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The President's Turn

Jerry Chandler, President 2011

Jim Duxbury's presentation last month on making a kaleidoscope was really interesting. He's obviously very knowledgeable on the subject but he also did a good job of communicating this knowledge to us. Maybe some of you will get the fever and bring in your version of this age-old novelty.

This month, we have an opportunity to learn the basics of creating segmented vessels from a Georgia expert, Troy Bledsoe. If you've ever considered this branch of woodturning or if you want to improve your skills in this area, you don't want to miss this meeting.

I want to thank Curt Couch and Jim Wallace for loaning us two window air conditioning units to help keep us cool at our last meeting. Sara Baxter had let us know the main AC unit for the shop was not working well and needed to be replaced. To bring you up to date, Sara told me this week that she has had the unit replaced and we should now have sufficient cooling and heating to keep us comfortable year-round. Thanks again Curt and Jim for the temporary fix.

Thanks to Ken Spruill for the spaghetti and salad meal before the July meeting. Bill McMahan and Ken have done a great job for us on the meals this year. Come early, around 6:00 PM for good food (\$5 per person including soft drink) and informal discussion and fellowship.

We've heard of at least one club that has adapted an old windshield off a golf cart to use as a safety shield on a lathe to protect audience members. If any of you have access to such an item, please let me know. We may want to try that on our shop lathe.

The fingers are healing up well but I still can't type very well, so I'll stop here while I'm ahead. See you Tuesday, August 9th. Please be sure to bring items for the raffle and your latest turnings for the instant gallery.

August 9 Meeting



Troy Bledsoe will demonstrate basic segmented turnings at our next meeting on Tuesday, August 9th at the Baxter Belmont Shop. Troy is a past member of Chattahoochee and we welcome him back to Gainesville.

Troy Bledsoe was introduced to woodturning in 1989 and has been turning full-time since 1996. In addition to an extensive apprenticeship in polychromatic turning, he has studied with several nationally known woodturners. He is a founding member and past president of the Peach State Woodturners and a gallery artist in Southern Heartland Gallery, in Covington Georgia. Troy teaches woodturning workshops at the John C.

Campbell Folk School and near Hayesville, North Carolina several times a year. He resides with his wife, Betty, in Covington Georgia.

July Meeting Notes



Jim Duxbury provided an interesting demonstration on making kaleidoscopes. He shared a lot of detail that only comes from making a lot of them! He was assisted by his wife Rita.



Here is some of Jim's other work.



Go to Jim's website if you are interested in getting a copy of his detailed plans or DVD

www.duxterity.com

Meeting visitors included Margaret and Sally Gordon.

Member News

By Mike Peace

Michael Gibson had a great time attending John Jordan's class at Appalachian Center for

Craft.



Cynthia came up for a couple of days and was able to demonstrate some of her pyrography skills.

Also, congratulations to Michael for getting a picture of his 'Ancient Tea' teapot in the Sep 2011 issue of the British woodturning magazine Woodturning! If he can get a picture in *More Woodturning* before December he will have won the Grand Slam of Turning (an award I just made up for a turner getting his work pictured in four different turning magazines in one year).

Turning News, Tips or Techniques

By Mike Peace

A recent AARP The Magazine article www.aarp.org/bestplaces has come up with a list of the most affordable and desirable places to retire and Gainesville was on the list. Ok, so what has this to do with woodturning, you ask? Absolutely nothing, but we had space in this month's newsletter and I thought it might be of interest to some of you.

For those who missed my Winged Box Demo, here is a link to a video of essentially the same demo I did for Gwinnett Woodworkers Turning SIG a few days later.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dShS70CHXTs>

It is amazing what you can find out about a woodturner by Googling First and last name followed by Woodturner. Try it and see!

You still have a few days to get the reduced rate for the Turning Southern Style Woodturning Symposium on Sep 16- 18 to be

held at Unicoi. Details can be found at http://gawoodturner.org/Files/2011AAW_Symposium/2011Brochure.pdf

We are getting closer to Christmas ornament making season. Here is a link to an article by Bob Rosand on turning a simple medallion ornament.

<http://www.rrosand.com/articles/medallions.shtml>

The Ga. National Fair has a woodturning competition and display. If you are interested you can find more information here including entry forms.

<http://www.georgianationalfair.com/competitions/home-arts-fine-arts/>

Mail entry forms with fees by September 1. Our chapter contributes \$200 toward prize money. Contact Wes Jones if you have questions.

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2011 Events Schedule

DATE	NAME
Aug 9	Troy Bledsoe
Sep 13	Leigh Brookes
Sep 16-18	Turning Southern Style Woodturning Symposium at Unicoi
Oct 11	Warren Carpenter
Oct 6 – 16	Georgia National Fair Woodturning competition and display
Nov 8	Phil Colson
Dec 14	Christmas Party

July Show and Tell

Pictures by Mike Gibson

