



# Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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## The President's Turn

There have been lots of changes with Chattahoochee Woodturners lately. You may notice some of these changes at our next meeting. A couple of months ago, we reversed the room layout to improve the traffic flow and put the bathroom behind the seating.

Your Board has been working over the last 2 months to build 6 wall cabinets to house lathe tools for all 6 of our lathes. We had a workday on 5/18 and one of the things we got accomplished is final assembly and mounting of the tool cabinets on the walls. We also got a new shelf built in the front corner of the room to hold one of the camera monitors. And we strung wire around the walls so we can have both monitors in operation.

You may not be aware, but our video camera recently died and we replaced it with a used Sony model that we purchased on EBay.

Also during our workday, we cut up a large tree that had come down in Sarah's backyard and got it out of her way. We will be using some of the larger pieces of this Blackjack Oak for our raffle.

And finally, we just purchased 6 sets of woodturning tools to go in the tool cabinets. They got their first use at the Skew class

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## June 2009 Demo

**Gary Gardner: Woodturning techniques and tool sharpening.** Gary will be focusing on basic woodturning which may include bowl and spindle turning demonstrations. He will discuss the value of properly sharpened tools and how to achieve them.

## May Turning Day – Skew

Skew Day, May 23, by Hal Simmons was a success. Including Hal we had seven people, Bobby Hooper, Mike and Stephanie Bruce, Mike Peace, Don Weygandt and Bob Black.

The session started with sharpening. Hal made it simple and sharp. A combination of power grinding on the bench grinder finished off by hand work on a ceramic hone made short work of the sharpening.

This was the first class to get to use the six new sets of Bodger tools that the club has bought in a friendly deal from Highland Woodworking.

After some practice work most of us made a pair of door stops. One student was ridiculed for getting out the cove cuts with a detail gouge instead of using a skew.

One of the practice jobs was turning a series of bead on a spindle using the skew. Hal has some sage advice for really learning to use a skew. His instruction was to go home, rough out a spindle 2" or so in diameter and cut 4 beads on it. Then stop. Exercise over. BUT, do it everyday for 30 days.

## June Turning Day – Hollow Forms on the Mini-Lathe

Mike Gibson has agreed to teach our next turning day on June 20, 2009 at the Baxter shop. He tells me we can turn a small hollow form about 3" overall height on our mini

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## **The President's Turn**

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taught by Hal Simmons on 5/23. Thanks to Bob Black for organizing and running our classes.

As a chapter of AAW, we want to encourage new woodturners, especially young woodturners. After all they are the future of woodturning and they don't get training in woodshop anymore. One way we can encourage youth to get involved with woodturning is to invite them to become members of Chattahoochee Woodturners for free. So, if you have a family member, neighbor, or friend who is under the age of 18, bring them to a meeting and sponsor them as a youth member. Our club is joining with the other woodturning chapters in Georgia to make a special push at the Ga. National Fair to get more youth involved in woodturning. We are going to advertise at the Fair this fall that any youth 12-17 is invited to receive a free woodturning lesson. By having all the clubs participate in this effort, we can direct an interested youth to the club closest to him/her. If you are willing to help with this effort, please let Bob or me know.

See you at the meeting.

Wes Jones  
CWT President

## **2009 AAW Symposium**

March 2009 AAW Board Letter

Twenty years ago this spring I saw a notice in a wood magazine that a bunch of woodturners were getting together up in Seattle. I'd been turning for 11 years but had never met another woodturner and decided to go. It was the AAW symposium. I attended classes for three days and repeatedly walked through the instant gallery. I learned there was something beyond flat bottomed bowls out of dry wood scraped round with spindle tools.

The symposiums are a great source of ideas and will change your life. This year we are meeting in Albuquerque. We have demonstrations by great turners from all across the United States, along with turners from Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, England, and South Africa. The instant gallery will be the finest collection of turned art in the world this year. Last year at Richmond I counted at least 10 different lathes on the floor of the trade show. If you are looking to buy a lathe, the symposium is where you can put your hands on all the latest models. And if you have a life outside woodturning, the Albuquerque area is a great place to visit. This is your chance to

## **June Turning Day**

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lathes. We will use the small tools developed last year for Jerry Chandler's ornament class.

Plan to be at the shop at 9:00 AM on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be in the cooler as always, \$1 each.

There is not charge for this class in keeping with our normal method for our hands on turning days.

In case you haven't attended one of our turning days, you can bring your own tools or use the club tools. We have 5 Jet mini lathes and a Powermatic 3520. Usually the instructor demonstrates the process with everyone watching and then you do it your self. Woodturning DIY. We have a bench grinder set up with a Wolverine jig so sharpening is always discussed, demonstrated and done.

## **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 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

register for a great symposium:

Also, we can always use volunteers to help out during the symposium.

Volunteer to be a room assistant or help out in the instant gallery. You can help and still see everything. Just send you name to [inquiries@woodturner.org](mailto:inquiries@woodturner.org) and offer to volunteer.

See you in Albuquerque in June.  
Dale Larson – AAW Board

## Saturday Turning Classes

Later in the year we will have Jerry Chandler showing us how to do ornaments. This class was a big hit last year. Keep watching for the announcement.

Joe Gettys will do lidded boxes in late summer. Joe, one of our own, did a demo a couple of years back on a lidded box. The box was donated to the Christmas raffle and I was the lucky winner.

We are working on a bowl day, some sort of hollow form that we can do on the minis and probably we will revisit pens.

We are asking for an indication of interest in a full day class at Don Russell's shop where you will learn how to assemble and then turn one of his exquisite segmented ornaments. The class will have to have a minimum of 8 people and will be limited to no more than 10. the cost will be \$50 per person. Let me know if you are interested. We will probably do this in October or November.

I saw Nick Cook turn a 4 legged stool in about an hour at the Dogwood Demo Day last weekend. Is anybody, or several somebody's up for a Saturday devoted to turning a stool in a day? Let me know.

## 2009 Dues Now Due

\$25 per person, \$40 for the whole family.  
Send payment to treasurer, Bob Black, 4590 Deep Creek Drive, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

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

Fred Morris  
770-358-6500

## 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium

October 23-25 - Greensboro, NC

The NC Woodturning Symposium invites you to attend the 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium. The AAW chapters in North Carolina have joined forces to present an exceptional symposium including 17 international and regional demonstrators.

Demonstrators include (subject to change):  
Allen Batty Stewart Batty Jimmy Clewes  
Ray Key Stewart Mortimer Chris Ramsey  
Nick Cook John Jordan

With many more regional and local demonstrators planned.

Please checkout and register on our website at [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com)  
All questions should be directed to [lbbunn3@hotmail.com](mailto:lbbunn3@hotmail.com).

## 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.

## CWT 2009 Officers/Board

### Elected Officers & Board Members

President .....Wes Jones  
Vice President ..... Frank Bowers  
Secretary ..... Mike Gibson  
Treasurer ..... Bob Black  
Past President .....Dan Albertus  
Board Member At-Large .....Jerry Chandler  
Board Member At-Large ..... Jack Morse

### Committee Chairs

AV Library ..... Rebeqa Quattlebaum  
Programs ..... Frank Bowers  
Newsletter Editor .....Jerry Chandler  
Rafflemaster ..... Jack Morse  
Training ..... Bob Black  
Food ..... Bill McMahan

## 2009 Program & Events Schedule

January 13th	Hal Simmons: Finial box
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	The Woodworking Show; Ga. Int'l Convention Ctr.
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Leon Thomas: Threaded acorn box
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
June 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	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.

<b>Frank Bowers</b>	404 292-1107	<a href="mailto:fcbowrs@aol.com">fcbowrs@aol.com</a>
<b>Nick Cook</b>	770 421-1212	<a href="mailto:info@nickcookwoodturner.com">info@nickcookwoodturner.com</a>
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<b>Hal Simmons</b>	770 381-6764	<a href="mailto:simmonsh@mindspring.com">simmonsh@mindspring.com</a>
<b>Jim Talley</b>	706 353-7675	<a href="mailto:4talley@bellsouth.net">4talley@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Jack Morse</b>	770-316-7941	<a href="mailto:jack@Artistic-Turnings.com">jack@Artistic-Turnings.com</a>
<b>Dan Albertus</b>	404-702-0400	<a href="http://www.appalachianwoodturnings.com">www.appalachianwoodturnings.com</a>
	Building & design of woodturning shops	
<b>Rebekah Quattlebaum</b>	678-455-6139	<a href="mailto:beka@bekasturn.net">beka@bekasturn.net</a>

## 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

## Newsletter

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