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The President's Turn

We are definitely in the hot part of the summer. Between the high temperatures and the wringing wet humidity, it's hard to get motivated to work in the shop. But, I console myself with the thought that it's just like having my own steam bath.

I want to encourage everyone to bring something for show and tell this month. It doesn't have to be the greatest turning ever. It doesn't even have to be finished. Our club is all about sharing and learning from each other, so bring something to share this month.

I hope you have been making a top to bring to the next meeting. The prettiest one and the longest running one will get you 5 tickets for the raffle.

Don't forget the Unicoi woodturning symposium coming up next month on September 18-20. The featured demonstrators are Art Liestman from British Columbia, Bill Grumbine from Pennsylvania, and Al Stirt from Vermont. Make your reservations now at <http://www.gawoodturner.com/symposium.shtml>

Time is running out to enter your turnings in The Georgia National Fair in Perry. If you

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August 2009 Demo

Mark Gardner, Wood Artist from Saluda, North Carolina www.markgardnerstudio.com.

Demonstration Double Header!! Come early so we can get it all in!

Turn a square bowl using three different axis. In this demo I will illustrate my own take on the idea of a square bowl. Not only will I use three different axis to turn this bowl but I will also hold the bowl on the lathe using 2x4s, hot glue and drywall screws. This demo will help to illustrate my approach to turning and the use of the lathe as a tool for shaping wood, not just for making it round.

Turn a hollow form the easy way, cut it in half. Tired of hollowing your vessels through a tiny hole? If so this demo is for you. Essentially we'll be making a lidded container only we will glue the lid on. Not only is it easier to hollow out a vessel this way it is easier to clean out the shavings as well as gauge the thickness of the walls. And if that isn't enough this vessel will have handles too.

Special Food at the August

Meeting: Bill McMahan, our Food Committee Chair, and his wife will be doing hot dogs and baked beans for the August meeting. Be sure to come early and be sure to thank them for this special meal.

July Turning Day – Platters

August 1, 2009 there were 11 turners at the shop to learn how to turn platters in a class taught by Frank Bowers. Mark Sillay provided some really nice cherry blanks for the group to learn on even though the blanks were show grade.

In addition to Frank the attendees were Bob Aldea, Bob Black, Mike and Stephanie Bruce, Odel Gaddis, Ryan Gipson, Mike Peace, Bill

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want to display/sell your work, your application must be sent in by September 1. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded. Here is a link to the woodturning application:

<http://www.georgianationalfair.com/media/09/Woodturning%20Flyer.pdf>

If you are interested in being a docent at the Fair for 3 hours, you and a friend can get in free. More info on that as it becomes available.

We have a special demonstrator, Mark Gardner, from North Carolina this month. Check out the rest of the newsletter for all the information.

Bring something for the raffle to the meeting at 7:00 or come at 6:00 for a hot dog and visit with your friends.

Wes Jones
CWT President

Special Note About Our

Raffle: The raffle we conduct at each meeting serves two general purposes. First, it raises funds to carry out CWT projects and second, it was intended to provide wood, tools and other related woodturning stuff to members and guests. Recently, contributions for the raffle have been very sparse and, in turn, income generated has been going down. Please make a special effort to bring something useful for the raffle to the July meeting. Something other than wood would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have the Bring Back Box, PLEASE BRING IT BACK!!!

Changes to Woodturning Saturdays

We have had more people than we have lathes for the last two woodturning Saturdays. During the lunch break we discussed what to do about that. When we started Turning Day in 2008 I asked everyone to call or e-mail me so we could know who was coming. The first few classes had 4 or 5 people so everyone had a lathe. The last few months we have not received reservations.

The consensus of the discussion was that we would continue to not require signup and hope to have more people than we have lathes. The

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McMahan, and Ron Norris, Joe Weaver, and one guy whose name escapes me and he got away before I could ask. If you are that person please contact me so I can get the names straight.

Frank did an excellent job of teaching as he always does.

August Turning Day – Angels and Eggs

Saturday, August 15th, Mike Peace, one of our members, will teach us how to turn angel ornaments or decorations and we will have the added benefit of learning how to turn eggs.

The angels are one of those compelling forms that grab your attention and then you realize that the form is amazingly simple. Come learn how.

Dick Sing shows how to turn eggs in his book on ornaments and talks about how he started turning a few and now he has to go into production before Easter. Eggs are an excellent form to showcase your wood collection. I have a friend who is an avid golfer and he has a display rack of golf balls. After I learn how to turn them, I plan to make one from each species of wood that comes through my shop. You might have to turn a basket of eggs for that someone special, or maybe a cash customer.

Same routine. Began at 9:00 AM, bring a sack lunch, plan to be there until you finish.

New routine. See the article on the changes in Turning Saturdays elsewhere in this newsletter.

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The Georgia National Fair

The Fair has agreed to publish an ad in their catalogue allowing woodturning clubs in Georgia to extend a half day free hands on instruction to anyone 18 years old and younger, who have entries in the fair.

Discussions between several different club officers in Gainesville this weekend, it was agreed clubs

solutions are varied. Some people have to leave early and some teamed up with two people on a lathe. Another proposed solution was to buy more lathes.

Last year it was determined that with the lathes, tools, chairs, TV & camera the replacement cost on the club equipment was in the neighborhood of \$16,000. We believe that the Wood Turning Saturday has reached a point that it should be at least a contributor or at best become self sufficient in maintaining and adding to equipment.

For example we have recently bought a spur center for a bit over \$30 and we need another, a light was added to the Powermatic. We have chucks for the Powermatic, but we have only three Talon chucks for our 5 mini lathes.

It was my belief at the outset that this should be a non-fee program. I still believe this, but I have modified my thinking based on suggestions from people in the classes. We have not paid any instructors for the Saturday Wood Turning Day and I expect to continue in this mode.

As most of you know some of our member/instructors such as Hal Simmons and Frank Bowers teach at Highland Woodworking. Last month Frank did a two day class on bowls for 8 students at \$195 and he is doing a one day class in August on bowls for \$90. This is essentially the same bowl class he did last year for Chattahoochee Saturday Wood Turning Day. My point is that Chattahoochee offers our members a really good deal.

We are going to start putting out a donation box for the classes. A donation of \$5.00 would be nice. The money will be earmarked for maintenance and tools. Earlier this year the club spent about \$500 for 6 sets of Bodger woodturning tools in a nice deal from Highland Woodworking. As we move forward we can have discussions about the donation amount during our lunch break. In recent months

I have been getting wood for the classes from Mark Sillay at a very reasonable price. This past month each participant paid \$5 each for some nice cherry platter blanks. Mark included a couple of culls that Frank used to demonstrate and it turned out to be a very nice piece of wood. We'll continue charging for the wood at whatever Mark charges us.

If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions please give me a call at 770 271 8871 or email at bobblack@atnex.net.

could conduct hands at their regular meeting place and be covered by our AAW liability insurance.

Jim Sibley has agreed to coordinate scheduling the children sometime after the fair.

I would like your response if your club could conduct these hands on instructions. Our club has 3 members who are under 18 and I believe this program would encourage them to enter some work.

Contestants do not have to be club members to enter the fair. However if they enter the fair they are eligible for the free lessons. I don't expect a large turn out but I could be very helpful to someone.

Lessons would be scheduled at a club closest to the student; therefore it would be helpful if all clubs would volunteer to support

Please let me know asap if your club will support this program.

Fred Morris
770-358-6500

Raffle & Instant Gallery

Don't forget to bring something Tuesday for the raffle and the instant gallery. Gallery items may include something you are working on, a problem project you need advice about, something that worked out really well or that didn't work at all!! The point is not so much to show off as it is to inspire discussion and learning.

Turning Southern Style XV

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting its annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XV". This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 18-20, 2009.

GAW sponsors this annual event which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans.

This year's featured turners include:

Bill Grumbine, Art Liestman, and Al Stirt.

Also featured are:

Nick Cook, Joe Gettys, Wes Jones, and Dave Barriger.

For a brochure, to register or for additional information go to the GAW website at www.gawoodturner.org.

2009 Program & Events Schedule

January 13th	Hal Simmons: Finial box
January 31 st	All-day class at Mark Sillay's shop in Stone Mountain
February 10th	Rebekah Quattlebaum: Bee Hive honey pot box with honey dipper
March 10th	Don Russell: Segmented Christmas ornament.
April 14th	Fred Messer: Spalting Wood
April 24-26	Southern States Symposium, Gainesville, GA
May 12 th	Frank Bowers: Bowl turning
June 9 th	Gary Gardner: Techniques & sharpening
June 26 th to 28 th	AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 14 th	Tony DiLeo: Texturing & layered painting techniques
August 11 th	Mark Gardner: Square Bowls, etc.
September 8 th	Jim Talley
Sept. 18-20	Turning Southern Style, Unicoi State Park & Lodge near Helen
October 13 th	TBD
November 10 th	TBD
December 8 th	Christmas Party, ornament exchange and major raffle; 6:30 PM dinner

Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private woodturning instruction in their shops. If you are interested in some personalized instruction or expanding your turning expertise, contact them for more information. Other members that would like to be included in this listing are invited to contact the editor.

Frank Bowers	404 292-1107	fcbowrs@aol.com
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Hal Simmons	770 381-6764	simmonsh@mindspring.com
Jim Talley	706 353-7675	4talley@bellsouth.net
Jack Morse	770-316-7941	jack@Artistic-Turnings.com
Dan Albertus	404-702-0400	www.appalachianwoodturnings.com Building & design of woodturning shops
Rebekah Quattlebaum	678-455-6139	beka@bekasturn.net

Woodturning Links

Craft Supply <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>
800-551-8876 Woodturning Supplies

Packard <http://www.packardwoodworks.com>
800-683-8876 Woodturning Supplies

American Association of Woodturners
<http://www.woodturner.org> Woodturning Association.

Klingsport <http://www.woodworkingshop.com>
800-228-0000 Abrasives and woodturning supplies

Highland Woodworking
<http://www.highlandwoodworking.com> 800-241-6748 Woodworking tools, supplies

The Cutting Edge
<http://www.cuttingedgetools.com> 800-790-7980
Turning and carving tools, supplies

Penn State <http://www.pennstateind.com> 800-377-7297 Woodturning tools, supplies

Hut Products <http://www.hutproducts.com> 800-547-5461 Woodturning tools, supplies

Atlanta Wood Products
<http://www.hardwoodweb.com> 800 964-7804
Specialty Hardwoods

Woodcraft <http://www.woodcraft.com> 800-225-1153 Woodworking and Hardware

Rockler <http://www.rockler.com> 800-279-4441
Woodworking and Hardware

Wood magazine Forum
<http://www.woodmagazine.com> Q and A on Woodturning

Woodworking Products
<http://www.thebestthings.com> Woodworking products and others

Woodturning Classes

John C. Campbell Folk School
<http://www.folkschool.org> 1-800 FOLK SCH
Brasstown, NC

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts
<http://www.arrowmont.org> 1-865-436-5860
Gatlinburg, TN

Highland Woodworking
<http://www.highlandhardware.com> 800-241-6748
Atlanta, GA

Woodcraft <http://www.woodcraft.com> 800-225-1153 Roswell, GA

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