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JANUARY MEETING

Demonstrator: Doug Thompson

Biography: Woodworking has always been a part of my life, since early childhood to the present the sight of a board or log is still a thrill and the question goes through my head what could I make from it. I learned from my dad early in life that planning is the key to any project and even the most difficult challenge can be worked through if you take it one step at a time. This single lesson has carried me through every project I have done.

Since my first woodworking project at age 10 to the present I've always enjoyed a challenge. My first project was a gun stock for a BB gun made from a redwood 2 x 4 and a rasp but it had a cheek rest! Later in life I would buy a book and carve a rocking horse and a toy box was covered with veneer, the list goes on. The first trip to a mill yielded a curly maple kitchen island complete with dove tail slides and then went on to making Maloof style rocking chairs.

Project after project had to present a new challenge until the day I saw the ultimate challenge. One day while surfing the internet I came across www.woodhat.com; no way could someone turn a hat! The only problem was I didn't know how to turn; sure I turned my first bowl in high school and a few after that. Legs had to be turned now and then but a scraper that is sharpened once every couple years won't take you far.

I bought a big lathe and it sat for months, every attempt make something ended in disappointment also the fact it was painted yellow so you couldn't ignore this huge piece of steel sitting in the shop. Enough is enough so I called Johannes Michelsen, told him the fact I couldn't turn and asked (sort of begged) to take the class; he reluctantly said yes. Now the challenge, could you learn how to turn and make a hat from a video tape in a month and a half, yes you can, how? One step at a time. I wore a hat into the first day of class, it wasn't pretty but I wasn't embarrassed either. The next three days was filled with amazement how much skill a professional has, what you learn in three days could fill a book and last a lifetime.

In the beginning I tried many different tools, I found one but they wanted 2 times as much as the highest priced tool on the market. As a machine repairman by trade and a good machinist the only thing to do was to make the best tools on the market, this was very easy to do. What started with a single design would grow with the help and support of woodturners across the country.

Demonstration: Using the tools Doug has designed and manufactured; he will show us the best sharpening techniques required for achieving exceptional turnings. This is one of the most important skills a woodturner needs to learn if he expects to become a woodturning expert.





Ramblings from the President

Bob Black, President 2015

Welcome to the new year of 2015 for Chattahoochee Woodturners. FUN is the keyword for 2015. Repeating the message you got from me, “the way we are going to do this is developing camaraderie, cohesiveness and community as we work together on our Eagle Ranch projects”. And, by the way, you will be a better wood turner by the end of the year.

There are a lot of details to be pinned down but essentially the Eagle Ranch projects divide into two areas. The first will be our participation with Eagle Ranch to staff a booth at Market Place, a November show at the Civic Center in Gainesville. I understand it is a Christmas gift show. The purpose for Eagle Ranch and Chattahoochee Woodturners is to increase name recognition in the Gainesville area.

The benefit to CWT is that we get name recognition and hopefully publicity in the Gainesville area and we gain some new members. The yearlong benefit is that we are going to be working individually and in groups to produce turned items for the booth. Eagle Ranch is going to pay the booth rental, \$500, I think. The sales income from our turned work will all go to Eagle Ranch to offset the cost of the booth. The added benefit is that now you have an outlet for all of the ideas for turnings that you hesitated to start because you really didn't need something else on the shelf and your family has all of your work that they want. The plans are to produce several hundred gift items.

The second part of the plan is that we will develop a turning studio and training for students at Eagle Ranch. Eagle Ranch and Chattahoochee Woodturners have each submitted a grant request to AWW for the maximum amount, \$1500 each, for equipment to begin setting up a studio with 4 lathes and the peripheral equipment. Eagle Ranch has space in an existing building ready to go.

Chattahoochee Woodturners will plan and execute a training program for our members who will teach at Eagle Ranch. The target for the first class is to have 4 students who will have a 12 week course as part of the Eagle Ranch curriculum. We will provide the instructors for the class. There are plans to expand the teaching program/turning studio to include more than a dozen couples who are house parents. Eagle Ranch has counselors who are young people, mostly working on master's degrees that work with the students. They are likely candidates to learn woodturning.

We will have someone from Eagle Ranch to describe the school to us at the January meeting so they will fill you in on all of the good things they do. Prepare to come and be amazed at their programs and be enthused about what Chattahoochee can do to help them

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2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
January 13 th	Doug Thompson	Lathe Tool Sharpening, and explaining the differences in the flutes and metals in turning tools.
January 21 th	Don Griffiths	Begin work on Eagle Ranch Project: 3ornaments for market place sale. –
February 10 th	John Lucas	Turning a Natural Edge Bowl.
February 18th	Don Griffiths	Continue work on Eagle Ranch Project
March 10th	Mike Peace	Adding Pizzazz with Texturing Tools.
March 18 th	Dom Griffiths	Continue work on Eagle Ranch Project.
April 14 th	Derek Weidman	Wood Sculpture on the Lathe and an all day Workshop
April 22 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –
May 12 th	Kimberly Winkle	TBD
May 20th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
June 9th	Jerry Chandler	TBD
June 17 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
July 14 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
July 22nd	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
August 11 th	John and Joy Moss	TBD
August 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
September 8 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
September 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
October 13 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
October 21st	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
November 10 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
November 18 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
December 8 th	Bob Black	Christmas Celebration

December Christmas Party 2014

The 2014 Christmas party was a success. We had a good percentage of the membership attending and the auction and the raffle were very profitable. Over all we were down about 20% from last year so we will need to work harder and make 2015 a record year.

Results of 2014:

- Banquet Tickets \$ 330.00
- Raffle Tickets \$ 670.00
- Auction \$1,010.00
- Expenses (\$ 524.26)
- Profit \$1,485.74



Hands On With Don Griffiths

January Session:

Call for Woodturners. The beginning of Eagle Ranch gift production for the Market Place show begins on the January 21, Turning Wednesday. These will be a spindle turning projects. We will make three simple Christmas ornaments. Three will be two styles of ice cycle ornaments and one fat snowman version. This involves turning, painting and adding dots for eyes, buttons and noses.

All skill levels are invited. If you are a fairly new turner you will get help on basic spindle turning which is considered the basis for most other styles of turning. If your skills are advanced beyond the novice stage you can participate by going into production mode or helping out others. Everybody helps out each other. Helping each other out covers everything from someone showing you how to make a particular cut on the lathe to old guys who can't think of a certain word and another old guy fills in the word. We like to have young guys since they can think of the missing word faster.

If you have never participated in Turning Wednesday make this your first one. Some people are hesitant to turn in a group of other turners thinking that everyone will be a much better turner than they are. Forget about that line of thinking. You will find the Turning Wednesday under Don Griffiths is a totally non-judgmental group. You will get instruction on what you need to know and if you are not very careful you will have fun learning.

Chattahoochee is one of the few AAW chapters in the US that has its own shop equipped with 7 lathes. Why not make use of the facility.

Come at 10:00 AM, throw \$5 in the box for wood and keeping the lights on, bring a sack lunch, drinks are in the fridge at a buck a piece, turn until 2:00 or whenever you want to quit. One word of warning – keep a skeptical mind while listening to the stories around the lunch table. Everyone is very truthful, but some people have been known stretch the truth to great lengths to make a good story better.

February-March Sessions: Continue working on the the Eagle Ranch marketplace project

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.

*******EVERYONE WHO TURNED ROLLING PENS AT THE NOVEMBER HANDS ON PLEASE
BRING THEM TO THE JANUARY MEETING*******

Member's Gallery

Member's Gallery will return next month.

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. Another Great related site for free on-line woodturning videos is: <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- 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> Wow, can he profile a new bowl gouge fast! Maybe because he has personally made 40,000 tools. Michael Gibson has arranged for him to be our demonstrator next January.
- 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](http://www.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 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/>
- **PEACHTREE WOODWORKING** - PWW, 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. Let Mike Peace know if anyone wants to take advantage of this program by organizing a group buy.
- **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

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!!!!

CHATTAHOOCHEE WOODTURNERS VIDEO LIBRARY

Today, we have many resources at our disposal to learn from other woodturners and to gather ideas for our projects. The internet and YouTube are fantastic mediums to see and learn. Not to be forgotten, are the video resources that the club offers. August concludes the free rental period as items checked out should be returned by September 9th (meeting day) to avoid late fees. Check out the titles available on the library list.

Thanks, Ron Grindle, Club librarian

Item #	Title /Description	Media type
2	1995 AAW Symposium-Demo Techniques	VHS no fee
3	1995 AAW Symposium- Instant Gallery	VHS no fee
4	1995 AAW Symposium-Demo Techniques	VHS no fee
5	1995 AAW Symposium- Instant Gallery	VHS no fee
6	Introduction to Bowl Turning with Rus Hart	VHS no fee
10	Paragraphics-Demonstration Video	VHS no fee
11	2006 AAW Symposium-Snapshots	DVD no fee
12	Fundamentals of Sharpening	DVD no fee
14	Novelties and Projects ; Dennis White	VHS no fee
18	Elliptical Turning By David Springett	VHS no fee
20	Palmer Sharpless-The Johnny Appleseed of Turning	VHS no fee
22	Decorative Effects & Coloring with Chris Stott	VHS no fee
23	Turning Projects with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
25	Ed Moulthrop-Wood Turning Pioneer	VHS no fee
26	Tymba Turning Basics with Bruce Bell	VHS no fee
31	Bowl Turning with Rus Hurt	VHS no fee
33	Turning Wood with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
34	Binh Pho-Turning Logs into Art	VHS no fee
35	1999 AAW Symposium-Snapshots	VHS no fee
36	The AAW: Who WE Are-What We Offer	VHS no fee
37	The AAW: Who WE Are-What We Offer	VHS no fee
38	Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
39	Dale Nish Demo's-(4 DVD Set)	DVD
40	Turnaround, Jimmy Clewes	DVD
41	Two Ways to Make a Bowl, Batty & Mahoney	DVD
42	Bowl Turning with Del Stubbs	DVD
43	From the Tree to the Table; Making Bowls and Plates for the Kitchen: Mike Mahoney	DVD
44	The Skew Chisel with Alan Lacer	DVD
45	Beginning Spindles to Bowls with Joe Ruminski	DVD
46	Introduction to Segmented Turning with Curt Theobald	DVD
48	Turned Bowls Made Easy with Bill Bumbine	DVD
49	Woodturning Projects #1 with Rex and Kip	DVD
50	Woodturning Projects #2 with Rex and Kip	DVD
51	Turning Projects with Richard Raffan	DVD
52	Beyond the Basic Bowl with Bill Gumbine	DVD
53	Back to Basics with Jimmy Clewes	DVD

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Item#	Title/Description	Media Type
54	Turning the World with Jimmy Clewes Vol. 1	DVD
55	Turning the World with Jimmy Clewes Vol. 2	DVD
56	Turning the World with Jimmy Clewes Vol. 3	DVD
58	Woodturning with Ray Allen	DVD
59	Hollow Forms and Urns-A Workshop with Mile Mahoney	DVD
61	Fabulous Finial Box with Cindy Drozda	DVD
62	Turning Unusual Materials with Bonnie Klein	DVD
63	Beginning Spindles to Bowls with Joe Ruminski (2 Copies)	DVD
64	Hollow Forms- the Easy Way with Lyle Jamieson	DVD
65	Hand Crafted Pens-The Basics from Penn State	DVD no fee
66	Holding Wood on the Lathe with Mike Peace	DVD
67	Effective Demonstrations with Frank Penta	DVD
68	Turning Fancy Christmas Ornaments the easy way with Ron Brown	DVD
69	Fancy Vignettes & the Polychromatic Laminating System with Ron Brown	DVD
70	Wood Turning into Art with Jerry Crowe	DVD
71	Elegant Finials with Cindy Drozda	DVD
72	The Skew Chisel with Alan Lacer	VHS no fee
73	Turning Projects with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
74	The New Yankee Workshop-Table Saw Station	VHS no fee
75	Turning Wood with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
76	Space Fence Joinery Basics	VHS no fee
77	Fundamentals of Sharpening with Bonnie Klein, John Jordan Bill Johnston, and Alan Lacer	VHS no fee
78	Turned Wood with John Jordan	VHS no fee
79	Turned Wood with John Jordan	VHS no fee
80	Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
81	Bowl Turning with Del Stubbs	VHS no fee
82	Turning Wood with Richard Raffan	VHS no fee
83	Perfect Wood Finishes with Bob Flexner	VHS no fee

Video rental fee is \$ 2.00 per month. No charge for a month checked out if there is no regular meeting. VHS tapes are rented at "No Fee" Please return after use.

Have a video in your shop that you no longer refer to of seldom use? Consider donating to the library. A label will be attached indicating that you donated it so if you subsequently check it out, there will no charge to you.

Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private instruction in their shops:

Dan Albertus, 404-702-0400,

Building & design of woodturning shops, AppalachianWoodturnings.com

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New Resource For Wood

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Two Tree Boyz Wood

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Our company is Two Tree Boyz Wood. We are located in Buford, GA, and we sell green wood for turning. We will be bringing block blanks and end grain rounds for sale at your Feb. meeting. Members can check us out at [Two Tree Boyz Wood](http://TwoTreeBoyzWood) or www.facebook.com/2treeboyz to see what types of wood we have in stock. If someone would like something custom cut (We are saw cutting so it can be in either of the above-mentioned types or in log form. They would need to contact me by Friday, 2/6.

I will bring along something for your raffle and I would like to donate a log for your Eagle Ranch Market Place project if someone in your group could cut it down into blanks. Please have someone contact me before the February meeting as to what type of wood would be desirable for that.

We currently have spalted maple, ambrosia maple, black walnut, spalted oak, Bradford pear, American holly, Leland cypress, and rainbow poplar. Most of it is still in log form, which we would be happy to cut to order prior to coming. There is a detailed current inventory with sizes and features on our blog www.twotreeboyz.wordpress.com.

