

Classic City Curl

The Newsletter of the
Classic City Woodturners Club

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January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on the last Monday of January, the 30th, at Coleman Cabinets, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. See directions at the bottom of the newsletter. Our demonstration this meeting will be brought to us by Don Russell. He will do a demonstration on Polychromatic Bowls. In simple terms this means “segmented” bowls.

From the John C. Campbell Folkschool website:

<http://www.folkschool.org/biosR.html>

“It was obvious early in life that Don would become a professional woodworker. In high school shop, after six weeks of a woodworking course, the teacher turned the class instruction over to Don. He has owned his own shop for 40 years, building furniture, museum exhibits, repairing antiques, and teaching classes. His entire home is furnished with pieces he has made. Don is past president of the Woodworkers Guild of GA, belongs to several woodturning groups, and teaches woodturning and woodworking.”

As you can see, Don is an excellent woodworker as well as an accomplished woodturner. Don has built furniture for years and instructs in Parquetry and veneering as well. We welcome Don to our club and look forward to what he has to share with us.

If you would like to meet Don for dinner please meet us at 5:00 PM before the meeting at Cactus Café in Watkinsville. If you need directions please email me.

Please note that the Atlanta Woodworking show is next weekend, just before our Monday night meeting. Make plans to go if you need any tools. You’ll save on shipping at least. See the Upcoming Shows section below for details. I’ll be in the Turning Booth Saturday from 10:00-12:00am. See you there!

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 or a club brochure. 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. To date, ***no one in our club has asked me to send them any of this information!*** Please make the effort to promote your club.

Leadership Concerns

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, Treasurer, Newsletter editor, Photographer, and Librarian. Also needed are several people to head up committees or take over duties such as cleanup, raffles and the like. Please make your nominations known to Roy Grant. You may call him at 706-543-9780.

Also note that it is time to **renew your membership** or **join** as a new member! 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.

As Newsletter editor I have certainly contributed many hours to the club. But I will tell you this. I have ***received*** much more than I have given. I have learned a lot from members of this club, and developed friendships I would not have had otherwise. I have met, spoken to, and learned much from demonstrators and members of other clubs. Although it has been a lot of work I have personally benefited greatly from the fellowship of other woodworkers and woodturners. As a direct result of exposure to things I have learned from this club, I also finally purchased a lathe and a chuck and am ***really*** enjoying turning. Please consider sharing what time and gifts that you have with your fellow members. I promise that ***you*** will benefit from it.

Come join us, get involved, and have fun!

December Meeting.

Our December meeting was fun. There were lots of goodies, raffle items, and nice gift exchanges. A big thank you to all who participated!

I enjoyed meeting some new folks, and also meeting the wives of several members. Guys please thank your wives for coming and gracing us with their presence. I know I appreciated my wife coming, and she enjoyed meeting you all as well.

Our Pat Johnson turned miniature hat went to club member John Vadebonceour. Congratulations John and enjoy that hat! I do not recall who won the Nick Cook turnings, but congratulations on those as well. Perhaps I had too much of that Christmas punch to remember anything but the good time I had!

We had a great year last year, this year let's make it even better!

June Demonstration

I always thought it was a shame that I didn't write up Rodney Sheets demo from June 2005. Since we didn't have a demo in December here is last June's demo.

Rodney Sheets, who is a member of the Peach State Turning Club, brought us a demonstration turning what he calls an Indian Bowl. This is an end-grain hollowing project that he dyes to look like an Indian Pot for carrying things or storing things in. You can see some of Rodney's other work in the [Peach State Turners Gallery](#).



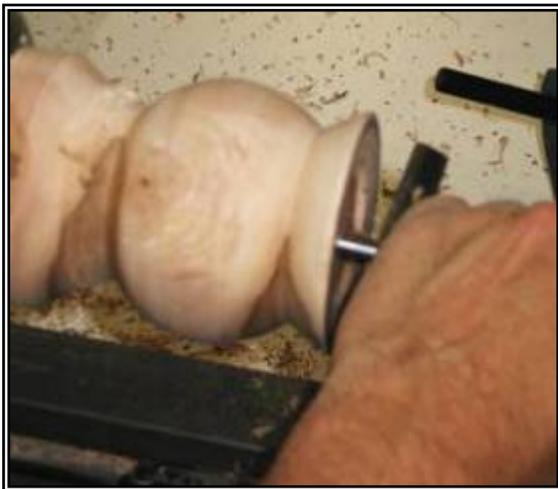
Rodney starts by turning the blank between centers, cutting a tenon on the base, and shaping the mouth.



The next step is to chuck up the base tenon and shape the main body of the vessel.



Here you can see the classic Indian pot shaping up.



Once you have the outside shaped, you can remove the tailstock and begin hollowing the inside.



Here is Rodney's homemade depth gauge to help prevent making the inside larger than the outside! You can just see the bolt used to hold the dowel in place once you get it set to the desired depth.



On this point the outside has been shaped, the inside has been hollowed and all has been sanded to perfection. Then you must part off the piece to begin the final shaping and sanding of the bottom.



Here one must create a jamb chuck so as to be able to reverse the pot for the final finishing. A jamb chuck is a shape that will fit inside the vessel fairly tightly to hold it while finishing up the area that was parted off. If it is made a tad too small, then you can always wrap paper around it to tighten up the fit.



Here the bowl is being fitted to the jamb chuck with a paper towel to take up the clearance. Once this is fitted, you can clean up the bottom.



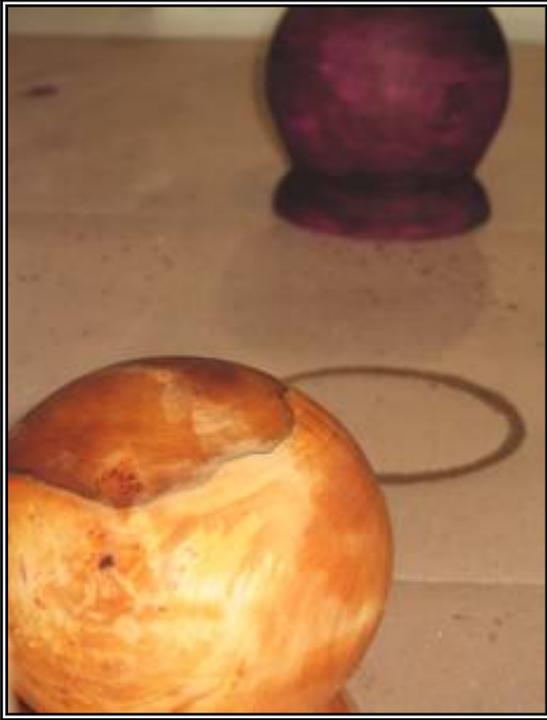
Once the final sanding has taken place you can then put a finish on the pot. The nice thing about this project is that you can dye an otherwise mundane wood and create something that is decorative and interesting.

Shown here are two different methods of dyeing wood. I have forgotten which is which, but one is a water based dye and the other is alcohol based dye. A disadvantage of using water based dye is that it tends to raise the grain, and takes longer to dry. I believe Rodney preferred the alcohol based dye.



In order to prevent dyeing your hand semi-permanently, use some kind of glove to keep the dye off as you brush it on. I'm going to assume that it is also prudent to keep the aniline dye off of your skin as well. Many of these dyes are poisonous.

It is also wise to put some kind of protective cover on your table or bench if you don't want a permanent stain.



The colors tend to be quite vivid when wet, but as you can see from some of the following pictures, the color will soften as it dries.



A collection of pots in varying colors.



Indian pots were used to store things like grain, spices etc. The bottom was usually round since they were normally hung by the mouth in a group like this.

We appreciate Rodney (and all our demonstrators) who took the time to meet with us and share his expertise.

Photos courtesy of Sheldon Washington

AAW Chapter News

Free Sharpening DVD!



As of October 1st 2005, 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 deadline to enter the drawing for the free lathe passed on the 15th of this month. The drawing will be held soon and the winner announced. The Hurricane relief auction was a success and the results posted. But don't take my word for it, 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.

The Forums also host project contests in which members and non-members can participate and gain recognition by having your piece published in the Journal. Here's a shameless plug. My entry (Look for "Underdog") in the last contest got Photo of the Day this week. Take a look at the member galleries. I've enjoyed perusing these and getting lots of ideas.

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.

Future Meeting/Demonstration schedule

January – Don Russell, Polychromatic Bowl
February – Wes Jones, Green bowl turning

Upcoming Shows and Other events

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.

2006 AAW National Symposium June 22-24, 2006 Louisville, Kentucky

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/>

Featured turners are 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

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
- 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

Wanted:

- Jay is contemplating getting a container of wood from Africa if anyone is interested.

Please Call Jay at 769-5036

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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Directions to Coleman Cabinets:

From Athens take Watkinsville bypass (441/129 South). Cross through the Hog Mountain Road intersection (The Stone Store on the left, Racetrack gas station on the right) and proceed to the next light. Turn left and proceed to downtown Watkinsville. Once you get to the “Y” intersection bear to the left of the Golden Pantry on Hwy 15 toward Greensboro. Once you cross the railroad tracks, Seltzer and Son Concrete Pipe plant will be on the right. Turn right onto Morrison street before Dory’s Fireplace shop. Take the first paved left onto Business Boulevard. Business Boulevard will be marked with a concrete and stucco sign that reads “Oconee Connection” on it. There will be a row of Leyland Cypress and Juniper on each side of the street. Coleman Cabinets will be near the end of the Cul de Sac with a big green awning on the front with Coleman Cabinets lettered in white.

From Hwy 316 just before the Athen Bypass take the Oconee Connector and follow Mars Hill Road to the Publix Shopping center at the intersection of Hog Mountain Road and Mars Hill. Continue on down Hwy 53 to Watkinsville. Proceed through town and follow the directions from Hwy 15 as outlined above.

The Cactus Café is on the corner of Hog Mountain Road and Mars Hill Road in the Bells shopping center.

If you would like more detail please email me and I can send you a map.

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If you have ideas of articles you’d like to see in the newsletter, or would like to submit an article please email Jim Underwood at jimunder@colemancabinets.com I would like reports of schools or shows you attend, reviews of tools you own or make, demonstrations you’d like to see or any other ideas you might have.

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