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MAY MEETING

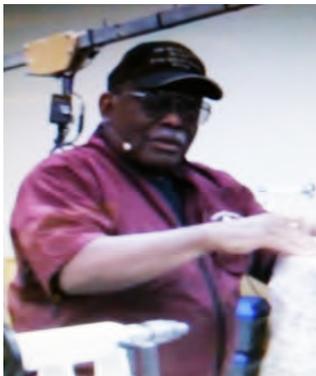
DEMONSTRATOR: Frank Bowers

I am a full time woodturning instructor and demonstrator. From an early age I have worked making things from wood along with numerous remodeling projects but never introduced to woodturning. After moving to Georgia I had an opportunity to see a wooden pen demonstration and was hooked on turning. From that point I took lessons from noted turners in Atlanta and professional turners from around the world who came through the area.

I enjoy using the lathe to transform recycled woods into useful items and artistic objects. The thing I like most about woodturning is the instant gratification, you can spend an hour or two and complete a project, as opposed to regular woodworking where months later you're still working on that weekend project.

Over the past 15 to 20 years I have taught over 400 classes of 6 to 8 students at the Highland Woodworking and the Woodcraft store. I have demonstrated at 20 or more clubs here in the Southeast along with five southern region woodturning symposiums

Demonstration: I will take you through the process of rough turning a bowl from a log, about ¾" thick leaving it to dry. I will also bring a bowl that's already dry I will turn the blank to conclusion to show you what happens after the bowl has dried.





Ramblings from the President

Bob Black, President 2016

I've got a request for you. In the recent past you were asked to bring in ideas for items that you thought would sell well at The Emporium. How about doing so for next Tuesday's meeting. Make a sample of your idea and bring it for Show & Tell. Remember that our target average price is \$25.

Another idea, bring a visitor to the meeting. Introduce them and we can make a new friend and possibly a new member.

I've been thinking about design for woodturning. Don't get the idea that I think I'm some sort of expert on design, far from it. Rather I'd like to suggest some sources you might use to improve your own eye for turning shapes

Try googling images for ancient American Indian pottery or images for Greek pottery. Either will get you hundreds of thousands hits. Change to images for Roman pottery and see what comes up. Here is a basic idea: Google images for wood bowls. Google that and get modern pictures. You can change it a bit and google images for old wood bowls.

Going to another part of the world plug in Japanese pottery images and then change to Japanese wood bowl images. Here you will see tea bowl shapes. I don't think they show up in other cultures.

So far, we are talking about pulling up millions of images for free. You might get radical and buy a book or get one from your library. I've had very good luck getting books I could not find from the Gwinnett Library system by using interlibrary loan. Two examples are *The Furniture of Coastal North Carolina* and *The Art and Mystery of Tennessee Furniture and Its Makers Through 1850*. The North Carolina book comes up on EBay in the neighborhood of \$1000 and the Tennessee book runs \$400 to \$600. Using interlibrary loan you just fill out the form and wait expectantly for the book to be shipped to your local library.

Bob Stocksdale's, *To Turn the Perfect Bowl, The Lifelong Quest of Bob Stocksdale* is available on Amazon for about 25 bucks. Also there is, *Bob Stockdale and Kay Sekimachi: books, boxes and bowls*. Jumping across the pond there is Bert Marsh's *Bert Marsh Woodturner*. Marsh is a recently dead Englishman who worked and demonstrated in this country. I believe he was a member of AAW. Both Stocksdale and Marsh are considered to be right at the top in design and execution of wood turnings. Just before you go buy yet another tool keep in mind that Stocksdale turned all of his life on a Delta Standard Duty lathe and faceplates.

I realize very few of us have any education in art and design but I think it is inherent in all people to recognize a pleasing shape or line. The term in the boatbuilding world used to describe good lines and shapes is eye sweet. Look at the images and pick out what pleases your eye. Then turn it.

I believe there are two aspects to turning. The first to learn is technique. How do you hold the tool and how to use it? What speed for roughing out and how to get a good cut while rubbing the bevel? After you get a handle on all that stuff then the second aspect comes into play. What shape, form or line do you create with all of the technique? Visualizing shapes takes training and practice just like learning to use the tool. Maybe the things I talk about above will give you some ideas on the second aspect.

Bob Black

APRIL MEETING

Demonstrator: Nick Cook

Our April, 2016, meeting featured demonstrator was Nick Cook, a very well-known Atlanta area turner and educator, who is known internationally as well.

The demonstration was preceded by an all-day workshop attended by Bert Nagy, Brown Wilder, Bill Lynch, Bob Black, and Ron Grindle. The great thing about this workshop was that each of the attendees got to choose their project and that Nick would lend his skills and instructions individually. Lots of practice beads were made with a skew. We think all of us became more skillful with a skew.

After a full day of turning, we sat down to a meal of lasagna, salad and cupcakes thanks to Ron Norris.

The evening demo was a lamp base which Nick had glued up prior to the demo. He demonstrated how tool control can lead up to less sanding.

The lamp base was drilled, and Nick showed how the hardware and wiring were installed. The piece was donated to the club at the end of the demo.



Hands On With Don Griffiths

May Session: The project for May 18th will be discussed at the monthly meeting on Tuesday. Hope we will have a good turnout, it will be FUN!!

Call for Woodturners. If you are interested in learning new and creative techniques in woodturning come on out. Otherwise come and enjoy some fun and fellowship with your turning buddies.

Time: 10-2 bring a lunch. \$5.00 includes materials.

April Session: The project in April was turning a spatula and a hand mirror. (**NOTE:** Turners please bring your pieces for S&T.)

Attendees: Ron, Norris Eugene Harper, Mike Peace, Frank Massa, Becky Phillips and David Martin.



IMPORTANT SAFTY MESSAGE FROM JERRY CHANDLER

AAW just released an eleven page woodturning safety booklet that is available to all woodturners, even if they are not AAW members. Here is a link to the AAW website listing for the booklet:
<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=SafetyGuidebook>.

FYI, AAW also has a more in-depth 64-page safety book, Safety for Woodturners, but it is only available to AAW members.

Thanks , Jerry

Visitors



Eric Winney

Beads of Courage Boxes

We only have one more month to complete our Beads of Courage boxes and turn them in at the AAW symposium. Our goal is to have 750 boxes to donate to kids with life-threatening illnesses. What could be a better woodworking project and use of your time. So far I have 3 boxes made by your fellow Chattahoochee Woodturners, plus 2 boxes I have made. I hope to have 2 more made by the first week of June.

I will be glad to take your box for you, if you don't plan to attend the symposium. I have more of the B of C logo buttons and the maker identification cards, if you need them. Give me a call or drop me an email, if you need any more information.

Thanks for your efforts on this.

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2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
May 10 th	Frank Bowers	Log To Bowl Demo
May 18 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
June 14 th	Brian Simmons	TBD
June 22 nd	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
July 12 th	Peggy Schmid	TBD
July 20 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
August 9 th	Hal Simmons	TBD
August 17 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
September 13 th	TBD	TBD
September 21 st	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
October 11 th	Stephen Ogle	TBD
October 19 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
November 8 th	TBD	TBD
November 16 th	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop
December 13 th	Bob Black	Christmas Celebration
December 21 st	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop

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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.
- 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>
- 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 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 \$16."
- Here is a great website where you can find free on-line videos related to turning: <http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>
- **WOODTURNERS WONDERS** Ken Rizza 678-442-9454 woodturnerswonders.com kjrdistributing@gmail.com CBN Wheels, Lathe Lamps and Sanding Kits
- **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.
- **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

NONE

Woodturning Instruction

The following club members give private instruction in their shops:

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Ken's Korner

May Menu*

TBD

***Meal + Drink \$5.00**