



WELCOME



Welcome -- The North Florida Woodturners (NFW) welcomes you to our club. We are a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. (AAW). We encourage you become a member of the AAW as there are additional benefits. Help make our Chapter an AAW Star Chapter. To be a Star Chapter, all of our members must also be members of the AAW. Each Star Chapter receives, a five-DVD set of, *Masters of Woodturning*, a plaque recognizing Star status, a listing on [woodturner.org/community/chapters](http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters), and an enthusiastic thank you from the AAW. <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=MemberBenefits>

Goal & Objectives -- The North Florida Woodturners goal is to promote and encourage the art of woodturning. We strive to share information, education and an organization for those who are interested in the craft of woodturning. We provide a meeting place for our Members to share ideas and techniques, exchange wood, information about tools, materials and design of turned pieces.

Meetings & Dues -- Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Godby High School from 6:30PM until 9:00PM. At each meeting the club sponsors "show and tell". This gives each person the opportunity to bring and show a piece they have turned. Each time you bring a piece you fill out a "Show-N-Tell" card which gives you a chance to win a new lathe at the December drawing. Your piece will be photographed and included with each month's WOOD CHIPS newsletter. The club sponsors an activity called "Bring-Back". A name is drawn from our membership list and that person is given the previous months "Bring-Back" and a new piece of wood that they must turn and bring back in two months. Dues run for twelve months beginning in January and ending the last day in December and are due the first of January. New member dues are prorated from the month they begin, and for the remaining months in the year.

Membership -- **Members** - Anyone age 18 or older may become a Member of the NFW by completing an application and paying the annual dues. Members may offer motions, discuss motions and vote on motions at meetings as well as participate in general discussions. **Family Membership** - All related persons, residing at the same address, that meet the requirements for Members will be considered Members, with all privileges, providing that dues are current. **Junior Members** - Persons under the age of 18 may become Junior Members by completing an application form and paying dues and by being sponsored by a Member. A Junior Member does not have the right to vote or floor privileges at meetings and must be accompanied at meetings by a Member.

Name Tags -- You will receive a Name Tag to be worn at each meeting. At the conclusion of each meeting, please replace your name tag in the box provided.

Mentor -- If you would like assistance with your woodturning techniques or have questions about how to use and sharpen tools please see the Mentor Committee Chairman.

Safety -- Safety is your responsibility. Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures. We encourage safety and will attempt to educate our members to the benefits of understanding the importance that safety brings to woodturning.

Website -- North Florida Woodturners website is <http://www.n-fl-woodturners.org/dnn/Home.aspx>. As a member, you will be entitled to access member only information with your user name and password.

Library -- North Florida Woodturners provides a Library with DVD's and books pertaining to woodturning projects that can be checked out.

Bylaws -- A copy of the Chapter Bylaws is available. See the club Secretary.