

# *Classic City Curl*

The Newsletter of the  
**Classic City Woodturners Club**

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## October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on the last Monday of October, the 31<sup>st</sup>, at Coleman Cabinets, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Yes that is Halloween. We apologize to those of you with small children, and promise that we won't schedule meetings on holidays like this again.

Our demonstration this meeting will be brought to us by Frank Bowers. Frank will demonstrate how to prepare a bowl blank from a log for turning. He will then continue with a previously prepared blank demonstrating the whole process of turning a bowl. Frank is a member of the Georgia Association of Woodturners, Peach State Woodturners (Vice President for year 2006), and Chattahoochee Woodturners (past Vice President) clubs. Frank teaches monthly classes at Highland Hardware and has frequently taught at John C. Campbell Folk School. He has also given demonstrations at almost every club in the area (except ours). He also gives private instructions on woodturning at his shop. We welcome Frank to our club and look forward to a great presentation.

You can meet Frank for dinner at 5:00 PM before the meeting at Cactus Café in Watkinsville. If you need directions please email me.

Continue to think about a lathe purchase. Please keep your eyes open for a deal on a newer higher end lathe.

Keep in mind that we are also open to submissions for the club logo. We should discuss this at the meeting. I've created a temporary one that you can see on the club brochure.

Bring something that you've turned this last month and we'll showcase what you have done. You don't have to bring perfect items either. If you've had a difficult time with something and want advice on it, don't hesitate to bring it in.

We need to be serious about promoting the club. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the club or receiving the newsletter please let me know and I'll send them the newsletter. I've also prepared and printed out some club brochures. The brochures are also in PDF format. If you would like to give them to an interested party please let me know and I'll send it to you in any form you like. Also if you've got a place you'd

like to place a club flyer or brochure, then let me know.

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## AAW Chapter Status!



**Great News!** As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we have officially been instated as a chapter club of the American Association of Woodturners! This will benefit the club in quite a few ways, not the least of which is liability insurance for club events. We have received a certificate of AAW affiliation, an AAW banner, two issues of the American Woodturner Journal, two very nice photo journals of recent shows, and a video explaining who the AAW is. The publications can now be found in our library. It will become more evident in the future just how valuable this can be to our club. The AAW provides a great deal of support for its chapters. I will be looking into the grants that

AAW provides for members and chapters. I certainly won't protest if some of you take the initiative to find out about this as well.

I strongly encourage our members to join the American Association of Woodturners: <http://www.woodturner.org/> They publish the American Woodturner journal four times per year. AAW has an Annual Symposium featuring many renowned turners. Educational Opportunity Grants are also awarded to assist members in their education and teaching. It is now \$40 per year for individual membership.

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## Last Meeting

We had a good turnout for the September meeting. We had fifteen people in attendance including our demonstrator Howard Elrod. Howard gave us some excellent tips on repairing defects in turnings as well as an excellent demonstration on turning small hollow vessels from Tagua and Palm nuts. See the Demonstration section for this.

We raffled off some great goodies including some sandpaper, a couple of turning tools, floor mats, pen blanks of Purple heart, Canary, and Pink Ivory. We also raffled some dyed birch ply, Sugar Maple crotch, a Cherry blank, and some exotic woods like Indian Rosewood, Manzanita Burl, and Zebra wood. Come to the next meeting and bring your raffle items, and your money. We're getting to the point we can actually consider buying a good club lathe.

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## Watkinsville Fall Festival report

Four of us had a great time at the Watkinsville Fall Festival on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our club had a promo booth there this year. Sheldon Washington and Jim Talley braved the early morning chill to set up our shelter and tables. Jim Talley did demonstrations most of the morning while Lou Kudon and I passed out brochures and signed up people for newsletters. Then Lou did some demos while Jim Talley took a break. Sheldon came back after lunch and helped Lou and Jim Talley, while I took a great deal of time turning a single letter opener. But the important thing is that we enjoyed it. We met a ton of folks at the festival and generally enjoyed the beautiful weather, while we were entertained by the dulcimer music in the next booth. I had 150+ club brochures printed up for this event, and we have about 70 left over. We also signed up 33 people for the newsletter, so we hope to see a few new faces at the next meeting. This next meeting will be an excellent demonstration for those who are learning or want to learn some basics of bowl turning.

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## Library Feature:

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## The Art Of The Lathe: Award-Winning Designs

by Patrick Spielman

This book consists of three sections, lathes and their uses, a project “how to” section, and a wonderful biographical gallery from various turning artists.

This is a book that is available for checkout from our library. I’ve looked through this book and it’s full of good ideas. If you’d like to check it out, see our librarian, Sheldon Washington, at the meeting. Take some time to look through our other publications as well. Consider donating books that you no longer need to our library so that others can benefit.

## Future Meeting/Demonstration schedule

September 26<sup>th</sup> - Howard Elrod (past)

October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween - Frank Bowers, bowl turning

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Nick Cook

December 19<sup>th</sup> social, gift exchange

## Demonstration

**O**ur demonstration last month was brought to us by Howard Elrod, who showed us how to make hollow form Tagua and Palm nut vessels. Howard used a variety of tools, including a custom made hollowing tool made from an Allen Wrench. These nuts have no grain to speak of so they scrape to a smooth finish. Howard turns them at a high RPM and sands them to 1500-2000 grit sandpaper.



Here is a Tagua nut “chucked” up. Howard actually just cradled one end in a closed four jaw chuck and brought the cup center in the tailstock up to the other end. This gets the nut somewhat centered and then it can be shaped and tenoned on the tailstock end.

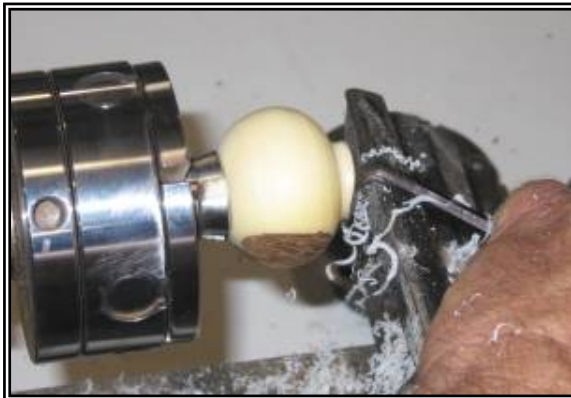
Howard used a small gouge to shape the outside of this nut.



You can see how the nut is cradled in the four jaw chuck and if you look closely, you can see the tenon on the tailstock end. Looks like a skew or scraper being used for this tenon.



Once the bottom is shaped and the tenon formed, then it can be reversed in the chuck. This time the tenon is firmly chucked up and the cup center is brought to bear on the opposite end. Shaping can then commence on the top of the vessel.



Here is the little vase taking shape. The tailstock has been moved away after shaping the outside and the neck. A hole has been drilled in the tailstock end (top) and the hollowing tool (Allen Wrench) is being used to hollow the vessel. Once the hollowing is done the tenon is then parted off.

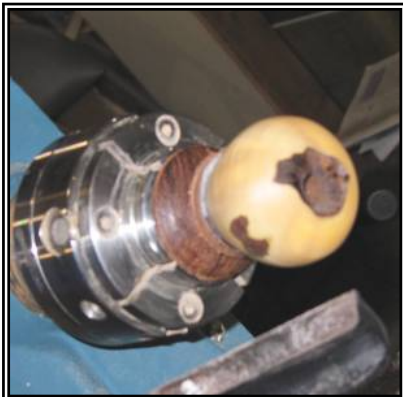


Here you see the vase with the tenon that has been parted off.



This is a Palm nut ready to begin turning. The bottom of the nut has been sanded flat on a belt sander. Then a block was epoxied to the flat, shaped, and tenoned to be chucked up in the lathe.

As the Palm nut has a significant hole in the top, it has no need to be drilled like the Tagua nut, you can just begin the hollowing from the natural hole.



The Palm nut is shaped in a manner similar to the Tagua. You can see the natural hole in the top of the nut here.



Once the hole for the lid is formed, then the base is shaped and parted off.



Then you must turn a tenon that fits the hole and shape the finial for a lid.



Then of course you wind up with a beautiful vessel like this one.

Howard not only gave us a great demonstration, but donated his fee back to the club as well as donated some fine wood for the raffle. We thank Howard for helping our club out in this manner. We hope to have you back some

time in the future.

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## Turners Showcase



A white maple letter opener made by Jim Underwood.



Michael Hollis continues to turn out natural edge bowls. This is an Oak bowl with some turned eggs. Shown in the foreground are an egg made of Birch ply, and one of OSB. I cannot remember what the other ones are.



Here is another natural edge bowl by Michael. This one is spalted Maple.

Again thanks to all who shared their creativity and projects.

*Photographs courtesy of Sheldon Washington*

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## Upcoming Shows and Other events

This list of shows taken from The Georgia Woodturner, the newsletter of GAW:

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild October 21-23 Cincinnati, OH

[www.ovwg.org/turning2005](http://www.ovwg.org/turning2005)

Featured turners: (too numerous to list)

Blue Mountains International Woodturning Symposium October 29-30 Sydney, Australia

[http://www.pnc.com.au/~k\\_j/woodturner/](http://www.pnc.com.au/~k_j/woodturner/)

Featured turners: (too numerous to list)

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium November 5-6 Statesville, NC

Email: [kbachand@juno.com](mailto:kbachand@juno.com) Tel: 1-828-696-8372

Featured turners: (too numerous to list)

Florida Woodturning Symposium January 13-15 Central Florida

[www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com](http://www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com)

Featured turners: Bob Rosand, Cindy Drozda, Phil Brennon, Frank Sudol

Arizona Woodturners Assn Desert Woodturning Roundup February 18-19, 2006 Mesa, Arizona

[www.desertwoodturningroundup.com](http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com)

Featured turners: (too numerous to list)

## Classified Ads

### For Sale:

- Kellogg 2 Hp 2 Stage Compressor (rebuilt) - \$400
- Milwaukee/Delta 14" Radial Arm Saw - \$400
- Delta Lathe Duplicator - \$75
- Kreg Manual Pocket Hole Jigs - \$75
- Leigh 24" Mortise and Tenon Attachment for Leigh 24" Dovetail Jig - \$75
- Leigh 15" Dovetail Jigs - \$50
- 2 Chain Saws - \$30 ea
- 2 Gas Water Heaters - \$20 ea
- Makita 12V Battery Charger - \$15
- Sawblades 10 in carbide tip - \$10
- Assorted Clamps

Call Bob Bitsko

Ph 706-769-7520

- 30 x 40 desk made 5/24/74 \$50
  - 46-700 Delta Lathe \$300
  - 1939 Atlas lathe for conversion to wood lathe \$100
  - Craftsman table saw \$100
  - 1940 Leblond lathe I took apart to move it! Big and heavy \$500
  - Faceplates made by myself \$40. each (\$30 -\$35 for members)
  - Vise for milling machine \$50
  - Many tools and accessories
  - Computer and printer used three months for school course \$600
  - Much more
- Need the space. Sell or trade. Call Alan Treadwell at 678-234-0367



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**Wanted:**

- Inexpensive Band Saw for light use; must have rip fence.
- Jay is also contemplating getting a container of wood from Africa if anyone is interested.

Please Call Jay at 769-5036

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**Miscellaneous:**

- For those of you who are looking to buy or sell things, the AAW has these classified ads:  
<http://www.woodturner.org/vbforum/forumdisplay.php?f=3>

You can also purchase exotic woods from:

- Atlanta Wood Products: <http://www.hardwoodweb.com/lumber/ahc.cfm>
  - Carlton McLendon Inc: <http://www.rarewoodsandveneers.com/pages/home.htm>
  - Peachstate Lumber: <http://www.peachstatelumber.com/home.htm>
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