



Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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The President's Turn

Where has the year gone? The end of the year is coming fast. That means it's time to think about our upcoming Christmas Party. It will be on December 8th at 6:30 PM. (Note there was discussion at the last meeting about changing the date, but we have decided to have it on our regular 2nd Tuesday evening.)

Our financial condition is getting a little stressed. Demonstrators are getting more expensive and we bought some tools and chucks for our turning classes during the year. So, the Board has decided that we will expand our fund-raising efforts at this year's Christmas Party/Dinner. In addition to our regular Christmas raffle, we will have an auction this year with both live and silent bids.

We are asking all members of Chattahoochee Woodturners to do three things to help make this fund raising effort a success.

1. Plan now to attend the Christmas Party and Dinner. Bring your spouse or significant other and your family and friends. Details of the cost and how to get your tickets will be forthcoming. We will have an ornament (or other turned item) exchange as we have done in the past.
2. Be generous with donations for the raffle and auction. We are asking for turned items, tools, wood, books, videos, and services (such as turning lessons).

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November 2009 Demo

Jack Morse: Thermoforming- Add a new shape and style to your lidded boxes with a process called thermoforming. If you don't know what thermoforming is, don't miss this demonstration. Jack will also show you the quick and easy way to get a good fit on the lid. Whether you are a new turner or experienced, you will find something of interest and useful to you.

October Demo Recap:

Keith Rueckert, President of the Apple Ridge Turners, Ellijay, GA, demonstrated doing a hollow form with some discussion on design.

He rough turned a blank of Masur Birch from Finland approximately 6" X 9". He demonstrated using a 1/4" square home made bedan-like tool to put on the tenon for chucking. He then used a Forstner bit that appeared to be about 1 1/4" with an extension to drill out the center. He used an Oland tool with a 5/8" bar and a 1/4" tip for initially hollowing the piece. He then switched to a Sorby arm brace and a Dennis Stewart "Maxie" bar. He switched to a Sorby Hollowmaster with a 3/16" tip for hollowing around the inside shoulder. He finished smoothing the inside with a disc scraper about the size of a quarter.

He likes to leave the wall thickness about 10% and return when the piece is dry, about 11-13% as measured by a moisture meter. He wraps the rough turned piece in a few sheets of newspaper for the first few days to reduce the chance of cracking. He removes wax from turning blanks with a brass brush and DNA. On a safety note, Keith emphasized the dangers of using a "Spindle Roughing Gouge" (what many folks know as simply a roughing gouge) on the inside of a bowl because of the risk of snapping the narrow tang.

He says that women buy 90% of the art and shape is more important than how much wood there is in the piece. In other words don't let the size of the turning blank dictate the shape of the piece. He learned from Ray Key to take a vessel off of the lathe and to look at it vertically. He suggested that looking at library books of Greek art and Southwest pottery for pleasing shapes. If the shape is right, it will look good upside down. He likes a simple foot without any "whoopie doo's" and suggests one third of the diameter of the

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The President's Turn

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- Look around your home and shop and see what you can donate to help your club.
3. Work to sell the 10 raffle tickets that you received recently in the mail. Sell them to your relatives and neighbors or woodturners that belong to other clubs. And of course consider buying some of them yourself. They are \$5 each or \$20 for 5. You don't have to be at the Party to win. Put the purchaser's name on each ticket you sell. If you need any more tickets, contact Mike Gibson or any Board member.

Don't forget we will vote on club officers for 2010 at the next meeting. The slate of nominees is listed below.

See you at the meeting.

Wes Jones

2010 Chattahoochee Woodturners Officer & Board Member Nominations

At our next meeting, November 10th, we will be voting on new officers and board members for 2010. The following names are offered in nomination by the nominating committee:

President:	Jerry Chandler
Vice President:	Bob Black
Treasurer:	Ron Norris
Secretary:	Mike Peace
Board Member at Large:	Theron Rogers
Board Member at Large:	Mike Gibson
Immediate Past President:	Wes Jones

Christmas Gathering Raffle/Auction Items Needed:

This year's Christmas Gathering will include an auction as well as the regular raffle. We need your donation of one of your nice turned items or your time to coach another woodturner or both! The 6" x 13" Ambrosia Maple hollow form on the right is Mike Gibson's contribution and it's a really nice piece. Please bring your items to the November meeting. Remember to attach your name and a written description so we can publicize it prior to the Gathering.



October Demo Recap

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piece is a good starting point. Keith puts his price on the bottom of the piece so as to encourage customers to pickup and hold the items. Putting prices on the table could discourage this. He had a story about not judging a customer by their appearance as one little old lady in plain dress with home made crutches bought one of his pieces at a show for \$2500 after caressing it for a while.

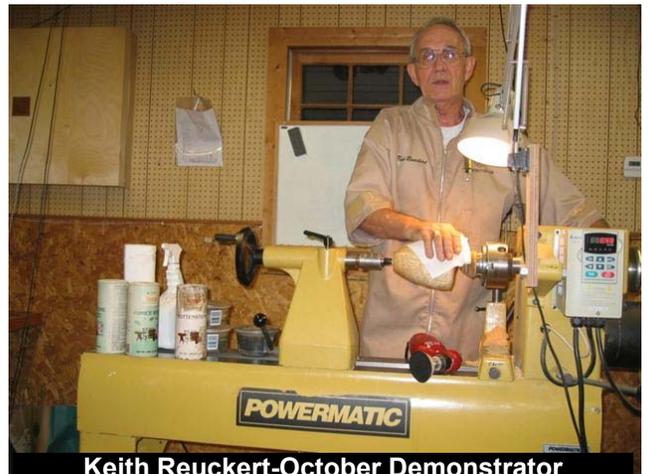
Another design tip was the use of the "Golden Rule": Keep the widest diameter of the piece or the shoulder of a hollow form somewhere between 60:40 and 70:30. Keith says he may not be the best turner but "I am a heck of a sander!" and admits to using 60 grit "shaping paper" on occasion if needed.

He followed up with a presentation on lacquer finishing.

1. Sand to 400 grit.
2. Apply sanding sealer.
3. Sand again to 400 grit.
4. Spray numerous coats of lacquer, up to 20 coats, over a period of 4 days.
5. After lacquer cures 48 hours, wet sand with water with 320 and 400 grit to remove orange peel and runs.
6. Use mineral oil and #2 medium coarse pumice applied and buffed with a sheepskin pad. Wipe clean with mineral oil.
7. Repeat step 6 using #4 fine pumice.
8. Repeat step 6 using rotten stone. Wipe piece clean with paper towel; then wipe with paper towel dampened with DNA.
9. Polish with dry paper towel.
10. Apply 3 drops of Finesse-it II (3M product) to designated sheepskin pad and buff turned piece to high luster. Wipe clean with paper towel.

These steps may be done with piece on the lathe and turning slowly. Sheepskin pad should be rotating so as to eliminate radial marking on turned piece. Use some degree of pressure with applying Finesse-it II. Use similar to car wax buffing till white film disappears. Use a toothbrush and water to remove any white residue from cracks or holes.

Write-up by: Mike Peace



Keith Reuckert-October Demonstrator

November Turning Saturday

December 12, 2009: Turned Dipper

That's right, the November turning day will be on December 12th at Baxter's Shop at the usual time of 9:00 am. Remember to bring a sack lunch. For what we pay our instructors, which is nothing, we take what dates we can get. It wouldn't hurt to make a note on your Thanksgiving to-do list to say thanks to our past instructors yet again.

This session will feature Peggy Schmid from Appleridge. Peggy is Treasurer of that group, a member of others and works a lot of art shows. Maybe you saw her at Mulecamp a few weeks ago. She brings a wealth of experience and a body of very nice work. She has a few simple items in her booth to keep the pot boiling.

One of those items is a simple dipper that isn't so simple after you inspect it. It has a cup on the end and a handle coming into the cup at right angles. Looks like a turned cup with a bored hole for the handle. But it is one piece of wood – what you call two axis turning. Come on Saturday and find out how to do it on a mini.

There will be a small charge for wood and we hope you keep making a donation for tools and repairs somewhere in the \$5.00 range.

From the AAW Board

Membership Renewal

We would like to encourage you to renew your AAW membership and please encourage your local chapter members to join or renew. The benefits and support are very rewarding. With the journal going to six issues per year in 2010, there will be even more to look forward to. AAW memberships are due for renewal before December 31, 2009. I encourage you to renew your membership online through the AAW website. To renew, simply go to the AAW website and click on "renew membership" on the AAW homepage (www.woodturner.org). It's easy and secure. Your membership card will be included with the first journal for 2010 in an effort to increase overall efficiency, reduce staff time, and save postage costs.

AW Journal Articles Available to Members

On the AAW website there is access to free downloads of selected American Woodturner Journal articles as a benefit available to all AAW members. The topics of the articles range from sharpening, bowl turning to carving. I will list just a sampling of titles: Five Ways to Avoid a Catch,

Shaping and Sharpening, Techniques for Carving, Learn to Sharpen Progressively and Finishing Secrets. You will need to go to the website, log-in to your membership account and the articles are listed under Downloadable Articles and Resources.

2010 Tennessee Symposium

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners will be hosting their 22nd annual Woodturning Symposium January 29-30, 2010. The symposium will be located at the Radisson Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. The symposium is two full days of demonstrations on Friday and Saturday. There will be a roundtable discussion with the demonstrators on Friday night that will include a slide show. In addition to the outstanding line up of demonstrators there will be an instant gallery, which is composed of turnings from all the attendees. You can bring as many as four of your best or latest works and show them off. The People's Choice award will be a cash prize of \$100.00 to the turned item bringing the most votes.

An expanded vendor area will be stocked with great wood, excellent tools and other goodies to keep you busy. Saturday night will feature a delicious buffet followed by a live auction hosted by woodworker Jay Erlbacher. We will have some great items to bid on this year so bring your checkbook.

We will have the following featured turners who will be presenting. (See our web site for rotations and topics www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium)
Mark St. Leger
Frank Penta
Tania Radda
Trent Bosch

Please get your registration in quickly so you don't miss out! Attendance is limited to the first 200 registrants. It has always sold out, so don't wait! We hope to see you there. For more information, or to register online with Pay Pal go to www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium. You can also print out the online registration form and mail your payment. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Brockett woodwackerjeff@aol.com.

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	Keith Rueckert: Hollow forms and finishing
November 10 th	Jack Morse: Thermoforming
December 8 th	Christmas Party, ornament exchange, auction 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
Nick Cook	770 421-1212	info@nickcookwoodturner.com
Wes Jones	770 972-6803	wwjones@comcast.net
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

Newsletter

If you have any suggestions, ideas, complaints or items to include please contact Jerry Chandler, Newsletter Chair. Also contact Jerry for free newsletter classified advertisements to list your surplus equipment or supplies for sale.

Help Wanted: Newsletter contributors – we need reporters who will take notes and report on monthly demonstrations, special woodturning events, member profiles, training, tips & tricks, etc. Please let Jerry know if you would like to help make this newsletter more relevant and useful.

Chattahoochee Woodturner's Christmas Party

Held at Rochester & Associates
425 Oak Street, Gainesville, GA 30501
6:30 PM, Tuesday, December 8th, 2009



Dear Members,

Pre-Holiday greetings to all of you and your families. This time of year seems to bring more feelings of nostalgia and warmth.

We hope you'll join us for a fun evening of good food, fellowship, gifts and raffle drawings. Dress is casual. We will eat at 6:30 PM, have time to visit and then move into our traditional ornament (small gift) exchange. Following that Jerry will emcee a Great raffle and auction (new this year).



Our food for the Christmas Party is catered and costs \$9.00 per person. We hope you will bring your spouse or special friend to our party.



The meal:

- *Grilled Chicken Breasts*
- *Mashed potatoes & gravy*
- *Green Beans*
- *Yeast roll, butter*
- *Banana Pudding & Brownies*
- *Iced Tea, sweet & unsweetened*

Let's make it easier for you by writing one check for the following three items:

1. \$9.00 per person for the Christmas Party Dinner.
2. \$5.00 for 1 Raffle ticket, \$20.00 for 5 Raffle tickets.
3. \$25.00 - 2010 Dues; \$40.00 per family Dues.

You can send our Treasurer, Bob Black one check for any or all three of the above mentioned items. Address your check to: "Chattahoochee Woodturners". Write a note to Bob stating the number of meals you are purchasing; the number of Raffle tickets you want; and your Dues for 2010. Bob will write your name on one half of the ticket(s) for the raffle - and give you the other half of the tickets at the party. Send your check to: Bob Black, 4590 Deep Creek Drive, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. Phone: 770-271-8871. Email: bobblack@atnex.net So please join us Tuesday, December 8th for our Christmas Party.