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DECEMBER MEETING



**Chattahoochee Woodturners
Christmas Gathering 2015**

**6:00 PM, Tuesday
December 8, 2015**

**Location: Lakewood Baptist Church 2235
Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, GA 30501**

It's hard to believe that it is almost holiday season again. We're looking forward to a time of fellowship and food with our Chattahoochee Woodturners friends again this year. Since this is intended to be a family time, we hope you will plan to bring your spouse or special friend.

We plan to eat around 6:30 PM, have some time to visit, then move on to the ornament exchange followed by a great raffle and auction. If you can't come for the meal but do want to be there for the ornament exchange, raffle and auction, then please join us around 7:00 PM.

Ornament Exchange: Bring an unwrapped ornament or small turning to exchange with other members. You may also bring one for your spouse if you want to.

Raffle: (Detailed raffle letter and tickets enclosed). We continue to add turned items, tools, gift certificates, etc. to our **main fundraising raffle** of the year. Additional tickets will be available that night. Remember to write your name & phone number on the back of each of your tickets. You don't have to be present to win.

Auction: Our fund raising auction includes many excellent turning from some of our chapter's finest turners as well as other special items. Cash or checks are welcome.

Directions (Same location as last year): Lakewood Baptist Church is located at 2235 Thompson Bridge Rd. (also known as Hwy. 60) about a mile south of Thompson Bridge over the lake. Coming from the North, it is just past the Golden Buda restaurant on your right. Coming from the South, it is just past McDonald's on your left. For a map and more detailed directions, go to the Lakewood website, www.lakewoodlife.org, and click on "Directions" at the top of the page. You may park in the right side parking lot and enter the building through the covered entrance on that side. The Kids Cove area will be on your right as you enter the building.

ITEMS FROM VENDORS

Peachtree woodworking:

Bessey clamps 24"
Ron Brown 3 piece carbide pen turning set
2 ea. Lathe tool tray. New item

Ken Reeza:

Universal face plate
Ultimate sanding system 2&3"

Thompson tools:

1/2v bowl gouge
5/8v bowl gouge

Woodcraft:

Wine chiller kit
Pepper mill kit
16 ounce travel mug kit



Ramblings from the President

Bob Black, President 2015

The Christmas Party has been the lead in my last two addresses to you in this space. I hope you have signed up and planning on attending. By the time you read this the deadline will have come and gone. It was Nov. 30, 2015.

The party is a fun time to wrap up our last gathering on 2015. I have a warm spot in my heart for the ritual of breaking bread together with people. People can be family, children and as more often the case, friends. Dining together can convert acquaintances into friends. The Christmas Party also brings a nice but slightly unusual dimension to our gatherings. We have wives and husbands and friends that are not part of our actual turning folks included. They get to see some of our work. We each get to meet part of your family. That isn't a bad thing and maybe it ties us together a bit. I hope so.

Exchanging ornaments with others creates bond or at least some recognition. I well remember a sweetgum ball ornament and clearly remember that Bob Aldea made it. Ditto, Don Griffiths and a pink golf ball ornament.

We are completing a successful year. We have managed to achieve great success with our Eagle Ranch project, both in creating a turning studio, and exceeding my expectations for sales at Marketplace. You've seen the details so there is no need to rehash them here. The main achievement is completing a 12 week class with four boys and now we are in the midst of the second group of four students in the weekly class.

Chattahoochee members have, I believe, turned more things as a group than ever before. Our membership is up to 65 people at end the year against 59 at the end of 2014 and 2014 was up a bit over the previous year. The down trend has been reversed and the uptrend, while not exuberant, it is going in the right direction.

Looking toward 2016 Mike Gibson has booked good demos for January and February. This gives our new program chairman, Ron Grindle, a bit of breathing room to get the remainder of the new year lined up. Don't be hesitant to let Ron know what you would like for demonstrations.

I firmly believe that momentum is either on an upswing or not. If not, then it is on a downswing. We are in an upswing at CWT. The only way for that to continue is for you to participate – join for 2016, attend meetings and buy raffle tickets, invite new folks to visit and join, help out at work parties, introduce yourself to at least one stranger at every meeting and turn out for Turning Wednesday no matter what your skill level. You can either learn or teach, Amazingly, both can happen at the same time.

I am still preaching the same sermon – we are here to have FUN. For that to work, that is, for you to have FUN in woodturning you have to participate.

As part of the season, stop in a quiet moment, and say a prayer for all of our fellow citizens who will be scattered around the world and won't be home for Christmas as they serve and defend us, including some who will never make it home and others who will return badly damaged.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Black

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN NOVEMBER

We were honored to have three of the first woodturning students from Eagle Ranch visit at the November meeting. They indicated by their comments that they were thrilled to be learning to turn and Wes said they were all doing very well. Thanks to Wes Jones, Ron Norris, Bob Black, Al Panneall, Ron Grindle and Bill Lynch for their support in teaching these young guys the basics of turning.



Moses, Leland, Zac and Jon DeWaal

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Ken's Korner

December Menu*

Menu
Ham
Sweet Potato Soufflé
Green beans
Rolls
Banana Pudding
Tea or Coffee

Christmas Feast!!

Videographers Schedule

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
December 8 th	Bob Black	Christmas Celebration
January 12 th	Steve Mellott	Dizzy Bowls
February 9 th	Jim Talley	Miniature Turnings

November Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Michael Gibson

Demonstration: Mike gave us a very interesting and practical demonstration on hollowing. Then he demonstrated several laser mechanisms to aid in controlling the thickness of the hollow form while turning. Fantastic demo Mike thanks!!



MIKE'S WORKSHOP

We had a full day watching Mike define and demonstrate the essentials of form design when turning pieces. We not only were able to watch, but also to practice with Mike's help as we learned what form was all about. It was a very enjoyable and informative all day workshop.



Hands On With Don Griffiths

December Session: The project for December 16th will be a “spectohedren” or anything else you want to turn. Hope we will have another big turnout, it was FUN!!

Call for Woodturners. If you are interested in learning new and creative techniques in woodturning come on out. Otherwise come and enjoy some fun fellowship with your turning buddies. Time: 10-2 bring a lunch. \$5.00 includes materials.

November Session: We turned several varieties of mallets and gavels. The big news is that we had 10 turners there including the mentors.

Attendees: Don Griffiths, Bob Black, Ron Norris, Mike Peace, Bert Nagy, Troy Adler, Bruce Purdy, Becky Phillips, Larry Murphy and David Martin.



Member's Gallery



Wes Jones



Mike Peace



Mike Peace



Jack Morse



Bill Lynch



Troy Adler



Troy Adler



Jack Morse



Troy Adler



Troy Adler



David Martin



George Liotta



George Liotta

Visitors



Gary Balcom



**Becky & Allen
Phillips**



Trent



Re-Sources of Interest

- For those of you with a PM3520, check out <http://mustardmonster.weebly.com/> for great tips such as making your own moveable remote safety cut off switch. This is great device when you are hollowing and working on the inside of a bowl. You can make this for a few bucks compared to more than \$100 to buy one from Powermatic.
- Here is a link to a great sharpening video by Doug Thompson, maker of Thompson tools: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOc6giDP39A#t=29>
- Mike Peace has added several more YouTube videos to his woodturning channel at: https://www.youtube.com/user/mpax356/videos?view_as=public
- 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>
- Bob Black recommends woodcraftbands.com for bandsaw blades. They offer a blade just like the Highland Woodworking's Turners blade for green wood but 40% cheaper for an order of 5. Shipping is about \$10."
- Here is a great website where you can find free on-line videos related to turning: <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- **PEACHTREE WOODWORKING** - PWV, is a big supporter of our annual fund raising auction, and are now carrying a full line of Sorby tools
- **CRAFT SUPPLY** offers a 13% club discount for a group purchase of \$1,000 or more.
- **KLINGSPORT** provides a 10% discount to club members on anything not already tagged as a sale price



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- **ROCKLER:** 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

Wanted – Oneway Talon Chuck Adapter

Oneway Talon chuck 1-1/4" x 8 TPI adaptor to fit my Powermatic 3520B.
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