GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

NOVEMBER 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on

November 14, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

Paul Speich

Ins and Outs of

Shooting Boards

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE WOOD SHOP OF THE PRESIDENT

Last month's demonstration by Odie's Oil representative Paul Golenya was very informative. The recording is available on the club's YouTube channel. Unfortunately, the microphone battery died about 1 hour and 16 minutes into the demo, so you'll need to turn up the volume after that point. There's still plenty of useful information to hear.

This month, Paul Speich will demonstrate the ins and outs of a shooting board. His demos are always excellent, and this one promises useful information for everyone.

We will be voting on officers for 2027 at our next meeting. Requesting all attend to cast your vote. There are a few we all would like to see again.

The October Gallery Exhibit at Goodyear Cottage has ended, and I believe it was a success. We showcased our work and sold some pieces. Thank you to everyone who participated—I hope you did well.

Mark your calendars

Craft Show at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

With the Jekyll Island show behind us, it's time to prepare for the craft show at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on St. Simons Island.
Date: December 5, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
All members may enter items in the show. Participation is covered by your membership dues, so there is no additional entry fee. As last year, the Club will collect a commission on items sold to help generate revenue beyond our dues. We'll follow much the same process as last year and send further details in a separate email
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December Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will take the place of the December meeting.
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2026
Start time: 4:30
Hosts: David and Lucy
Members will receive further details in a separate email. Plan on a show and tell.

Florida Woodturners Symposium.

For those interested, the Florida Woodturners Symposium will take place February 20-22 at the RP Funding convention center in Lakeland, FL. Demonstrations are done by 4 national and 4 regional turners. Every demonstrator brings something different. In the past, they have always been interesting and informative.
Cost is $245 (early rate), $275 (after Dec 31)
For more info, copy and paste the link in your browser search; *https://floridawoodturningsymposium.com/*

It's hard to believe 2027 is almost here! We've enjoyed outstanding demonstrations this year, and I thank everyone who presented. As we plan for next year, we're looking for more demonstrators. A couple of people have already offered to demonstrate, thank you! Please help us recruit others. If you know someone outside the Club or a group that could give a demo, ask whether they'd be interested. Our next demonstrator might even be the member sitting beside you.

Ken Honadel, President

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Shop Safety tip

Everyone has heard of the "line of fire". Nothing can be more true with tools we use in woodworking. On the lathe, the line of fire is directly in front of the rotating piece. In front could be considered on either side. When the piece launches, it does not care. So, what can we do. Wear your PPE (face shield offers more protection than safety glasses). Turn the speed of the lathe to the lowest possible speed and slowly increase speed to a safe turning speed. When you start the lathe, stand off to the side…out of the line of fire. Copy and paste the link to see how fast this can happen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qDMxjOIKcc

The same can be true with a table saw. Without a splitter and the anti-kickback pawls (don't know what else to call them), the blade can "grab" the piece of wood and shoot it back at super sonic speed. Again, stand to the side, out of the line of fire and keep the safety equipment in place. Stubby Numbs has a good video to show kickback. Cut and paste the link into your browser to view.
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/_gTJmhrRDPM

TIPS AND TRICKS

Having sharp tools is always the best, safety wise and quality wise. Many times, the cutting tools we are using such as a saw blade or router bits, may appear they are dull and need sharpening or replacement. Before you toss them away, clean them. Cleaning saw blades and router bits removes pitch, resin, and tar buildup that causes friction, burning wood, and overheating.

What to clean with. There are commercially sold cleaners through Rockler, Amazon, or other woodworking sources that work well. You could also use a diluted mixture of simple green or 50/50 mix of laundry detergent and water. I have heard of the use of oven cleaner, but it is recommended to avoid this as it can damage the carbide brazing and binders.

Put the saw blade in a container and pour or spray the cleaning solution on the blade carbides. A 5 gallon bucket lid works great for holding a saw blade.

Use a soft brass or other soft bristle brush to remove the buildup, wipe off and rinse with water and dry. It is recommended to apply a rust preventer or dry lubricant after the drying. As a note for router bits, make an effort not to "clean" the bearing as the cleaning solvent may cause some damage.

I've given some tips to cleaning. If you simply do a google search *"How to clean saw blades and router bits",* more information can be obtained. Links to various YouTube videos will also be found.

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THE WOODCHIP HUMOR SECTION

Pro-Tip of the Week: The "Premium Hardwood" Hierarchy of Denial

The Tip: When buying expensive lumber, always refer to it by its botanical name or a vague code word around your spouse or significant other.

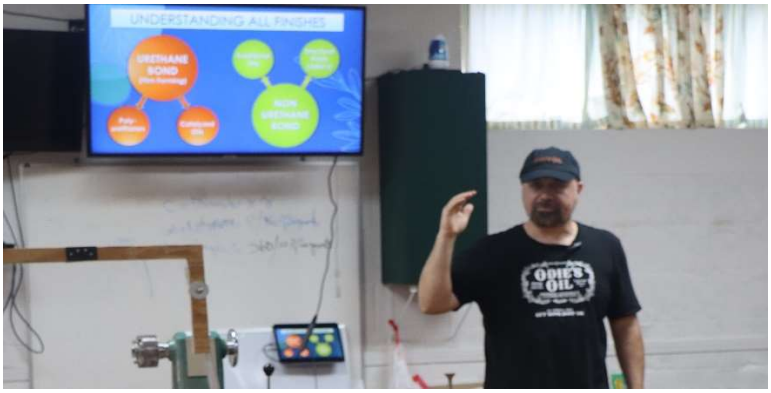
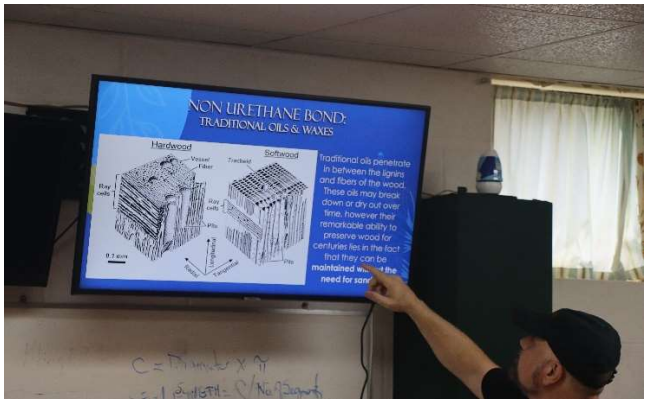
Why it works: Saying *"I'm going to grab a few board feet of Zebrawood and some 8/4 Peruvian Walnut"* sounds like an expensive medical emergency. Saying *"I bought some dark wood"* sounds affordable.

To help navigate your growing financial liability (often masquerading as a scrap pile), follow the **Woodworker's Rules of Hoarding**:

- **The 10-Year Rule:** That $150 piece of highly figured quilted maple you bought in 2018 is not "wasted space." It is simply waiting for a project "worthy of its beauty." (Note: No project will ever be worthy; you will die with this piece of wood).
- **The Scrap Pile Illusion:** Never throw away a piece of exotic hardwood larger than a postage stamp. You might need to make a single, very fancy toothpick or a custom shim for a table you haven't built yet.
- **The "I Can Mill That" Tax:** Remember, buying a raw log for $50 to save money is a great strategy—provided you ignore the $3,000 bandsaw and $1,200 jointer required to make it flat.

The Golden Rule: The true cost of any project is the price of the wood, multiplied by your lack of patience, plus the cost of the tool you bought to fix the mistake you made on step two.

SHOW AND TELL

DEMO BY PAUL GOLENYA

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