



# Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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## The President's Turn

*Jerry Chandler, President 2011*



Our annual Christmas Gathering on December 14th was a great success with 43 members and spouses enjoying fellowship and a good meal of turkey and dressing. Both the raffle and auction were outstanding successes. We raised \$935 in the raffle and \$1325 in the auction for a total of \$2,230, which exceeds last year's total by \$450! See the other statistics on this elsewhere in this newsletter. Special thanks to all of you who donated items and to those who purchased raffle tickets or bid on the auction items. This money will help fund our demonstrations, projects and other expenses for 2011.

Also at the Christmas Gathering, a number of items were displayed as possible entries from our chapter to the *AAW Turning 25 – A Celebration* exhibition in 2011 symposium in St. Paul, MN. The members present voted to select Mike Gibson's tea pot to represent us. Congratulations Mike!



Here is what our chapter entry looks like. We'll have more details on this in future newsletters.

Your 2011 Board of Directors, Jerry Chandler-President, Wes Jones-VP/Program Chair, Mike Peace-Secretary/Newsletter Chair, Ron Norris-Treasurer, Bill McMahan and Donald Wilkins - Members at Large, will be meeting soon and should have a recommendation on the 2011 budget and some other items for your consideration at the January chapter meeting. Thanks to all of these board members for volunteering their time and talents to help make our chapter successful in 2011.

Meeting attendance was a little sporadic in 2010 so let me encourage each of you to put the second Tuesday of each month on your calendar and plan to attend and support your chapter. The January meeting will feature Bob Aldea, one of our members who is an expert at making Native American flutes. You don't want to miss this meeting. We'll also have information about upcoming meetings to share with you then.

I'm looking forward to seeing you Tuesday evening, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry

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## Statistics on the 2010 CWT Christmas Gathering Raffle and Auction

- Number of Raffle items: 23
- Number of individual Raffle winners: 20
- Number of individual Raffle donors: 17
- Total raised in Raffle ticket sales: \$935
- Number of Auction items: 28
- Number of individual Auction winners: 15
- Number of individual Auction donors: 16
- Total amount raised in the Auction: \$1,325

## Bob Aldea to present on Flutes, Whistles and Ocarinas



Our own Bob Aldea will present at the January meeting. His presentation will begin with a little history and theory of some primitive woodwind instruments, touching on a variety of flutes, whistles and similar instruments. This will establish the terminology and describe the design choices required for each instrument. Focusing on the Ocarina and the Native American Style Flute, the presentation will show the critical dimensions and a variety of construction materials and methods. At the conclusion, the attendees should have enough information to build a working flute or ocarina and will know where to find additional information. There is a detailed handout on his presentation on the website.

## Background on Bob Aldea

Originally from New Jersey, I spent almost eight years in the US Navy, mostly on Polaris Missile Subs in the North Atlantic. That assignment exposed me to Charleston, SC for five years. After the Navy, I entered the computer industry in Massachusetts and then tried to move south for the next twenty years. I finally arrived in the Atlanta area in 1990. I'm now retired and enjoying every minute of it.

I've been an amateur woodworker for over thirty years and am currently a member of five local clubs woodworking and woodturning clubs. I had built a few folk instruments when I first encountered the Native American Flute at the Smokey Mountain Folk Festival, in 2004. I began building them after scouring the Internet for information about flutes and how they are made. When it comes to playing, I'm hopeless, but I've been building flutes since 2004 and sold my first one in 2006. I've been helped in my efforts by more flute makers than I can name. I generally have a very limited inventory and build to order for some very patient friends. I've no business name other than my own, and no plans for a web page.

I've attended the Musical Echoes Native American Flute and Cultural Festival in Ft Walton Beach, Florida for the past five years. The music is great, plus I enjoy rubbing elbows with the professional flute makers and learning from them. In 2009, I entered the flute maker competition for the fourth time and was delighted to be awarded a first place ribbon. Although I was designing and redesigning for months, I built my entry during the two weeks prior to the festival. The last coat of finish was applied on Thursday, so it was still a little tacky on Friday when I reached Ft. Walton Beach. The previous year, my son David won first place with his dragonfly flute, so I think we're getting the hang of making them. □

## Newest Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Curt Couch, Ken Spruill and Lemuel Verner

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## Dues for 2011

By Ron Norris, Treasurer

I am now collecting dues for 2011. Dues are still a low of \$25 per person, \$40 for the entire family. If you are unable to attend the January meeting, please send me your check at 4747 Creekwood Drive, Gainesville, GA 30507. ☐

## Your topic, tip or technique

by Mike Peace

### Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?

I saw the poll results on a turning forum to this question: When turning, I wear a face shield...

always 46.77%

sometimes 42.97%

**Never 10.27%!**

We would like your newsletter input two weeks before the second Tuesday of the month. Contact me at [mtpeace@bellsouth.net](mailto:mtpeace@bellsouth.net), 770-205-1610. ☐

## 2011 Officers

President: Jerry Chandler, 770-534-2649

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Contact anyone on the board if you have any suggestions or questions. ☐

## Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private woodturning instruction in their shops.

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## Meet the Board

By Donald Wilkins, Member at Large

I was born in Troy, AL in 1972 and met my wife in the late 80s. We married in 1992 while attending Troy State University (now Troy University). I got my BS in Computer Information Science and began on the career path in 1994. In 1996 we moved to Norcross as I took a Network Administrator job for a local healthcare related company. In 2001 I was given the opportunity to work for a startup company as the IT Director and have been doing that job since. The career successes have been the result of a lot of God's grace. In 2002 we moved to Buford/Braselton and currently call it home.

I was introduced to turning by my wife's love of turned bowls and other artistic expressions from the lathe. As a hobbyist in wood working and an addiction to acquiring power tools, the lathe became a logical evolution. I have only been turning for about 4 years. Since my primary income is derived from traditional office or data center work, turning time is at a premium.

I have had the fortune of acquiring both a Jet 1220 and a 1642EVS since starting turning. The 1642 was a recent 2010 purchase.

Golf was a hobby that I picked up at a teenager and continued to pursue up until a few years ago. General woodworking began to replace that love as creations

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last longer than a bad game of gold (not to mention the extra benefit of acquiring power tools in the process).

My wife (Sandra) and 2 great kids (Stephen – 15 and Shelby – 10) make up our family. Without their support my hobbies would not go far. At the office my guys call be the CAO (Chief Anal Officer) as I can be a bear to work with when it comes to perfection and how to do things right (at least that is what I think). The Lord has been working with me for many years in this area and still has a long way to go. My biggest fear in woodturning is the finishing process. The better the turning gets with practice the bigger the fear that a bad finish will ruin the piece and that hard work will go to waste.

In 2002 we moved to the Buford/Braselton area and had the privilege of building a workshop in my basement. With a good job, I have been able to acquire many power tools that I use in it. The shop is not heated in the winter, so winter turning is a little unbearable. As summertime approaches though, spending time in the shop becomes more commonplace. As I share the space with a pop-up camper and storage, future expansion is probably not possible.

I am not sure I have a favorite piece because as I get more time to practice a different piece is created that I like. Lately, I have had time to turn a couple of cherry plates/platters and the first attempts at them had me yearning for more.

Spending time in the monthly club meetings have had the best affects on my education in the art. Being able to attend meetings in a club like CWT is priceless and the value far exceeds the effort and cost. I kind of like to think I am working on my retirement hobby now so when I do retire I can hit the ground running. □

## Membership

*By Bob Black*

We are going to try to increase membership by reaching out to potential new members and trying to stay in touch with our present members.

If you know of any of our members who have lost a family member or have had a serious illness please let me know.

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## 2011 Program & Events Schedule

DATE	NAME	DEMO SUBJECT
Jan 11	Bob Aldea	Flute Making
Feb 8	Bob Grant	Basic Bowl
Mar 8	Mike Peace	TBD
March 4-6	North Atlanta Trade Center Norcross, GA	The Woodworking Show
Apr 12	Wes Jones	How to Process Green Wood
Apr 29- May 1	Gainesville, GA	Southern States Woodturning Symposium
May 10	TBD	
Jun 14	Bob Johnson	Pens
Jul 12	Jim Duxbury	Kaleidoscopes
Aug 9	Troy Bledsoe	Basic Segmented Vessel
Sep 13	Leigh Brooks	Carving on Turned Pieces
Oct 11	Joe Gettys	Tool making & Lidded box
Nov 8	Phil Colson	Shapes & Forms
Dec 14	Christmas Party	Dinner

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# Christmas Party Pictures

By Mike Gibson

