

Classic City Curl

The Newsletter of the
Classic City Woodturners Club

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December Meeting

The December “meeting” will be held on the *third* Monday of December, the 19th, at Coleman Cabinets, 6:30 – 9:00 PM. That’s *next* Monday. The following is an announcement by our Fearless Leader, “Santa Shavings”:

Greetings to all Members,

This is a quick message from Santa Shavings, the Club President. Please plan to attend the club party on Mon., Dec. 19, at 6:30 PM at Coleman's Cabinets in Watkinsville. Bring some Christmas "goodies" to share along with a wrapped item for the gift exchange. "Goodies" can be cookies, nuts, candy, chips, Coke, etc. Items for the gift exchange can be something you turned, a gift certificate, a tool, a book on woodturning, sandpaper, glue, nice chunk of wood.

(Members usually prefer these items to be turned by other members. We're working toward making this an ornament exchange, as members get more proficient at turning.) Also, don't forget about the raffle. Regular tickets will be 6/\$5.00, and a special raffle for Pat Johnson's turned hat will have tickets for \$5 each.

Spouses and significant others are invited to the party!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jim Talley

Please RSVP to jimunder@colemancabinets.com

Don't miss the raffle for the Pat Johnson's turned miniature hat! Five bucks is a *really* good steal... er... *deal*, for this hat! Well I believe that says it all. Please join us for a lot of fun! Email me for directions to Coleman Cabinets. jimunder@colemancabinets.com

Leadership Concerns

Nominations and Elections

In January we will be having elections and at this time we are in need of people to fill several offices or duties. We will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider nominees for these positions. At this point Jim Talley will probably consent to remain as President, Lou Kudon will remain as either Vice President or Treasurer, Jim Underwood will remain as Newsletter Editor and electronic media guy, but not Secretary. Sheldon Washington will also consent to be club photographer and possibly Librarian. Also we are in great need of a person with good organizational skills to fill one of these slots. But there are two *open* offices that we will absolutely need to fill for 2006. Consider giving your time and talent to these positions.

Small jobs and Committees

We also need several people who will be officially responsible for small jobs that must be done at each meeting. We need a meeting setup person who will set up chairs, get extension cords or whatever the demonstrator needs. As well we need someone who will take responsibility for cleanup after the meeting. We will also need a raffle master. There may be other small jobs you can think of that you may bring up and volunteer for.

As acting club (operative word is “acting”) Secretary and Newsletter editor I see a duty for two other volunteers for sending thank-you notes to demonstrators and mailing out newsletters to those who do not have an email address. Please see me at the meeting if you will do either of these jobs.

Membership Dues

Also note that you will need to renew your membership (or join as a new member!) after the first of the year. Dues are \$25 per person or \$30 per family. This, in addition to the monthly raffle, directly benefits the club. These monies go to pay for the monthly demonstrator fees. As you can tell from the demonstrations we’ve been having it is well worth \$25 per year! We are also saving up for a club lathe (and possibly other equipment) that will be used for demonstrations, and possibly for some weekend hands on workshops. We cannot continue using a mini-lathe indefinitely. So please join or renew come January.

New Members and Potential Members

Recently several of our members have had conversations with women who were interested in joining the club. One of the questions they ask is “Are there any other women in the club?” Well ladies, there are a couple, but they don’t seem to come to the meetings! I encourage you all to come. If all the women who asked that question would also join the club, we’d definitely have *several* more members. So please come to the social, get to know us, join the club, and share in all the fun we’re having. Woodturning is woodturning, it doesn’t matter *who* is doing it.

I saw several new faces at the last meeting. We welcome those people that we met at the Fall Festival and also some of the Athens Woodworking Club membership. Please come again!

Miscellaneous Chips and Bits

Time to catch up on several things I’ve been neglecting due to the painting/remodeling going on in the Underwood house....

I’m forwarding a message from Tom Jeanes that is as follows:

It's the time of year that I am looking for 3 volunteers from each of the 11 turning clubs around Georgia. They will need to staff 2 hour shifts at the upcoming woodworking Show on 27-29 Jan. 2006. They will receive a day pass for the day they work. Please send me three names of folks that want to volunteer and their phone numbers; I will call them and work out the shift times.

Also, since we modified our sign a number of times and now we have your new club to add, I am asking for \$5 from each club to have a new sign made.

If you have any questions, shoot them my way and I'll do the best I can.

*Thanks,
Tom*

In case you don't know what all this means here's an explanation as I understand it. Each year the woodturning clubs from Georgia have a booth at the Atlanta Woodworking show to promote woodturning. This year the show will be on January 27-29. You read all about the show here: <http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/atlanta> I have volunteered for one of the three slots available for our club. That leaves two slots open, so if you'd like to participate, call me at 706-296-9620 or email me at jimunder@colemancabinets.com . See you all there!

The other event I'd like to point out is that Dennis Liggett will be visiting Nick Cook, Jan 5-26. Nick and Dennis will be at the John C. Campbell folk school Jan 15-21. Otherwise Dennis may be available for demonstrations. If you're interested email Dennis at liggy@mindspring.com I don't think we can afford to get Dennis here for the club, but if anyone hears of a demonstration he'll be doing for another club or business, please let me know, and I'll pass the information along.

By all accounts Dennis is an exceptional turner, and he would be well worth any effort to go see him. You can learn more about Dennis at the Carolina Mountain Wood Turners web site here:

<http://www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/liggett/liggett1.html>

<http://www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/liggett/liggett2.html>

Nick Cook Demos

Wow! If you missed Nick's demonstration at the November meeting, I'm really sorry. The *good news* is that Nick consented to let us videotape it, so you'll have the opportunity to view it if you check it out from the library.



Nick put on quite a show and made it all look so easy. He used this Poplar to demonstrate the use of the skew and a detail gouge with a fingernail grind. That was well worth the price of admission right there! There's an example of almost every kind of spindle cut on this piece. Note that none of these have been sanded.

Nick then proceeded to make the Honey Dipper on the left, the Snowman Icicle center right, and the Top on the right. I believe all of these were made from Maple.

The Honey Dipper is easily made with a skew and a parting tool.

The Snowman Icicle on the left has fabric paint for all the details except the hat band. The hat band is applied by burnishing a piece of Masonite or hardboard on the hat while the piece is turning. A small screw eye is inserted in the top for hanging on your tree.

The top was a fun demo to watch. It's made from a solid piece of Maple and a chatter tool is used to create a texture, which is then colored with a marker. This item is an excellent thing to do for public demos.



And last, but certainly not least, is the Angel. The head and body are turned from one piece, then the wings are blanked out, turned (carefully since there are holes in the piece) and tenoned and mounted on the body. The Halo is turned using a hook tool.

This is the actual angel from the demonstration. It would need to be sanded and finished at this point. You can see a full article on this project in last winters AW Journal.

Excellent demonstrations all, Nick! Thank you for coming and giving your time to our club. We enjoyed it very much!

Turners Showcase

The following are pictures of turnings brought by members at the November meeting.



This beautiful Ambrosia Maple bowl is fresh off the lathe of new member, Paul Stracener. I normally don't enjoy Ambrosia Maple very much, but this piece is extremely well done. Congratulations on a nice bowl Paul, and welcome to our club.



This nice Mahogany bowl was done by Don Fournier.

Roy Grant also brought a Mahogany bowl, but we only got a picture of Don's bowl. I suspect Roy needed to head home before this picture was taken. Our photographer was running the video camera for Nick Cooks demo and probably missed it.



This is a spalted Ornamental Plum bowl, cut from a small crotch, by Jim Underwood.

Keep up the good work folks, and keep sharing your creations with us.

Photographs courtesy of Sheldon Washington

Future Meeting/Demonstration schedule

November 28th - Nick Cook, turning Angels (past)

December 19th – Christmas Social, gift exchange

January – Elections, Demo to be announced

February - To be announced

AAW Chapter News

Free Sharpening DVD! Free Lathe! AAW Emergency Relief Fund!



As of October 1st, we have officially been instated as a chapter club of the American Association of Woodturners. The benefits of this are already evident on the home page of the AAW.

A notice is posted there for a **free** “Fundamentals of Sharpening” DVD available to all members for 2006.

The other neat thing is a **free** lathe to be awarded by random drawing to an individual who either renews membership to, or becomes a new member of the AAW for 2006. Another lathe will be given to the AAW chapter club of choice as decided by the afore-mentioned individual. I urge you to join the AAW now so as to increase our chances of winning the lathe for one of our members and possibly for our club. You must join/renew *before* January 15th!

Also notice that the AAW scheduled and then postponed an “AAW Emergency Relief Fund” eBay auction. They have re-started it and it will end December 15th.

You can read all the AAW news on the home page of the AAW at; (<http://www.woodturner.org/>). May I also commend to you all of the online resources on the AAW website?

You can find the member forum and galleries at <http://www.woodturner.org/vbforum/index.php>? Here you may post images of your latest creations or simply admire others work. You can also post questions or just browse through others questions and the answers that ensue. I have found the forum members to be friendly and knowledgeable.

You can also investigate Best Club Practices at;

<http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/practices/> . Or you can apply for an AAW educational grant from the resources page here; <http://www.woodturner.org/resources/> .

Please check out the AAW website. You will be glad you did.

I strongly encourage our members to join the American Association of Woodturners:

<http://www.woodturner.org/> In addition to the above mentioned benefits, (and insurance!) members receive the American Woodturner journal four times per year. AAW also hosts 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.

Upcoming Shows and Other events

Florida Woodturning Symposium January 13-15 Central Florida

www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com

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

Atlanta Woodworking Show, January 27-29

Georgia International Convention Center, Halls C&D

2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337

Parking: \$5.00 | 770-997-3566

<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/atlanta>

Demos all over the place!

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

www.desertwoodturningroundup.com

Featured turners: (too numerous to list)

Southern States Symposium April 28-30, 2006 Gainesville, Georgia

www.southernstates.org

Featured turners: Keith Gottschall, Larry Hasiak, Dave Hout, Ernie Newman.

Symposium brochures going out January 3, 2006.

Classified Ads

For Sale:

- Good Wood for sale

For your next newsletter you might put my wood for sale in there. I have **Sweetgum, Red Oak, White Oak, Spalted Poplar, Walnut, Black Locust Burl, and Spalted Maple**. I have various sizes of all this wood and will sell it cheap. I have to pay boys to help me harvest the wood and that is why I ask a small price. If someone wants to help harvest the wood, or even cut the desired pieces, it will be even cheaper. It will be best if the wood is gotten before it goes to my firewood rack, although that is where I have claimed several nice pieces.

Also, I have **Oak firewood** for sale and will let people cut on the halves--my half first.

Contact **Roy Grant** at 706-543-9780

- 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

Alan has indicated that he knows of several **Walnut trees** to be taken down. Contact him at the number below if you are interested.

- 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 Sultan** at 769-5036

Woodturning schools and classes:

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

Local Woodturning Instructors:

Jim Talley - 706-353-7675

Joseph Gilvey - 706-769-8617

Club Officers:

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