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Ramblings from the President

Mike Peace, President 2014

What a terrific demonstration last month with Chris Ramsey. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with him during the workshop. We had several visitors that are not yet woodturners but who knows? This month we are having our own Dan Douthart demonstrate on making some jewelry. Just in time for Valentine's Day!

Thank you to our most recent volunteers: Bob Black, Membership Chair, Jerry Chandler, Audio Visual Chair and to Harold Wright for offering to be our backup photographer.

Changes coming: Michael Gibson will be relocating our show and tell area to the front left corner to relieve congestion as you come in.

We continue to get new woodturning vendor catalogs in so help yourself and feel free to pick up one for a friend.

Thanks for those of you participating in the survey last month. We believe we have enough interest to hold an Introduction to Woodturning Workshop so we have scheduled this for Wednesday, March 26. See the flyer in the newsletter for details.

I had fun turning a pen at our last hands on session in January with Don Griffiths. We had a bigger group than usual but still had room for more. Don has provided a full year's schedule for the hands on workshops this year. Remember they fall on the Wednesday a week after our regular meeting so put it on your calendar. These are a great opportunity for you inactive hobbyists who may not have turned in a while to get back to woodturning as well as you novice turners that need a little help to keep progressing. For those of you with an unheated workshop that is too cold to work in, this is an opportunity to get back at it.

For those of you who have gotten this far in reading this, please take a moment right now to send David Martin a thank you note for all of his work in getting this newsletter to you. dmm5610@bellsouth.net

Got wood? Bring some in for the raffle. Cleaning up your shop and finding something useful for another turner that you can't use? Bring it in to the raffle.

See you at the meeting.

Dues for 2014

By Doug Graves, Treasurer

I am collecting dues for 2014. Dues are still a low of \$25 per person, \$30 for the entire family. If you can't make the January meeting, you can send your check to me at 3188 Venue Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506.

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by Ken Spruill

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Videographers Schedule

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
February 11 th	Dan Douthart	Turning necklace pendants
February 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Roughing out green bowls for the Empty Bowl Charity. Tool Sharpening: bowl gouge
March 7-9th	The Woodworking Show North Atlanta Trade Center	1700 Jeurgens Court - Norcross, GA 30093
March 11 th	Michael Gibson	Turning and constructing the Teapot
March 19 th	Dom Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Turning small lidded box with threads. Tool Sharpening: parting tool
March 26 th	Introduction to Woodturning Jerry Chandler – Mike Peace	All Day Workshop – For beginning turners.
April 4-6 th	Southern States Woodturning Symposium	Cartersville, GA
April 8 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
April 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Offset Turning. Tool Sharpening: spindle/detail gouge
May 13 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
May 21 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop- Turn small platter/plates. Tool Sharpening: scraper
June 10 ^h	Monthly Meeting	TBD
June 13-15 th	AAW Annual Symposium	Phoenix, AZ
June 18 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - Goblets/Tea Cups Goblets with Barley Twist. Tool Sharpening: skew
July 8 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
July 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Turning hollow forms. Tool Sharpening: drills
August 12 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
August 20 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turning green bowls roughed out in February. Tool Sharpening: chisels

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
September 9th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
September 17th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn standard Christmas ornaments, snowmen and icicles.
September 19-21st	Turning Southern Style Symposium	Location TBD
October 14th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
October 22th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn vases including hollowing from bottom.
November 11th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
November 19th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn Rolling Pen. (Register one month in advance to allow for blank fabrication)
December 9th	Mike Peace	Christmas Celebration
December 17th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop- Free For All, your choice: bowl,box, toothpick holder, potpourri bowl, ornaments, goblets with Barley Twist,etc

January Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Chris Ramsey

Chris Ramsey was introduced to woodturning in 1993 and became a fulltime woodturner in 1999. His work can be found in numerous galleries, craft shops, permanent collections of museums, and many private collections. His artwork has found its way into some famous and influential people's collections including actors and actresses, country music singers, professional athletes, and politicians including George W. Bush. Ramsey has exhibited in the United States, East Asia and Europe. The wood blocks he starts with for these projects weigh over a hundred pounds.

Demonstration: It is hard to believe the demo that Chris presented at our meeting after he had spent all day teaching a workshop. The meeting demonstration was outstanding as he went through the many steps to produce the HAT. During the initial phase of turning he showed how he also turns a picture frame which conserves much of the original blank. From there he provided a detailed demonstration in turning the brim and then the top piece. The HAT requires very thin turning to shape it and he demonstrated his methods using a light source and the tools he has constructed to do this. The end result was amazing.



WORKSHOP ATTENDEES

**Dan Albertus, Wes Jones, John Stanton, Doug Graves, Dan Douthart, Mike Peace, Jerry Chandler
Chris Ramsey**

February Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Dan Douthart. Dan is a member of several woodturning clubs, including Chattahoochee and demonstrates throughout the Atlanta area.

Biography: I have been a woodworker since High School shop class, but nothing that involved a lathe. My lathe addiction started about three years ago and it has been downhill since then. My planer and jointer are gathering dust and the table, radial arm, chop, band and scroll saws are only used to prepare stock or jigs for the lathe.

Demonstration: This presentation will show how to make necklace pendants from the scraps that bowl turners throw away. I will show how to make and use homemade jigs to produce these pendants. I will also show how to add a little pizzazz with an offset jig such as the Joyner Off-Center Jig.



New Activity Notes

Dear Chattahoochee Woodturners,

I have been asked to head up a program that will arrange “shop tours” of willing members of our club. The tours by our membership should provide some of us with ideas about your shop set up, etc. as well as a chance to get better acquainted with one another.

The tours should be fairly brief and I will attempt to co-ordinate locations whereas multiple shops can be visited at the same time when possible.

Members who wish to take part as a “host”, please send me your name, address, phone number and preferred day of the week. I will use this information to develop a plan and co-ordinate with you.

Try to let me know by February 10, 2014.

Thanks,

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Introduction to Woodturning Workshop
Wed, March 26, 2014
Sponsored by Chattahoochee Woodturners, AAW Chapter 112



This class is going to start with basics and absolutely no prior woodturning experience is required. Class participants will learn the basics of spindle turning between centers using a roughing gouge, spindle gouge, and parting tool. They will learn basic safety and how to sharpen the tools used in the workshop using a basic One Way sharpening jig. The emphasis will be on learning the basics of sharpening and tool technique and tool control to allow participant to continue woodturning on safely on their own to increase their tool control.

Participants will have an opportunity to make a couple of spindle projects such as an egg and a honey dipper turned between centers without the use of a chuck. The emphasis will be on learning tool technique not on insuring that everyone leaves with a completed project.

Workshop Location: Baxter's Belmont Shop, 3738 Anglin Drive, Gainesville, GA

Workshop Date: Wed, March 26, 2014 9AM to 4PM

Cost: CWT members pay \$25 which includes materials. Non members fee will be \$50 which includes chapter membership for 2014. Lathes, chucks, tools, face shields and required wood will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own 3/8" spindle gouge, spindle roughing gouge and a 1/8" or 1/4" parting tool if you like.



Workshop Facilitators: Mike Peace and Jerry Chandler

Tools to Bring: Bring a sack lunch. Cold drinks are available for a \$1.



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Make your check payable to Chattahoochee Woodturners and send it with this form to our Treasurer: Doug Graves, 770-539-2634, 3188 Venue Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY: We will make a full refund if we need to cancel the workshop for any reason. Full refund if the cancellation is received in writing 2 weeks prior to the class date. Later cancellations may be eligible for a refund if we are able to fill the slot. "No shows" will not be eligible for a refund.

Questions? Please contact: Mike Peace, 770-362-4308, mtpeace@bellsouth.net

Hands On With Don Griffiths

January Session: The project for January was pen making. We also turned toothpick holders. The tool sharpening exercise was the roughing gouge.

Attendees: Mike Peace, Jack Nelson, Susan Shortman, Herb Bolt, David Martin and Don Griffiths.

February Session: This will be a fun session roughing bowls from green wood blanks. This will be in preparation for our contribution to the annual Empty Bowl Charity. We will finish them in August.

Tool Sharpening will be the parting tool

Cost: \$5.00 **Time:** 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Bring a lunch, drinks available for \$1.00



NOTE: To anyone wanting to hone their skills and get hands on expert help, this is the place!! All skill levels can benefit from this activity and you can spend an enjoyable day among fellow turners.

Hands On With Don Griffiths

Letterman's Top 10 Excuses why folks don't come to Don's Hands On Wednesday:

1. I don't have any wood to bring.
No problem since Don will be bringing wood and supplies.
2. My spouse usually has something for me to do.
Pull out your "Man Card" and demand some "Me" time and come on out.
3. My tools aren't sharp and I don't feel comfortable sharpening them.
No problem, help is available.
4. I am just starting out and don't have any tools.
No problem. Lathes, chucks, face shields and tools are available.
5. I really don't know much about turning or am feeling rusty.
No problem, help is available.
6. I don't know what to bring.
Yourself, lunch and \$5. Bring your own tools if you like. It is a good way to get help sharpening.
7. I am not interested in the project scheduled for that day.
Ok, bring something you want to work on and come anyway.
8. I am afraid I will look foolish since I have been coming to meetings for years but really don't turn much.
This is a way to have fun - not a contest. Isn't it about time to try it?
9. I have something more fun to do.
Really! What is more fun than turning?
10. The dog ate my homework.
This excuse didn't work in school either, did it?

Member's Gallery



Bob Black



Harold Wright



Harold Wright



Wes Jones



Wes Jones



Wes Jones

NOTE FROM MICHAEL GIBSON

Quality tools make a world of difference in woodturning. When I started turning, I was using very old Craftsman tools and soon learned that I needed to update. After trying a couple of brands, I tried one of Doug Thompson's powder metallurgy, 10V tools and realized I had found what I was looking for. If you would like to learn more about Thompson Tools, go to <http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/default.asp> under FAQ. Doug explains about the metal used to make his tools.

Honing your tools can save you many trips to the grinding wheel, plus the added advantage of getting a much finer edge. I learned this valuable lesson many years ago when working in the boatyards in England. The first video explains why Trend Diamond Sharpening tools are the best available. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYWP3T1x2NE#t=197> and the second shows how to use them to sharpen. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNTQ7qLeKVw>

I am excited to announce that I am now a dealer for two excellent companies, Thompson Tools and Trend Diamond sharpening tools. I now have these tools available for excellent prices and without the shipping cost. You can phone, email or catch me at a meeting.

Sources of Interest

- Here is a link to a YouTube video by Mike Peace on Turning Angel Ornaments. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTtQB6Jly_8
- 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>
- Mike Peace shares this: "Bob Black referred me to a great bandsaw blade resource at [woodcraftbands.com](http://www.woodcraftbands.com). They offer a blade just like the Highland Woodworking's Turners blade for green wood but 40% cheaper for an order of 5. I am on my first blade and like it. Shipping is about \$10."
- Here are some very informative, free on-line videos by a master turner, Stuart Batty: <http://woodturning.org/education/>
- Here is a great website where you can find free on-line videos related to turning. <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- Craft Supply offers a 13% club discount for a group purchase of \$1,000 or more. Let Mike Peace know if anyone wants to take advantage of this program by organizing a group buy.
- Oregon State University wood scientist Seri Robinson has a YouTube presentation on spalting wood. Very interesting. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZUir8hWvnI>
- Klingspor provides a 10% discount to club members on anything not already tagged as a sale price



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- * Fax - Call 330-877-4682, anytime 24/7
- * Mail - Send orders to:

Hartville Tool
Attn: Order Dept.
13163 Market Ave. N.
Hartville, OH 44632

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- Discounts apply to regularly priced items from Hartville Tool only.
- If an item is on sale or special, the member will be given the lower of the prices. Either the sale or special price, or the discounted price; but not both. No further discounts will be given and offers cannot be combined.
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Taxes (Ohio delivery addresses only)
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Festool Products.

- All prices and exclusions are subject to change without notice.

From Our Local Rockler Vendor

In a world where we buy inexpensive furniture in unassembled pieces, upgrade our computers every two or three years and buy pre-cooked meals on our way home from work, is there anything more satisfying than building something lasting with your own two hands?

Whether you're refinishing an antique chair, upgrading your kitchen cabinets or taking a pile of wood and creating a family heirloom, woodworking brings out the best in all of us.

Your efforts and skill are appreciated here at Rockler, a family owned business for over 55 years. Despite being one of the largest online resources for woodworkers and a chain of stores across the country, we still take a personal interest in every one of your projects. We have real people in our Minnesota headquarters answering the phones. We work tirelessly to bring the industry's most innovative products, thinking and education to our stores and online store.

Rockler Woodworking & Hardware supports local woodworking guilds and clubs in several different ways through our local store locations. Here at the Sandy Springs, GA location we extend a 10% discount for guild/club members on their purchases. Yes there are some exclusions (power tools, sale items, giftcards, etc.), but we always try to do our best for those who are furthering the woodworking cause. As part of the purchase program, we track each clubs purchases and donate a \$20 Rockler Giftcard for every 20 purchases made by a guild/club member. The key to the program is that you have to let us know what club you belong to at the time of purchase.

Most of us would rather just shop online rather than driving to Sandy Springs to get a discount. I spend over three hours a day in my car coming and going so I know the frustrations in getting to our store, but keep in mind that we stock several things instore that you will never see on our website. However, if you enjoy letting the Big Brown Truck bring you packages then I would like to extend the following offer:

\$7 flat rate UPS shipping if you call the store to place your order, mention that you're a club member and get your 10% discount.

Spend over \$100 and we'll ship for FREE! (excludes powertools)

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

Shop SAFETY Tip

Check the dial on your shop fire extinguisher and make sure it is still in the green area indicating that it has adequate pressure for use. If you don't have a shop fire extinguisher----GET ONE!!!!

Classified

FOR SALE

- **Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System**

Brand new still in box \$65 770-294-3135 Michael Gibson
Grinder not included..



Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private instruction in their shops:

Dan Albertus, 404-702-0400,

Building & design of woodturning shops, www.appalachianwoodturnings.com

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