GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

FEBRUARY 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on February 14, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

David Loehle

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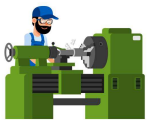

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hoping this finds everyone well. There has been plenty going around (illness) and some it not very good. I could not make last meeting because of that very thing and the recovery time is a slow process as compared to a regular cold. But I am much better and back in my garage/shop, slowly but surely.

Since I have had a respiratory illness, I seem to be a little more aware of my PPE, especially in face mask usage. Let me speak a bit about PPE. In my last "real" job, one where I actually got a paycheck, I worked with many union trades in a heavy industrial work environment. Safety was talked about daily at briefings, before each job assignment and as required by changing situations, which included a discussion on PPE. While the PPE will differ, it is still an equally important element for us to consider. We create dust while working the wood, especially during sanding operations. The use of a face mask—depending on its type—can help mitigate, if not entirely prevent, the negative effects associated with inhalation. We create chips of wood from

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sawing and turning activities. Protective eyewear, up to wearing a face shield, will help protect the eyes and that pretty face. No one will check you, but please check yourself, for your own health.

The Jekyll Island Arts Association (JIAA) is hosting an Arts Festival in March at the Goodyear Cottage. They have asked for demonstrators to set up outside and show off their craft. Craig Farnsworth has looked into this and has secured a tent for us for the entire time of March 6, 7, and 8. I am planning to help with this and turn some small items, answer questions, and promote our club. We are looking for woodturners to come out and help with demonstrations, assist people if there are questions, or even come out for moral support. For more information, talk to Craig and see how you can help.

We are still searching for demonstrations, ideas and demonstrators. If you have something that you would like to show, even if it has been done once before, let us know. Without any input, only a couple of people will decide what is done. Your input is important.

Another tool sale for Charles Walker is being planned, coming up in the future. This sale will be open to the public. The two previous sales were open only to club members. There are still plenty of tools for sale. If you did not have a chance to come out before, you will have one more chance. No date has been set yet. When more info is available, that information will be sent out. If interested in assisting or have any questions, contact Paul Speich.

Florida Symposium is coming up this month, February 20-22 at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland Florida. I attended my first last year and it was interesting and informative. If you would like more information or wish to attend, please refer to the following link for event details. Florida Woodturning Symposium Just to mention, the annual AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Raleigh, NC, June 4-7. Go to the following link for more information if interested. AAW International Woodturning Symposium

Ken Honadel, President, GIWW

The following link is available to access our demos.

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

Karen Grogan, GIWW Secretary

MEMBERS FINISHING THE CLUB'S WORKBENCH

SHOW AND TELL

ALL ARE DAVID LOEHLE'S

PAUL SPEICH'S DEMO ON OFF-CENTER TURNING