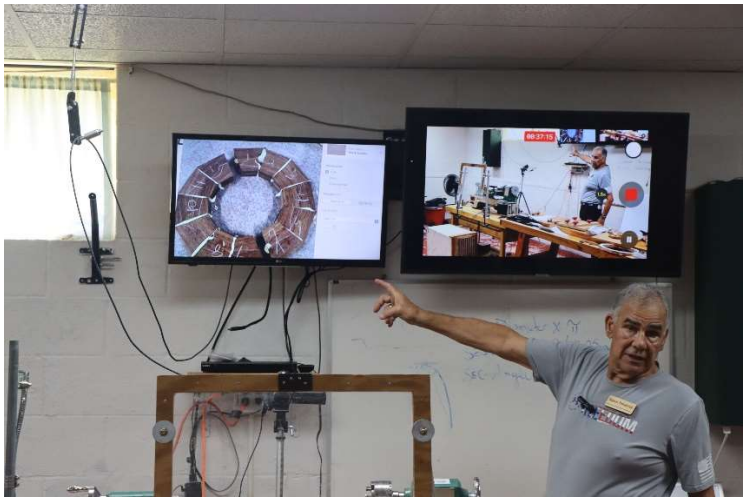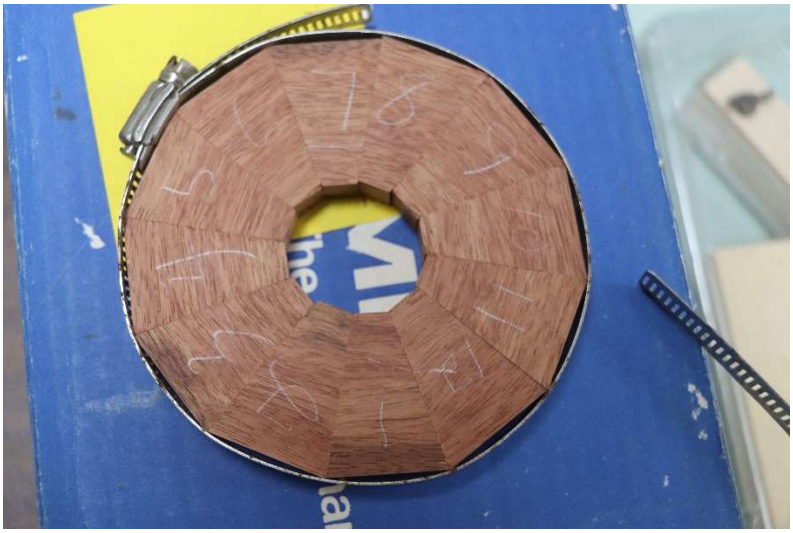
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