

The Classic City Curl
Newsletter of the
Classic City Woodturners

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January Meeting

This month's meeting will be held the last Monday in January, the 31st, 6:00-9:00 PM at Coleman Cabinets in Watkinsville. Our President, Jim Talley, will give a demonstration on turning pens. The reason for the change in the date and place is that Jim Talley has teaching obligations for the next three months.

Directions to the shop are as follows:

From Athens, travel down 441/Watkinsville bypass. When you reach The Stone Store/Hog Mountain Road Traffic light, go to the NEXT light, and turn left. When you reach downtown Watkinsville go through to the 'Y' intersection, bear left down Hwy 15. Cross the railroad tracks. You will see the concrete pipe plant on the right. Just past the Pipe plant on the right is Morrison Street. Turn right and about 1/4 mile or less you'll see the first paved road on the left. It is marked by a big concrete and stucco sign with "Oconee Connection" lettered near the bottom. Turn left and drive down between the rows of Leyland Cypress until you see our building on the right. It will have a big green awning on it with Coleman Cabinets in white lettering on the front. The office will be closed so please come to big bay doors on the left side of the shop for the meeting.

December 2004 meeting and 2005 Club Officers

We had a small turnout for this meeting but had a good time anyway. Jim Talley presided. Lou Kudon consented to be treasurer and Asst. Vice President. Bob Bitsko was elected Vice President in absentia, to which he has since vigorously protested. Sorry Bob. Jim Underwood volunteered to be newsletter editor (you're welcome!) and Sheldon Washington was drafted to be his assistant and club photographer. Depending on whom you're asking, Jim is also the Secretary. Roy and Bea Grant provided moral support and kept Jim Talley in line... We thank Bea for providing temporary secretarial and treasury assistance during our start-up phase. As you may have noticed we're doubling up on duties. We still have need of a Vice President and a Secretary so please come next meeting and give us a hand.

Dues for 2005 have been set at \$25/person or \$30/couple. Please make check payable to Classic City Turners, and give to Lou Koudon at the January Meeting.

Jim Talley provided The Woodturners Catalog, a pamphlet for the John C. Campbell Folk School, and

an application for the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). He also encourages us to join the AAW.

We had several show and tells. Jim Talley brought a gnat house and very tall slender goblet he had turned. He says he'll dig out his steady rest next time he turns a goblet this slender! Nice work Jim. Lou brought a platter he had turned and explained the 'jamb chuck' method of turning the bottom. It was finished with Lacquer and buffed with the Beal system. Beautiful finish Lou! Roy showed off a very nice natural edge bowl turned of Black Locust. It had turned a very lustrous dark color. We were all surprised that it would age this way. Sheldon brought a piece of burly Red Maple and solicited advice from Jim as to how he could turn it without tearout. CA glue and Lacquer thinned Deft were the liquids of choice. Next meeting we expect some pictures Sheldon! We'll share these in the next newsletter.

We held off on the December raffle as we had so few people at the meeting. Please come again in January and bring your show and tells as well as your raffle items.

Woodturning Demonstrations

We are in need of people who will do demos, and we also welcome suggestions. Suggestions and requests for future demos at the December meeting were:

Natural Edge bowls
 Sharpening Demos and jigs
 Wood Identification
 Offset turning
 Cam lock lids

I think the demos need not always be high powered. I am not an experienced turner myself and would welcome even basic demonstrations. My thanks to those who have shared their time and expertise.

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums and Woodworking Shows

Atlanta Woodworking Show January 27 - 31 World Congress Center, Campcreek Parkway Atlanta.
 Featuring woodworking tools and machinery for small operations.

Southern States Symposium V April 29-May 1 Gainesville, GA
 Featured turners: Stuart Batty, Lee Carter, Hayley Smith, Todd Hoyer

AAW National Symposium July 22-24 Overland Park, KS
 Featured turners: (too numerous to mention)

GAW Turning Southern Style XI September 16-18 Unicoi State Park, GA
 Featured turners: Christian Burchard, Rex Burningham, Don Duden

Websites of Interest

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School - www.folkschool.org/
Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts - www.arrowmont.org/
Highland Hardware – www.highlandhardware.com/
Appalachian Center for Crafts - <http://craftcenter.tntech.edu/>
The Dogwood Institute – <http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com/www.dogwoodwoodworking.com/>

These are several of the clubs in Georgia and their websites. You may want to check out their newsletters and meetings.

Peachstate Woodturners - www.peachstatewoodturners.org
Chattahoochee Woodturners - www.chatwoodturners.org
Georgia Assoc. of Woodturners - www.gawoodturner.org
Brasstown Woodturners Guild - www.brasstownwoodturnersguild.com

Chips and Bits

I noticed a sale on spring clamps down at Re-Tool the other day. They were 49 cents each. If you bought a box of 10 they'd throw in 2 for free. \$5.00 isn't bad for 12 clamps. These same clamps were going for \$2.50 *each* at Lowes.

I encourage any of you that would like to contribute to the newsletter in any way to email me. If you have any reports on shows you attended, woodturning adventures, tips, hints, favorite websites, deals, wood or tools to give away or sell, or anything else pertaining to woodworking or turning, please email me at jimunder@colemancabinets.com .