



# Chattahoochee Woodturners Newsletter



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## Ramblings from the President

Mike Peace, President 2013

I enjoyed doing the demonstration last month on threading. I always learn a lot by preparing to do a demonstration than I do from watching one. I know I inspired one member to buy some hand chasers and hope I inspired one or two folks that have chasers and never used them, to give it a try. The most positive feedback a demonstrator gets may be when someone brings in a project for Show and Tell that was inspired by a demonstration. We are going to give folks interested in trying hand thread chasing an opportunity in Don's Hands On Workshop on June 19.

This month we are pleased to have Joe Ruminski back with us as the demonstrator. Joe is a very experienced turning instructor and demonstrator. We may still have a slot left in the Wednesday June 12 workshop with Joe so contact Ron Norris if you are interested.

I am looking forward to the AAW Symposium in Tampa. I was able to spend some time at the Southern States Symposium talking with Phil McDonald the Executive Director for AAW. I think I spoke for all of us when I relayed my concern and disappointment that they were not able to have this in Atlanta as originally planned. It will be several years before it gets rotated back to the Southeast so hopefully they will plan one here then. Meanwhile the next regional symposium will be Turning Southern Style which will be in Dalton on September 20-22. For those who have never attended a symposium, describing it as a little like attending a weekend-long chapter meeting including the Christmas banquet may with choices of demonstrators to watch, may not do it justice.

I am blessed to have a basement shop that is has heat and air conditioned so I can easily turn year around. For those of you with more seasonal shops that are starting to get warm, this is a great time to check out a DVD out of the library. We still have a box of woodworking books for sale at a \$1 each. Check with Ron Grindle, our librarian.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Mike Peace for his new article in this month's issue of American Woodturner on "Elegant Business Card Holders." You can download a copy of his article from his website, [MikePeaceWoodturning.blogspot.com](http://MikePeaceWoodturning.blogspot.com). Better yet, consider joining AAW and getting your very own issue six times a year.

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### Videographers Schedule

June – Jerry Chandler

## Ken's Korner

June Menu\*  
by Ken Spruill  
TBD

**\*\$5.00 Meal and Drink  
(After dinner drinks \$1.00)**

## 2013 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME	DEMONSTRATION
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Joe Ruminski	7-9 Projects that can be completed in an evening
<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Joe Ruminski <a href="http://thegiftturningstudio.com/home">http://thegiftturningstudio.com/home</a>	Hands On Workshop: Turning a goblet and multi-center disc sculpture. (\$50)
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Mike Peace/ Don Griffiths	Hands On -Thread Chasing Basics -
<b>June 28-30<sup>th</sup></b>	AAW Annual Symposium	Tampa, Florida
<b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Mike Peace, Wes Jones, Don Griffiths, and Bob Aldea	Shopmade jigs, tools and accessories for woodturning.
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Mike Peace/Don Griffiths	Hands On – Hand thread Chasing projects. Small lidded boxes.
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Frank Penta	Multiple multi-axis projects + small tool making
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Frank Penta <a href="http://www.frankpenta.com/sites/penta">http://www.frankpenta.com/sites/penta</a>	Hands On Workshop: Multi-axis birdhouses (\$50)
<b>August 21<sup>th</sup></b>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop - TBD
<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Bob Black	Toolmaking For Woodturners
<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Bob Black	Toolmaking For Woodturners
<b>September 20-22<sup>th</sup></b>	Turning Southern Style Symposium	Dalton, Georgia
<b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Stuart Mortimer	Hands On Workshop
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Stuart Mortimer	Demo
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop -TBD
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Jerry Chandler	Turning Christmas Ornaments
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Don Griffiths	Hands On Workshop -TBD
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Mike Peace	Christmas Celebration

## May Meeting Notes

**Demonstrator: Mike Peace**

**Demonstration: Hand Thread Chasing**

Mike gave us a comprehensive demonstration of hand thread chasing. He certainly made it look easy, but as we know looks can be deceiving. The detail in his presentation made it possible for any of us to start doing it. The bottom line was “it ain’t hard, but it will take a lot of practice”.



## Hands On With Don Griffiths

**May Session** The May project was altered from multi axis bird house ornaments to a concentric bowl. This was a surprise but turned out to be an interesting project. We gained experience in turning a multi axis object with decorative beads. Please bring your completed projects to show and tell.

Attendees: Herb Bolt, Garrett , Susan Shortman, Don Griffiths and David Martin.



**June Session will be on the 19th** : The June project will be Basics of Hand Chasing Threads. This will be an opportunity to actually use those hand chasers you bought but never actually used. We will have spare hand chasers available so if you don't have any hand chasers but want to give it a try, come on out anyway. The first session will be on learning the basics and practice as opposed to making a project. Here is an excellent article on hand chasing you may want to print.

<http://www.toolsforworkingwood.com/prodimg/ms/pdf/MS-THRDCH.pdf>



Next month if there is sufficient interest, we will continue on to making a threaded project. Mike Peace will be assisting.

**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.

### **DEMONSTRATOR: Joe Ruminski**

**BIOGRAPHY:** I consider myself more of a craftsman than an artist. I enjoy figuring how to do things in ways that are reasonably easy and safely done. These methods should have an end product that is pleasing to the eye with flawless craftsmanship. Some may even call it art. My primary goal in turning is to be able to teach others how to have the tool control and skills to make what their mind can envision with a workmanship quality that does not distract from the design of the piece.

With thirty years of working in the field of education I find it very rewarding to be able to teach woodturning to others in an atmosphere that is very encouraging and enjoyable. It is exciting for me to help people expand their abilities of working with their hands to complete a project and be able to say, "I made it myself!" That makes doing demonstrations for clubs and teaching hands-on classes very rewarding.

Demonstrating for clubs and other groups allows me to share my love of woodturning in a way that can inspire others to learn the art and craft of turning. It can give practical suggestions for overcoming common problems that all turners face. Often demonstrations open the doors for exploration and show techniques to make ideas become a reality.

**DEMONSTRATION:** This is a fast paced presentation that provides something for all levels of turners. We will cover seven or eight different projects that can be completed in an evening. The reason for using these projects is that they present the basics of turning to show a progression in how basic skills are used for more complex turnings. This is a demonstration for many who want to have a better understanding of tool control to allow them to progress in their turning skills to have less sanding and more enjoyment.



## Up Coming Workshop



### Joe Ruminski Workshop

Wed. June 12, 9AM – 5PM

*Sponsored by Chattahoochee Woodturners, AAW Chapter 112*



The workshop format will be the facilitator demonstrating the project to be turned and then students will have hands-on work time with individual coaching. In this workshop, participants will be guided on doing two projects: A goblet and a multiple center disc.

This workshop is targeted for the intermediate to advanced turner. It assumes that most of the people in the audience have the basic skills of woodturning.

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

**Workshop Date:** Wed. June 12, 9AM – 5PM

**Cost:** \$50 which includes the project wood and abrasives.

**Workshop Facilitator: Joe Ruminski**

You can find out more about Joe and see his work at <http://thegiftturningstudio.com/home>

Joe is a retired educator who does a great deal of woodturning instruction and is quite skilled at it. Joe Teaches at the Arrowmont School of Arts and John C Campbell Folk Art School. He has worked with the youth program for the American Association of Woodturners for the past three years. His "Craft Corner" Performances have been featured on local television shows. He conducts regular classes in his own studio, near Asheville, NC. Joe is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, past president and Board Member of Carolina Mountain Woodturners and member of American Association of Woodturners

**Tools to Bring:** Lathes, chucks, centers, face shields and a basic set of Bodger tools and are provided. It is recommended that you bring your own tools. This way you will use the same tools when you get home. Bring a sack lunch. Cold drinks are available for a \$1.

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Make your check payable to Chattahoochee Woodturners and send it with this form to our Treasurer: Ron Norris, 4747 Creekwood Drive, Gainesville, GA 30507.

**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: Al Pannell, Vice-President, 770-534-9861, [bigalp@peoplepc.com](mailto:bigalp@peoplepc.com)

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Member's News

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Ryan McDonald's dad, Tommy McDonald



James Howard

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**George Liotta**

I am 68, my wife Jeanette and I are RETIRED ☺ since 2002. We were in the retail wedding and tuxedo business since 1980 we had two stores one in Gainesville and one in Athens. We have four married children (one of which is Lt. Governor Casey Cagle). Twelve grandchildren & two great grandchildren and I'm sure more to come! I was not in the military, but a NAVY man at heart. In another life, I was a machinist for Lockheed Aircraft and a Finance Manager in the automobile business.



I started some turning, like many, in shop class in High School. It was after that, I picked up all the bad turning habits! My friend and neighbor Don Griffiths has spent the last three years trying to teach me the proper way of the WOOD NINJA along with two other friends and neighbors. I have graduated to associate wood shavings maker. I have managed to make some beautiful bowls and hope to improve.

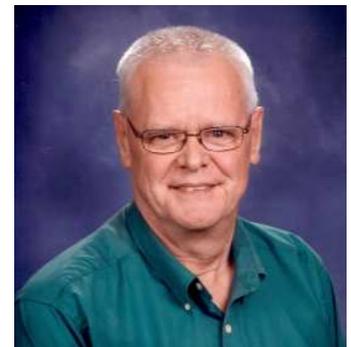
I recently purchased a 1221v Jet along with the myriad of other shop tools one needs to be a WOOD NINJA or is it wood butcher? Beside my developing interest in turning, I have a deep interest in early Church history and Bible study. My shop is not very big but functional. I have a table saw, band saw, drill press, 12" Jet 1221v lathe and various grinders and hand tools. My current turnings are all my favorite children but the ones that blew up and became a platter not a bowl are the ones I most learned from.

My advice to new turners: Learn the phrase, "LOOK What I made for you HONEY!" Most of all have fun, use eye protection and keep your head and fingers out of the way.

**Henry Amsden**

I am divorced with 4 adult children. I retired 4 years ago, after 31 years as a machinist and gaging inspector at GE Aircraft Engines in Rutland, VT. BS degree in elementary education. Moved to Georgia 18 mos. ago.

I started turning about 10 years ago. In my job as a machinist the Lathe was my favorite machine. I acquired some found wood and learned to turn bowls. I have a General Midi-Lathe, Shop Fox Mini W1704 and a MCE300 (made in India). My other interests are: small engine repair, home renovation, furniture making for myself and gifts and volunteering. I am also working with my church to start a woodworking ministry, starting with pen turning and other small wood projects. Currently in need of an additional lathe.



My shop is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of my 2 car garage. In addition to the lathes, I have a tablesaw, router table, 8" jointer/planer and a Smithy multi-purpose machine. Hope to build a stand-alone shop soon. My favorite turning is a 9 1/2 inch bowl from an apple tree in my mother's backyard. The grain pattern is dramatic with considerable spalting.

Best advice I have for new turners, always use sharp tools. Learn techniques from CD's, DVD's and working with experienced turners.

## News of Interest

- Mike Peace shares this: “Bob Black referred me to a great bandsaw blade resource at [woodcraftbands.com](http://woodcraftbands.com). They offer a blade just like the Highland Woodworking’s Turners blade for green wood but 40% cheaper for an order of 5. I am on my first blade and like it. Shipping is about \$10.”
- 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 me know if anyone wants to take advantage of this program by organizing a group buy.
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**AAW SYMPOSIUM** June 28-30:

Going to Tampa for the AAW Symposium? Register before May 15 when the rates go up.

**Norwegian Woodturning Cruise**

Have a look at the new website for the 2014 Norwegian Woodturning Cruise. Mike Gibson and Cynthia are proud to sail with the cruise as demonstrators along with so many talented artists! If you're thinking of joining the cruise, Mike and Cynthia were passengers in 2008 and would be happy to chat with you about their experience. The feel like this is truly the trip of a lifetime! <http://www.woodturningcruise.no/>

There will be a booth at the Tampa Symposium showcasing the Cruise. Stop by, pick up a brochure and have a chat with a genuine Viking , Odd Erik.

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At last! The video of Frank Penta demonstrating how to demonstrate is now available on YouTube.

<http://youtu.be/igIMk9B9vL8> If you are interested in demonstrating or are interested in improving your skills as a demonstrator, you might want to check this out.

**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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Comes with battery, charger, and a spare homemade battery which uses regular or rechargeable AAA batteries.  
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