



Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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The President's Turn

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the Southern States Symposium. I think it was the best one yet. I'm proud of our club for our part in supporting it. And thanks to Mike Sewell for transporting and setting up our lathe at the symposium. Now it's time to think about upcoming symposiums and other woodturning activities in the rest of the year.

The annual AAW national symposium will be in Albuquerque, NM on June 26-28. If you have never been to the national symposium, it is a mind-blowing experience. The best woodturners in the world will be there demonstrating. For more information, see the AAW Board Letter elsewhere in the newsletter or go online to www.woodturner.org And if you make the trip out West you might want to take a class at the Anderson Ranch Woodturning School in Colorado www.andersonranch.org while you are there. They are offering 20% off tuition to members of the AAW this summer.

It's not too early to start thinking about the other woodturning symposium we have in Georgia every year. The Turning Southern Style Symposium will be at Unicoi State Park and Lodge, near Helen, on September 18-20. The TSSS is sponsored by the Georgia

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May 2009 Demo

Leon Thomas, "Threaded Acorn Box"
Leon will be turning an acorn box with a threaded lid, using the Baxter threading system.

The Georgia National Fair

The Fair has agreed to publish an ad in their catalogue allowing woodturning clubs in Georgia to extend a half day free hands on instruction to anyone 18 years old and younger, who have entries in the fair.

Discussions between several different club officers in Gainesville this weekend, it was agreed clubs could conduct hands at their regular meeting place and be covered by our AAW liability insurance.

Jim Sibley has agreed to coordinate scheduling the children sometime after the fair.

I would like your response if your club could conduct these hands on instructions. Our club has 3 members who are under 18 and I believe this program would encourage them to enter some work.

Contestants do not have to be club members to enter the fair. However if they enter the fair they are eligible for the free lessons. I don't expect a large turn out but I could be very helpful to someone.

Lessons would be scheduled at a club closest to the student; therefore it would be helpful if all clubs would volunteer to support

Please let me know asap if your club will support this program.

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Association of Woodturners and they have a great line-up of featured turners slated to demonstrate. Check out the symposium at www.gawoodturner.org and get your registration in now. If you want to stay at Unicoi Lodge, you need to go ahead and make your reservations.

Another very worthwhile woodturning activity is the special woodturning exhibit at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. This will be the 3rd year that woodturners from all over Georgia have put on an exhibit of their best work. It is definitely worth seeing and you are invited to enter your own work for \$5 per piece. There will be ribbons and cash prizes in many different categories. See the letter from Fred Morris, Coordinator, in this newsletter for all the details. Entry forms must be in by September 1st, so get to work on your pieces.

See you at the meeting at 7:00 or come earlier for a sandwich.

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.

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.

Woodturning Art Show

Wes Jones and Wayne Smith are having an art show in the Heritage Room of the Georgia Heritage Center for the Arts at Tallulah Falls during the month of May. Wes specializes in all types of woodturning art and Wayne does paintings, collages, wall hangings, and photography. The GHCA at Tallulah Falls is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. It is located on Hwy. 441 just north of the bridge across the Tallulah River. No admission is charged. Art is available for purchase.

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.

Just send you name to inquiries@woodturner.org and offer to volunteer.

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

Book Review: by Wes Jones

Review: *A Splintered History of Wood*

I just finished reading this amazing book by Spike Carlsen that I got last Christmas. It is chock full of interesting history and factual information on trees and the myriad uses of their wood down through history. I always have appreciated the beauty and useful properties of wood, but I have to admit I never dreamed it was so versatile and crucial to our civilization. Whether you are interested in the unique properties of various woods or the indispensable value of different lumbers in building, architecture, music, transportation, war, biofuel, cooking, etc.; you will find this book fascinating.

I recommend this book to anyone who works with wood. If you would like to borrow my copy, let me know.

Saturday Turning Classes

The separate announcement elsewhere tells of the postponed Skew Day which will now be May 23.

Later in the year we will have Jerry Chandler showing us how to do ornaments. This class was a big hit last year. Keep watching for the announcement.

Joe Gettys will do lidded boxes in late summer. Joe, one of our own, did a demo a couple of years back on a lidded box. The box was donated to the Christmas raffle and I was the lucky winner.

We are working on a bowl day, some sort of hollow form that we can do on the minis and probably we will revisit pens.

We are asking for an indication of interest in a full day class at Don Russell's shop where you will learn how to assemble and then turn one of his exquisite segmented ornaments. The class will have to have a minimum of 8 people and will be limited to no more than 10. the cost will be \$50 per person. Let me know if you are interested. We will probably do this in October or November.

The April Skew day sort of got rained out. Our instructor, Hal Simmons, who is a Red Cross volunteer, was in Albany Georgia controlling the receding flood waters. We missed Hal but Mike Peace did a really nice job demonstrating skew work. Mike had a design for an angel that is small enough to use as a Christmas ornament but was exceptional in it's expressive simplicity. Mike and Stephanie Bruce, Don Weygandt and I had a very nice day making shavings with Mike.

I saw Nick Cook turn a 4 legged stool in about an hour at the Dogwood Demo Day last weekend. Is anybody, or several somebody's up for a Saturday devoted to turning a stool in a day? Let me know.

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Turning Day – Skew

Saturday, May 23, 2009

This is the April Class that got postponed. from 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'm sure Hal will cover sharpening.

Please call me at 770 271 8871 or e-mail me at bobblack@atnex.net to let me know to expect you. Go to <http://www.chattahoocheewoodturners.com/> for directions to the shop.

I hope to see you on the 23rd.
Regards,
Bob Black

2009 Program & Events Schedule

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.

Frank Bowers	404 292-1107	fcbowrs@aol.com
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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.