



Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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Ramblings from the President

Mike Peace, President 2014

Thanks to Dan Douthart for his demonstration last month on pendants. We had a good turnout with 29 members at the meeting. This month Michael Gibson will be demonstrating how he turns and constructs his award winning teapots. I am looking forward to that.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer to make things happen for the club. Last month we were able to get a view of our audiovisual future as Jerry Chandler was able to switch the view between two cameras. Thanks to Michael Gibson we have better show and tell space with the corner table he made. Thanks to Ron Grindle for the great job on the flag display case. Thanks to Ron for getting the air compressor up and running. We thought we may have to buy a replacement. He also replaced a bad circuit breaker. Al Panell is closing in on an 18" Rikon Band Saw for the chapter. Bob Black has been in touch with the "Empty Bowls of Gainesville" and will be providing an update. Looks like we can build on our efforts from last year for an even bigger impact this year. We had a great turnout for Don's bowl workshop.

We are limiting the Introduction to Woodturning Workshop on March 26 to six participants. We still have a couple of open slots. Note the time change to 9:30 to 4:30

If you have not joined AAW or need to renew, you may want to do so before April 1 to avoid the \$2 increase. AAW provides you benefits that go well beyond the six issues of "American Woodturner", although that alone is worth the price of admission when you consider all of the back issues on line with great tips and projects they contain. You recently got an email soliciting content for Woodturning FUNDamentals. This program from AAW provides resources for basic skills & techniques, and is distributed by email every other month, alternating with issues of the "American Woodturner" journal.

I thought our Hartville club discount was 10%. I was wrong. It is 15%!

Congratulations to Wes Jones on his article in the February issue of *Woodturning Design*.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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March Menu

by Ken Spruill

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Videographers Schedule

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
March 7-9th	The Woodworking Show North Atlanta Trade Center	1700 Jeurgens Court - Norcross, GA 30093
March 11 th	Michael Gibson	Turning and constructing the Teapot
March 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Turning small lidded box with threads. Tool Sharpening: parting tool
March 26 th	Introduction to Woodturning Jerry Chandler – Mike Peace	All Day Workshop – For beginning turners. Time: 9:30-4:30
April 4-6 th	Southern States Woodturning Symposium	Cartersville, GA
April 8 th	Steve Protchett	Coloring and Texturing as applied to bowls and platters.
April 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Offset Turning. Tool Sharpening: spindle/detail gouge
May 13 th	Frank Bowers	TBD
May 21 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop- Turn small platter/plates. Tool Sharpening: scraper
June 10 ^h	Monthly Meeting	TBD
June 13-15 th	AAW Annual Symposium	Phoenix, AZ
June 18 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - Goblets/Tea Cups Goblets with Barley Twist. Tool Sharpening: skew
July 8 th	Wes Jones	Adding Enameling to turnings.
July 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop – Turning hollow forms. Tool Sharpening: drills
August 12 th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
August 20 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turning green bowls roughed out in February. Tool Sharpening: chisels
September 9th	Harvey Meyer	Baskets of Illusion
September 17th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn standard Christmas ornaments, snowmen and icicles.
September 19-21st	Turning Southern Style Symposium	Location TBD

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
October 14th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
October 22th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn vases including hollowing from bottom.
November 11th	Monthly Meeting	TBD
November 19th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop –Turn Rolling Pen. (Register one month in advance to allow for blank fabrication)
December 9th	Mike Peace	Christmas Celebration
December 17th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop- Free For All, your choice: bowl,box, toothpick holder, potpourri bowl, ornaments, goblets with Barley Twist,etc

FROM LT. RYAN McDONALD AFGANISTAN

In December our club received a United States flag from our member Ryan McDonald stationed at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan. This is a flag that was flown over his base, which makes it a prized possession for our club and we appreciate very much the service Ryan is providing our country. Ron Grindle volunteered to construct an appropriate box to display the flag and certificate for our club. **THANKS Ryan and Ron!!**



February Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Dan Douthart. Dan is a member of several woodturning clubs, including Chattahoochee and demonstrates throughout the Atlanta area.

Biography: I have been a woodworker since High School shop class, but nothing that involved a lathe. My lathe addiction started about three years ago and it has been downhill since then. My planer and jointer are gathering dust and the table, radial arm, chop, band and scroll saws are only used to prepare stock or jigs for the lathe.

Demonstration: Dan's demonstration was very detailed and interesting. He not only demonstrated the turning of the necklace pendants, but also how to make and use the jigs he uses to make them. He then demonstrated how to finish them to a beautiful high gloss surface. He also showed us how to add a little pizzazz with an offset jig such as the Joyner Off-Center Jig. Great demo and very much enjoyed by all.



March Meeting Notes

Demonstrator: Mike Gibson- He grew up in a small coastal sailing community in England. Michael's love of woodworking was revealed early in life as he worked in the boatyards. Many years later woodturning captured Mike's attention. What began as a hobby blossomed into a passion. Michael is recognized worldwide for his skillfully created turned and carved teapots.

Website: MichaelGibsonWoodturner.com

Demonstration: In this demo I will show the construction process of making a classic style teapot. As I cannot complete a finished teapot in the time allocated I will describe every aspect from beginning to end. I will show why form and balance are vital aspects of creating a pleasing teapot which also applies to other turnings. Also covered, how I deal with the problems of lining up the handle, spout and knob on the lid, finishing the inside, making the handle and spout and attaching them, finish used. The only turning I will be doing in this demo will be the lid and knob, turned on the body to get the right shape to suit the pot.



New Activity Notes

FIRST SHOP TOUR SCHEDULED

The “ Shop Tour” program is moving forward and I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered to open their shop to visitors. I would like to have the first visit on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00-4:00 P.M. and will be at the shops of Don Griffiths, Willard Shewbert, George Liotta and Ron Grindle. These are all in the same neighborhood in Gainesville, and will be easily accessible on the same day. Please contact me for directions and also so we will know how many are participating.

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Introduction to Woodturning Workshop

Wed, March 26, 2014

Sponsored by Chattahoochee Woodturners, AAW Chapter 112



Come join the fun! This class is going to start with basics and absolutely no prior woodturning experience is required.

Workshop participants will learn the basics of spindle turning between centers using a roughing gouge, spindle gouge, and parting tool. They will learn basic safety and how to sharpen the tools used in the workshop using a basic One Way sharpening jig. The emphasis will be on learning the basics of sharpening and tool technique and tool control to allow participant to continue woodturning on safely on their own to increase their tool control.

Participants will have an opportunity to turn an egg and a Frosty Snowman icicle ornament between centers without the use of a chuck. The emphasis will be on learning tool technique not on insuring that everyone leaves with a completed project.

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

Workshop Date: Wed, March 26, 2014 9:30AM to 4:30PM

Cost: CWT members pay \$25 which includes materials. Non members fee will be \$50 which includes chapter membership for 2014. Lathes, chucks, tools, face shields and required wood will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own 3/8" spindle gouge, spindle roughing gouge and a 1/8" or 1/4" parting tool if you like.



Workshop Facilitators: Mike Peace and Jerry Chandler

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

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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, 770-539-2634, 3188 Venue Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506

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: Mike Peace, 770-362-4308, mtpeace@bellsouth.net

Hands On With Don Griffiths

February Session : The project for February was roughing bowls from green wood for the fall Empty Bowl Charity. All the turners turned at least 3 bowls each so we finished with about 20 bowls, a good start.

Attendees: Mike Peace, Jack Nelson, Susan Shortman, Herb Bolt, David Martin Ron Norris and Don Griffiths.

March Session: This will be turning small lidded box with threads. Don is bringing a threading jig to assist in the threading process. Should be a great learning experience and as always FUN!

Tool Sharpening will be the parting tool

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.



Member's Gallery



Bob Black



Dan Douthart



Wes Jones



David Martin



Herbert Bolt

Member's Gallery - continued□□□□.



Harold Wright



David Martin



Harold Wright



Wes Jones



George Liotta



Wes Jones



George Liotta



David Martin



David Martin



Mike Peace



Ron Norris



David Martin



Ron Norris



Mike Peace



Ron Norris



Wes Jones

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.

FROM MIKE PEACE

Here is a great portable sawbuck for when you might have to do some blank preparation in the field. It is simply 4 pieces of 2X4 12" long each. I pegged each corner with a couple of dowels. Screws would be faster but I figured with my luck I would eventually hit one.



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.
- 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>
- 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 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=PZUir8hWvnl>
- **Klingspor** 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!!!!

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