



# Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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## JANUARY MEETING

### DEMONSTRATOR: Steve Mellott

Steve Mellott started turning wood in 2007. Residing in McDonough, GA, he belongs to 3 separate woodturning clubs. Within these clubs, he has served as President, Vice President & Program Chair, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Most recently, he chaired the 2015 Turning Southern Style symposium in Dalton, GA. He has conducted demos at several local clubs and enjoys trying new and different techniques.

### DEMONSTRATION:

Inspired by the works of Hal Metlitzky and several other turners, Steve will explain the process he uses to turn a “Dizzy Bowl.” He will discuss the design aspects of the bowl, as well as the various tools needed to complete the project. His tools include a jointer, planer, sander, scroll saw and even a lathe. He will also discuss gluing and clamping techniques, emphasizing that you need to use a lot of clamps and some sturdy backer boards. Steve will then turn a blank which he has prepared before the presentation. This project is not for everyone, but it provides an opportunity to try something new and to stretch your horizons.





## Ramblings from the President

### Bob Black, President 2016

Congratulations on a banner year for Chattahoochee Woodturners. We are well into the second 12 week session with four middle school students at Eagle Ranch. Ron Norris is leading this month's sessions. Right now he has teachers lined up for the weekly Wednesday classes, but keep in mind we will be asking for more volunteers to share the wealth. When you see how the kids respond to actually turning something they can take home it is truly sharing the wealth. The CWT board today voted to continue the Eagle Ranch classes throughout 2016. We all expected this to happen, but the board has now made it official.

Our end of year count of members is up from 57 in 2014 to 66 for 2015. We hit an all-time high for Christmas auction and raffle sales. We hit all time high number in our bank account. We had a great picnic last fall and plan to do it again in 2016. The Marketplace show results exceeded our best guesses on income.

Again, congratulations to you all. I get to write about it but you are folks who made it happen.

Don't take too long congratulating yourselves even though it is well deserved. It has been a month since the Christmas Party. Just so you know I got a talking to on the way home from the party by my first wife of 52 years. She told me in no uncertain terms that whatever you do for the Christmas Party you have got to keep Jerry Chandler as the auctioneer. Having gained some bit of knowledge in those 52 years I immediately responded, "Yes Dear". If you don't understand, mark your calendar to attend the 2016 Christmas party and all will be revealed.

Now that you have had a month off it's back to work. I'm singing the same song with a little different verse for 2016. TURN MORE STUFF. On January 6<sup>th</sup> the Board approved a motion to do the Heart and Hands Emporium on the last weekend in September at First Baptist Church. It is a better venue, better parking, one level and the booth cost is about a third of Marketplace. The location is just across the street from the Civic Center.

Even though we set a record for the auction/raffle income we feel the business model can stand some tweaking. Rather than depend on deriving the income from only ourselves it seems to make sense to bring in outside money. The plan for 2016 is that we split the net

income from Emporium 50/50. We will retain half for CWT and we will donate half to some outreach program, probably Eagle Ranch.

More information as we go along. A Show Steering Committee will be established. We will review what sold and what was left over. Some of the leftovers were a driving force behind the auction sales. All in all our pricing worked, but we will need to review our pricing structure.

We will continue to have a raffle/auction at the Christmas Party. The auction began with only the items the demonstrators produced being sold. FYI we paid Kim Winkle \$500 for travel and expenses and the stool she made and painted brought \$300. That, folks is a good deal in the demonstrator department.

This month's demonstrator, Steve Mellott, will show you things most of us don't think can be done by segmenting. He explains how mere mortals can do it. Steve is a versatile guy, in recent years he was his own contractor to build his and Mary's really cool house, he turns some pretty neat stuff, and last year did a bang up job as chairman of the Georgia Association of Woodturners Dalton symposium. I urge you to not miss this demonstration.

I would appreciate hearing from each of you what you thought worked poorly in 2015, what changes you would like to see in 2016 and I welcome any ideas you have for improving CWT.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Bob Black



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### **Ken's Korner**

**January Menu\***

PIZZA

**\*Meal + Drink \$5.00**

### **Videographers Schedule**

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**2016 EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEMONSTRATION</b>
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Mellott	Dizzy Bowls.
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Lidded Boxes
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Talley	Minature Turnings.
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD.
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dom Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Black	Christmas Celebration
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop

## December Christmas Party



### From the Auctioneer:

What an incredible auction we had at our 2015 Christmas party! We had 32 items from 14 different donors and 14 different winning bidders, with a grand total of **\$2,291 dollars raised!** In the seven years we have had a Christmas party auction, this is by far the most we have raised, more than doubling last year's amount. This will greatly help in funding our programs and other expenses for 2016 and beyond. We owe a special thanks to Sarah Baxter, our outstanding "landlady," whose donation of several carved or turned items from her collection raised over **\$600!** Thank you Sarah and all of our other donors and bidders for this outstanding auction.

Jerry Chandler

## Hands On With Don Griffiths

**January Session:** The project for January 20<sup>th</sup> will be lidded boxes or anything else you want to turn. Hope we will have another a good turnout, it will be FUN!!

**Call for Woodturners.** If you are interested in learning new and creative techniques in woodturning come on out. Otherwise come and enjoy some fun fellowship with your turning buddies.

Time: 10-2 bring a lunch. \$5.00 includes materials.

**December Session:** The project in December was turning a “spectohedren”, sorry but we did not get any pictures hopefully someone will bring a sample for show and tell.

**Attendees:** Don Griffiths, Bob Black, Ron Norris, Mike Peace, Bert Nagy, Troy Adler, Bruce Purdy, Becky Phillips, and Larry Murphy.

## MARKET PLACE RESULTS

Turner	Count	\$ Value	\$ Sold
Andy Smith	4	\$125.00	\$20.00
B Black	12	\$965.00	\$150.00
B Lynch	11	\$910.00	\$575.00
B Nagy	7	\$120.00	\$10.00
Bob Aldea	5	\$250.00	\$0.00
CWT Turner	87	\$1,216.00	\$278.00
D Graves	10	\$250.00	\$125.00
D Griffiths	15	\$875.00	\$280.00
D Martin	31	\$960.00	\$210.00
D Martin & H Wright	8	\$465.00	\$280.00
D. Griffiths	5	\$625.00	\$125.00
G Liotta	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
Gene Harper	8	\$125.00	\$42.00
M Gibson	11	\$1,525.00	\$705.00
H Wright	10	\$295.00	\$30.00
J Chandler	7	\$355.00	\$0.00
J Morse	5	\$1,100.00	\$450.00
J Moss	16	\$260.00	\$170.00
Jones	8	\$315.00	\$100.00
Joy Moss	35	\$350.00	\$270.00
M Holder	13	\$315.00	\$35.00
Peace	40	\$805.00	\$550.00
Purdy	3	\$165.00	\$0.00
R Grindle	5	\$575.00	\$45.00
R Norris	29	\$922.00	\$256.00
W Jones	9	\$530.00	\$140.00
W Shewbert	1	\$125.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>\$14,573.00</b>	<b>\$4,896.00</b>

Turner	Count	\$ value	\$ Sold	% Sold	Avg. \$
Mike Gibson	11	1,525.00	705.00	46.2%	\$138.64
CWT Turner	87	1216	278	22.9%	\$13.98
Jack Morse	5	1,100.00	450.00	40.9%	\$220.00
Bob Black	12	965	150.00	15.5%	\$80.42
David Martin	31	960.00	210.00	21.9%	\$30.97
Ron Norris	29	922.00	256.00	27.8%	\$31.79
Bill Lynch	11	910.00	575.00	63.2%	\$82.73
George Liotta	1	50.00	50.00	100.0%	\$50.00
Joy Moss	35	350.00	270.00	77.1%	\$10.00
Mike Peace	40	805.00	550.00	68.3%	\$20.13

## Analysis of Marketplace Sales

Presented above is the basic statistics of the Marketplace items. Bob Aldea did the heavy lifting to develop the table of information.

One calculation that stands out to me is that 43% of the membership participated. I think that is a commendable number. Congratulations to you all. Having said that, we should work to increase those numbers for the 2016 show at Emporium.

We have a spreadsheet that Mike Peace kept that shows every one of the 396 items we had for sale in the booth. After the show ended we logged in all individual sales. If you would like to have a copy of the overall inventory, email me and I'll send it to you. It runs about 5 or 6 pages. [blackkbob31@gmail.com](mailto:blackkbob31@gmail.com)  
The first table by Bob Aldea lists each turner in alphabetical order.

I split this information up a bit further. The second table shows the seven turners who produced over \$900 worth of work at selling prices in descending order. It also shows the percentage in dollars of sales to work produced. Just for grins I added a column showing the average price per piece for each turner. Below the over \$900 guys are the three people who had the highest percentage of sales.

George Liotta heads this list, He produced one item, it sold, so 100% of his work sold at Marketplace. Next is Joy Moss. She produced 35 items with an average price of \$10 and 77% of them sold. Take a look at Mike Peace. He had a nice variety of 40 items with an average price of \$20 and 68% of them sold.

I draw several conclusions from all of this. First, using Peg Schmidt's guidelines we sold a higher percentage of the inventory than she would have expected. This says to me our overall pricing was pretty good. It was not perfect. We did poorly on pens and it wasn't for lack of quality. Our pen turners did a really good job.

The worst items for sales were pepper mill priced at \$125. We sold one, Jerry Chandler turned one, Don Griffiths and I turned 5 each. We had obtained some Spectraply from Ron Brown and got a deal on Chef's Specialties mechanisms from Mark Sillay. At market prices we had a cost of about \$40 each in materials. All of the mills were nicely done. Obviously, the Marketplace crowd did not want to pay \$125 for pepper mills.

The conclusion I draw based on these two items is that we don't buy hardware for items such as peppermills and pen kits.

I believe if you consider the entire inventory you can draw the conclusion that quality sells. We tried to be very careful so we would not embarrass anyone. We also made the decision that everything that got turned for Marketplace would go in the booth. If you had pieces that got into the CWT Turners category let me say your work and effort was appreciated equally with our top turners. I ask that you keep on turning and strive to improve. You guys made a whole bunch of CWT Turners items and that is how you get better. You stand in front of a spinning lathe. Come for Turning Wednesday and make shavings and get help if you need it. Another path is to buddy up with somebody and work one on one in your own shops.

Peg Schimd told me we should try for an average items price of \$25. We came in at \$36.80 average per piece. Joy had a high percentage of items sold and she had a lot of her exquisite little tops and had an average price of \$10 per item. Mike Peace had 40 well done items and sold 68% at an average of \$20. This says the lower priced items sell well, particularly if they are well done.

Before you say we should go with all low priced items look at this. The three guys who had the highest average price were Jack Morse at \$220 average and sold 41% of his stuff. Next was Mike Gibson at an average pricing of \$138 and he sold 46% of the turnings he produced. Next in the high average price category was Bill Lynch at \$82 and he sold 63% of his work. I don't have to explain to you that these three guys are top notch tuners. These numbers tells me quality sells even when it comes with a high average price. These three guys sold \$1730 in total. With sales numbers like that I sure would not want to eliminate high priced items.

I have expressed my opinion on the show with the above deathless prose. I don't ask you to accept it as gospel. What I hope to do is for each of you to look at the data with a critical eye and form your own opinion of where we should go with the pricing structure for 2016 Emporium at the First Baptist Church in September 2016. Then let your opinion be your guide for what you turn. The real necessity is for you all to get to turning. September will be here before you know it.

Bob Black

## Re-Sources of Interest

- For those of you with a PM3520, check out <http://mustardmonster.weebly.com/> for great tips such as making your own moveable remote safety cut off switch. This is great device when you are hollowing and working on the inside of a bowl. You can make this for a few bucks compared to more than \$100 to buy one from Powermatic.
- Here is a link to a great sharpening video by Doug Thompson, maker of Thompson tools: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOc6giDP39A#t=29>
- Mike Peace has added several more YouTube videos to his woodturning channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/user/mpax356/videos?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/user/mpax356/videos?view_as=public)
- Here is a link to a youtube video showing a woodturning coming apart on the lathe. Wes Jones: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlhWF4M9CO4>
- Bob Black recommends [woodcraftbands.com](http://www.woodcraftbands.com) for bandsaw blades. They offer a blade just like the Highland Woodworking's Turners blade for green wood but 40% cheaper for an order of 5. Shipping is about \$10."
- Here is a great website where you can find free on-line videos related to turning: <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- **PEACHTREE WOODWORKING** - PW, is a big supporter of our annual fund raising auction, and are now carrying a full line of Sorby tools
- **CRAFT SUPPLY** offers a 13% club discount for a group purchase of \$1,000 or more.
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I would like to personally thank your group for the continued support of woodturning in our state and local community. If there is anything we at Rockler can do to support you all, please feel free to contact myself.

Sincerely, Jeff Slaton

## Wanted – Oneway Talon Chuck Adapter

Oneway Talon chuck 1-1/4" x 8 TPI adaptor to fit my Powermatic 3520B.  
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