



Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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Ramblings from the President

Mike Peace, President 2014

A big thank you to all of you who contributed to a successful Christmas party. We had about 47 members and spouses attending. The auction and raffle was a huge success thanks to all of you who contributed items, contacted vendors, bought or sold raffle tickets, or bid generously during the auction. The auction and raffle brought in \$2,445. The money raised will certainly go a long way toward providing the funding for our demonstrations, projects and other expenses for the coming year.

Some of the highlights of this past year for Chattahoochee Woodturners include:

- Steady membership of 65
- More hands-on turning events and workshops than we have ever had before
- Saw several members with published articles, turning tips and work recognized in several woodturning publications or receiving awards for their turning accomplishments
- Club improvements including adding face shields, adding levelers to the PM3520, adding wheels to the grinder stand and adding a few lathe accessories.

Al Pannell had a terrific line up of demonstrators this year and an aggressive schedule of hands-on workshops; more than we have had before. These were a great opportunity to learn from some very talented turning instructors at a very reasonable cost.

Thanks to all who contributed to our club successes this past year. We look forward to another great year of woodturning. Please pass on to me or any of the other board members any ideas for club activities or thoughts on how the club can better meet your woodturning needs.

Please note that Chris Ramsey will be our January demonstrator and will be doing an all day workshop with us on making miniature hats like Cynthia Gibson showcased at the banquet. (Well maybe ours won't quite look like Cynthia's!) Details are in the flyer included in this newsletter. We are full but if you are interested, call Al Pannell and get on a standby list.

We still have a couple of volunteer positions open so please let me know if you can help:

Audio Visual Chair to insure we have a videographer for each meeting. Guide efforts to develop an improved audiovisual capability for the club. We would like to improve our audiovisual capability with an additional video camera over the lathe with a feed to our large screen TV and the ability to switch the signal being shown to the group between the two cameras and a computer.

Assistant Photographer: Michael Gibson will be doing a lot of traveling this year and needs a backup in his absence. Duties are primarily to shoot pictures of Show and Tell and new member mug shots.

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Ken's Korner

January Menu

by Ken Spruill

TBD

Dues for 2014

By Doug Graves, Treasurer

I am collecting dues for 2014. Dues are still a low of \$25 per person, \$30 for the entire family. If you can't make the January meeting, you can send your check to me at 3188 Venue Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506.

Videographers Schedule

2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY



2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
January 14 th	Chris Ramsey	9am-5pm Hat Turning workshop
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January 22 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Pen Making
February 11 th	Dan Douthart	Turning Necklace and Pendant
February 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
March 7-9	The Woodworking Show North Atlanta Trade Center 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, GA 30093	
March 11 th	Michael Gibson	Turning Teapot and Construction
March 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
April 4 -6th	Southern States Woodturning Symposium, Cartersville, GA	
April 8th	Monthly Meeting	
April 16th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
May 13th	Monthly Meeting	
May 21st	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
June 10th	Monthly Meeting	
June 13 – 15th	AAW Annual Symposium in Phoenix, NM	
June 18th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
July 8th	Monthly Meeting	
July 16th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
August 12th	Monthly Meeting	
August 20th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
September 9th	Monthly Meeting	
September 17th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
September 19 - 21	Turning Southern Style Symposium, Location TBD, GA	
October 14th	Monthly Meeting	
October 22nd	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD



Chris Ramsey, Miniature Hat Workshop
Tues, Jan 14, 2014
Sponsored by Chattahoochee Woodturners, AAW Chapter 112



In this workshop Chris Ramsey will guide participants in turning a miniature hat from fresh green wood. Participants will have a great learning experience and a lot of fun turning green or fresh cut timber and will take home a newfound level of confidence in natural edge thin-wall turning.

The December 2014 issue of American Woodturner has a write-up on a collaborative miniature hat project with Chattahoochee's own Cynthia Gibson collaborating with Chris to make some beautiful works of art. Participants are expected to have some basic woodturning skills.



Workshop Location: Baxter's Belmont Shop, 3738 Anglin Drive, Gainesville, GA

Workshop Date: Tuesday, Jan 14, 2014 9AM to 5:30PM

Cost: \$50 which includes materials. Lathes, chucks, tools and face shields are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own.

Workshop Facilitator: Chris Ramsey, Kentucky www.chriswramsey.com

Chris Ramsey was introduced to woodturning in 1993 and became a fulltime woodturner in 1999. His work can be found in numerous galleries, craft shops, permanent collections of museums, and many private collections. His artwork has found its way into some famous and influential people's collections including actors and actresses, country music singers, professional athletes, and politicians including George W. Bush. Ramsey has exhibited in the United States, East Asia and Europe.. The wood blocks he starts with for these projects weigh over a hundred pounds.

Tools to Bring: Bring a sack lunch. Cold drinks are available for a \$1.



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Make your check payable to Chattahoochee Woodturners and send it with this form to our Treasurer: Doug Graves, 3188 Venue Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506, 770-539-2634.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY: We will make a full refund if we need to cancel the workshop for any reason. Full refund if the cancellation is received in writing 2 weeks prior to the class date. Later cancellations may be eligible for a refund if we are able to fill the slot. "No shows" will not be eligible for a refund.

Questions? Please contact: Al Pannell, Vice-President, 770-534-9861, bigalp@peoplepc.com

January Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Chris Ramsey

Chris Ramsey was born in 1962 in New York City, spent a few years in Utah and grew up in Northern California. He owned a communications company (American Network Cable) which required that he spend many weekends and late nights away from his family. He would turn for hours at the lathe during the weekdays and found a great deal of enjoyment while turning.

Chris moved from California to Kentucky “to get out of the ‘rat race’” and lived on a houseboat on Lake Cumberland. After a few very cold winters, “I discovered that there is not much R-value in a piece of plywood so I moved out of the houseboat and into my house.”

With limited outdoor activity in the winter months, Chris felt he needed a hobby that would help pass the time until summer returned. In 1998 his identical twin brother, David, presented him with a birthday gift, a small “starter” lathe, which sparked his interest. “After I bought a Oneway I spent every free moment in the shop. I was addicted.” He says, “In 2000 I made the decision that money was not everything and, with my gallery sales on a steady increase, made the jump from an unhappy owner of a company to a much happier full-time woodturner” a move he has never regretted.

Demonstration:

For his hat turning Chris uses a variety of woods and finishes (matte and low, medium, and high gloss) and designs a number of styles: cowboy, derby, top hat, baseball cap, fishing, Outback, golf, and garden hats. Brim sizes range from 12 to 20 inches and crown sizes range from 4 to 8 inches, depending on the style of the hat. Approximate weight is 7 to 12 ounces. Carvings are available as are one-of-a-kind hat stands. "The hats are so different and so unique," says Ramsey. "When people hear that you make wooden hats, their first thought is, 'They must be so heavy,' but it's the kind of thing you have to touch. They really hit a note with people." To view more of Chris Ramsey's work, visit his website at <http://www.knot-head.com>



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Chris Ramsey and Cynthia Gibson

Hands On With Don Griffiths

Letterman's Top 10 Excuses why folks don't come to Don's Hands On Wednesday:

1. I don't have any wood to bring.
No problem since Don will be bringing wood and supplies.
2. My spouse usually has something for me to do.
Pull out your "Man Card" and demand some "Me" time and come on out.
3. My tools aren't sharp and I don't feel comfortable sharpening them.
No problem, help is available.
4. I am just starting out and don't have any tools.
No problem. Lathes, chucks, face shields and tools are available.
5. I really don't know much about turning or am feeling rusty.
No problem, help is available.
6. I don't know what to bring.
Yourself, lunch and \$5. Bring your own tools if you like. It is a good way to get help sharpening.
7. I am not interested in the project scheduled for that day.
Ok, bring something you want to work on and come anyway.
8. I am afraid I will look foolish since I have been coming to meetings for years but really don't turn much.
This is a way to have fun - not a contest. Isn't it about time to try it?
9. I have something more fun to do.
Really! What is more fun than turning?
10. The dog ate my homework.
This excuse didn't work in school either, did it?

Hands On With Don Griffiths

January Session on 22nd: The project for this month will be pen making. I will order 3 pen mandrels with bushings and a dozen pen kits along with some exotic wood for pen blanks and a 7mm drill for blanks. If you have a pen mandrel bring it to the class. We have 7 lathes.

Also want to take time to discuss projects you would like to try. We will try to set up a calendar based on your input.

Cost: \$5.00 **Time:** 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Bring a lunch, drinks available for \$1.00

NOTE: To anyone wanting to hone their skills and get hands on expert help, this is the place!! All skill levels can benefit from this activity and you can spend an enjoyable day among fellow turners.

NOTE FROM MICHAEL GIBSON

Quality tools make a world of difference in woodturning. When I started turning, I was using very old Craftsman tools and soon learned that I needed to update. After trying a couple of brands, I tried one of Doug Thompson's powder metallurgy, 10V tools and realized I had found what I was looking for. If you would like to learn more about Thompson Tools, go to <http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/default.asp> under FAQ. Doug explains about the metal used to make his tools.

Honing your tools can save you many trips to the grinding wheel, plus the added advantage of getting a much finer edge. I learned this valuable lesson many years ago when working in the boatyards in England. The first video explains why Trend Diamond Sharpening tools are the best available. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYWP3T1x2NE#t=197> and the second shows how to use them to sharpen. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNTQ7qLeKVw>

I am excited to announce that I am now a dealer for two excellent companies, Thompson Tools and Trend Diamond sharpening tools. I now have these tools available for excellent prices and without the shipping cost. You can phone, email or catch me at a meeting.

News of Interest

- Here is a link to a YouTube video by Mike Peace on Turning Angel Ornaments. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTtQB6Jly_8
- 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>
- Mike Peace shares this: "Bob Black referred me to a great bandsaw blade resource at [woodcraftbands.com](http://www.woodcraftbands.com). They offer a blade just like the Highland Woodworking's Turners blade for green wood but 40% cheaper for an order of 5. I am on my first blade and like it. Shipping is about \$10."
- Here are some very informative, free on-line videos by a master turner, Stuart Batty: <http://woodturning.org/education/>
- Here is a great website where you can find free on-line videos related to turning. <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- Craft Supply offers a 13% club discount for a group purchase of \$1,000 or more. Let Mike Peace know if anyone wants to take advantage of this program by organizing a group buy.
- Oregon State University wood scientist Seri Robinson has a YouTube presentation on spalting wood. Very interesting. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZUir8hWvnI>
- Klingspor provides a 10% discount to club members on anything not already tagged as a sale price



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Go to our web site (www.hartvilletool.com) and shop as usual. When you are ready to check out be sure to mention that you are a Club Member in the checkout notes and we'll be sure to give you the discount on all applicable items, as we currently physically review every order that comes through. The discount will not show on your e-receipt, but it will show on the hard copy that comes with your order.

Ordering by Phone, Fax, or Mail

To help ensure that you receive the special discounted club pricing when ordering by phone, fax, or mail, you should be sure mention that you are a Club Discount Program participant.

To place an order by:

- * Phone - Call 800-345-2396, Mon. through Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM Eastern time.
- * Fax - Call 330-877-4682, anytime 24/7
- * Mail - Send orders to:

Hartville Tool
Attn: Order Dept.
13163 Market Ave. N.
Hartville, OH 44632

Exclusions

- Discounts apply to regularly priced items from Hartville Tool only.
- If an item is on sale or special, the member will be given the lower of the prices. Either the sale or special price, or the discounted price; but not both. No further discounts will be given and offers cannot be combined.
- Offer also excludes:

Shipping & Handling Charges (If applicable)
Taxes (Ohio delivery addresses only)
Gift Certificates/Cards
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Festool Products.

- All prices and exclusions are subject to change without notice.

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In a world where we buy inexpensive furniture in unassembled pieces, upgrade our computers every two or three years and buy pre-cooked meals on our way home from work, is there anything more satisfying than building something lasting with your own two hands?

Whether you're refinishing an antique chair, upgrading your kitchen cabinets or taking a pile of wood and creating a family heirloom, woodworking brings out the best in all of us.

Your efforts and skill are appreciated here at Rockler, a family owned business for over 55 years. Despite being one of the largest online resources for woodworkers and a chain of stores across the country, we still take a personal interest in every one of your projects. We have real people in our Minnesota headquarters answering the phones. We work tirelessly to bring the industry's most innovative products, thinking and education to our stores and online store. Rockler Woodworking & Hardware supports local woodworking guilds and clubs in several different ways through our local store locations. Here at the Sandy Springs, GA location we extend a 10% discount for guild/club members on their purchases. Yes there are some exclusions (power tools, sale items, giftcards, etc.), but we always try to do our best for those who are furthering the woodworking cause. As part of the purchase program, we track each clubs purchases and donate a \$20 Rockler Giftcard for every 20 purchases made by a guild/club member. The key to the program is that you have to let us know what club you belong to at the time of purchase.

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

Shop SAFETY Tip

Check the dial on your shop fire extinguisher and make sure it is still in the green area indicating that it has adequate pressure for use. If you don't have a shop fire extinguisher---GET ONE!!!!

Classified

FOR SALE

- **Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System**

Brand new still in box \$65 770-294-3135 Michael Gibson
Grinder not included..



Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private instruction in their shops:

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