

January Update for the IWCS Southeast Regional Winter Woodfest Meeting at Lake Yale

February 15-19, 2012

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting at the **Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center**, which is located approximately six miles north of downtown Eustis, Florida on County Road 452 in Lake County.

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A [travel directions map](#) of the region and a [map of the facility grounds](#) showing where registration will be held is available on this website. A preliminary **Program at a Glance** with a schedule of sessions and assigned meeting rooms is also available on this website.

On-site registration and packet pick-up will open at 1:15 pm on Wednesday February 15, 2012 in the Auditorium of the Maguire Education Center. Your packet will have your room keys or RV site information, a final version of the Program at a Glance, other program or facility communications, and information about recreation and shopping in the area. All registered

participants will be able to take part in all meeting activities.

After dinner on Wednesday evening, we will have a brief opening session. It begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by entertainment. There will be door prizes and refreshments that evening as well. We will start the **Finding Mr. and Mrs. Woodspirit Contest** with prizes for the persons who identify each of them.

The three tracks for the daytime sessions are:

1) The Wood Technology and Identification Track will have several sessions during the meeting that focus on such topics as structure of wood, wood recognition, leaf identification and tree identification.

2) The Demonstration Track will feature sessions on woodturning, woodcarving, carving turnings, chain saw carving, hand-chopping bowls, segmented vessels, goblets, bark edged bowls, and platters; and turning end grain vessels from a log. In addition to member demonstrations, we have invited several national known and local turners and carvers. We will also have **Turning and Carving - Show and Tell** session – where attendees can bring an item to the session. So, make sure to bring something to show.

3) The Craft Program Track is expected to have sessions on sewing, history of sewing machines, quilting, making greeting cards, making pecan brittle, making a beaded bracelet, other crafts, and Bingo. There will be a room with a designated sewing area and a number of small individual craft projects available throughout the week. If you recently cleaned your craft or sewing room and discovered craft or sewing project you would like to donate, please feel free to bring them to place on the free table. We will also have a **Craft Show and Tell** session, so attendees are invited to bring a craft or quilt to show. So, make sure to bring something to show.

For our **Special Guest Session** on Friday evening, we have invited Joe Collins, who is a Master Deadhead Logger and owner of Collins River Logging Company in Hawthorne, Florida. Many of you will recognize him from the Ax Men program on the History Channel. Joe Collins is a river logger that specializes in finding preserved virgin old-growth logs lost in rivers and lakes.

We will have the **Craft Auction** on Saturday night. So, please remember to bring your donation.

We will have the **Silent Auction, Recycled Wood Contest**, and a **Wood Identification** activity. There will also be a **Red Hat Ladies Tea**.

There will be a **Free Weekend Raffle** for a cottage, room only, donated by Lake Yale. We will be helping organize trips to **Flea Markets** -- Eustis on Thursday and the Markets of Marion on Friday or Saturday.

As usual, we will have Ed Bryant's **Sawmill** in operation Thursday through Saturday and the **Wood Auction** on Saturday. So, please consider bringing a log or wood from your wood storage to put in the auction. A partial List of Woods that are expected to be available at Lake Yale includes Basswood, Buttonwood, Camphor, Red Cedar, Cherry, Chinese Photinia, Red Gum Eucalyptus , Gumbo-Limbo, Sweet Gum, Norfolk Island Pine, Slash Pine, Cuban Mahogany, Maple, Monkey Pod, Live Oak, Red Oak, Redwood, Sycamore, Pink Poui, Pecan, Rosewood – Sisso, Sea Hibiscus, Silk-Floss-Tree, Black Walnut, and English Walnut.

We will need help with several aspects of the meeting such as the on-site registration and information table, assisting with the wood or craft auctions, so please help us make the meeting successful by volunteering for an hour or two. Please call or email us -- cell phone 630-667-8468, home phone 352-237-3114, or email thomaskinney@msn.com.

See you there!

Thanks.

Tom and Linda Kinney