



Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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The President's Turn

Well Spring has sprung, the rains have come, and everything is in bloom. So, it must be time for Southern States Symposium in Gainesville. I always look forward to the symposium at the end of April. This will be the ninth annual edition of the symposium which serves as a continuing memorial to the vision and leadership of our founder, Willard Baxter. Chattahoochee Woodturners is one of the seven woodturning clubs that sponsor the symposium every year, so we need to support it in every way. And you won't find a better opportunity to learn and increase your knowledge of woodturning. Plus, if you need wood, tools, or supplies this is your chance to get them at excellent prices. This year the Featured Turners that will be doing the demos are Soren Berger from New Zealand, John Jordan from Tennessee, Dennis Liggett from Colorado, and Chris Ramsey from Kentucky. If you haven't registered yet, go to <http://www.southernstatessymposium.org/> and register online. And lastly, take something to donate to the Saturday night auction. We all need to give something back to the hobby that we love and help make sure that the SSS is able to come back next year.

As I mentioned last month, our club has

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April 2009 Demo

Fred Messer: "Spalting Wood"

Fred will talk about how to encourage spalting in wood. He comes to us from Alabama.

March demo: Don Russell demonstrating his hollow segmented Christmas tree ornaments.



2009 Southern States Symposium

April 24th to 26th – Gainesville, GA

Ninth annual symposium that was started by our own founder, Willard Baxter.

Featured turners are:

Soren Berger John Jordan Dennis Liggett
Chris Ramsey

Guest demonstrators:

Rex Burningham Nick Cook Frank Bowers
Jamie Donaldson Mac Rae Kimberly Winkle

For additional information and to register, check out the web site at

www.southernstatessymposium.org

Dogwood Institute Turning Day

May 2, 2009

This is an annual affair tha used to be held at Don Russel's shop. It runs from about 9- 3pm

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received a free registration to the symposium that we will be raffling off at this month's meeting. So buy yourself a handful of the special \$5.00 tickets and maybe your symposium will be paid for. If the winner of the symposium raffle has already registered for the symposium, we will refund his or her registration fee.

Bring something for Show and Tell to the meeting, even if it is not completely finished. And bring stuff for the raffle to help support our club.

Keep your wood on the lathe and your fingers in front of the toolrest.

Wes Jones

2009 AAW Symposium

March 2009 AAW Board Letter

Twenty years ago this spring I saw a notice in a wood magazine that a bunch of woodturners were getting together up in Seattle. I'd been turning for 11 years but had never met another woodturner and decided to go. It was the AAW symposium. I attended classes for three days and repeatedly walked through the instant gallery. I learned there was something beyond flat bottomed bowls out of dry wood scraped round with spindle tools.

The symposiums are a great source of ideas and will change your life. This year we are meeting in Albuquerque. We have demonstrations by great turners from all across the United States, along with turners from Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, England, and South Africa. The instant gallery will be the finest collection of turned art in the world this year. Last year at Richmond I counted at least 10 different lathes on the floor of the trade show. If you are looking to buy a lathe, the symposium is where you can put your hands on all the latest models. And if you have a life outside woodturning, the Albuquerque area is a great place to visit. This is your chance to register for a great symposium:

Also, we can always use volunteers to help out during the symposium.

Volunteer to be a room assistant or help out in the instant gallery. You can help and still see everything. Just send you name to inquiries@woodturner.org and offer to volunteer.

See you in Albuquerque in June.
Dale Larson – AAW Board

Dogwood Institute Turning Day.. cont.

and they have a reasonable BBQ lunch with free ice cream sundies in the afternoon. Usually there are about three demos and a lot of folks selling old tools out of the back of their pickups.

This annual event brings together woodturners and woodworkers from all over the metro area. It will be held again this year at the Dogwood Institute, in Alpharetta. GAW, along with the Peach State Woodturners and the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia, sponsor this event to exchange ideas and techniques and promote the art and craft of woodturning.

Bring a friend and spend the day learning from the best and enjoy the BBQ and ice cream. Also, bring those tools that you want to get rid of as we will have a large "tool swap" and tailgate exchange. Best of all, the event is FREE! Newcomers and non-members welcome.

Location: Dogwood Institute - 1640 Mid-Broadwell Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004
Contact: Ron Peyton - 770.751.9571

<http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com/calendar.asp>

2009 NC Woodturning Symposium

October 23-25 - Greensboro, NC

The NC Woodturning Symposium invites you to attend the 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium. The AAW chapters in North Carolina have joined forces to present an exceptional symposium including 17 international and regional demonstrators.

Demonstrators include (subject to change):

Allen Batty Stewart Batty Jimmy Clewes
Ray Key Stewart Mortimer Chris Ramsey
Nick Cook John Jordan

With many more regional and local demonstrators planned.

Please checkout and register on our website at www.northcarolinawoodturning.com

All questions should be directed to lbbunn3@hotmail.com.

Book Review: by Mike Pearce

David Ellsworth's new Book: Ellsworth on Turning

I have been turning less than two years but have read more than a dozen books on turning and own three of Raffan's and Keith Rowley's book. I have had the opportunity to see Dave Ellsworth demonstrate at a symposium. I really like his book! Reading parts of the book reminded me of the notes I took at his demo covering points I was not aware of or failed to realize the importance. It is an inspirational book and covers topics frequently missed in other books like making your own tools. It has a great chapter on Design. It is probably not the first book a new turner would buy as it does not cover basics as well as some others like Keith Rowley's Woodturning: a Foundation Course. But if you have advanced to bowls and hollow forms you need to get this book.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Jet Mini Lathe 26" Bed Extension for Jet mini 1014 & the Jet Lathe Stand Cross Bar. \$110 for both. I got a PM3520 but am keeping my mini for buffing and no longer need the extension. Mike Peace, 770-205-1610.

CWT 2009 Officers/Board

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Turning Day-Skew

Saturday, April 11, 2009, Baxter's Belmont Shop, 9:00 till 3:00

Hal Simmons will be our instructor for a turning day on the use of a skew chisel. This is an excellent opportunity to get hands on instructions and experience. Demonstrations are a wonderful way to teach a large group, but nothing replaces hands on experience with a lathe in front of you and a tool in your hand making shavings.

As you probably know Hal is one of our own, a member of Chattahoochee Woodturners, and is a frequent instructor at Highland Woodworking.

We will begin at 9:00 and go until mid afternoon. Bring a lunch and we will have sandwiches and sawdust in the shop. We have cold drinks in the refrigerator at \$1.00 each. There is no charge for the class.

Practice wood pieces will be provided. Hal will also have a project for us to turn.

Bring you own tools if you have them. If not, tools will be available. It will probably be a good idea to bring your own sharpening tools for however you sharpen skew chisels. I' sure Hal will cover sharpening.

Please call me at 770 271 8871 or email me at bobblack@atnex.net to let me know to expect you.

2009 Dues Now Due

\$25 per person, \$40 for the whole family.
Send payment to treasurer, Bob Black, 4590 Deep Creek Drive, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Raffle & Instant Gallery

Don't forget to bring something Tuesday for the raffle and the instant gallery. Gallery items may include something you are working on, a problem project you need advice about, something that worked out really well or that didn't work at all!!!. The point is not so much to show off as it is to inspire discussion and learning.

2009 Program & Events Schedule

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| January 13th | Hal Simmons: Finial box |
| January 23 rd -25 th | The Woodworking Show; Ga. Int'l Convention Ctr. |
| 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 | Leon Thomas: Threaded acorn box |
| June 9 th | TBD |
| June 26 th to 28 th | AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico |
| July 14 th | TBD |
| August 11 th | TBD |
| September 8 th | TBD |
| October 13 th | TBD |
| November 10 th | TBD |
| December 8 th | Christmas Party, ornament exchange 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.

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| Frank Bowers | 404 292-1107 | fcbowrs@aol.com |
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| Jim Talley | 706 353-7675 | 4talley@south.net |
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| Dan Albertus | 404-702-0400 | 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

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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.