

Classic City Curl

The Newsletter of the
Classic City Woodturners Club

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March Meeting

The March meeting will be held on the last Monday of March, the 27th, 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 Joe Gettys. Joe will demonstrate creating a hollow form tool by silver soldering a tool bit to a shaft. He will also show us how to turn and texture a box, and if there is time left also show how to turn a goblet. This should be enough to interest quite a number of us.

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

We will be discussing a **lathe purchase** at this meeting. So do some research, bring your reviews, donations, money and raffle items!

We will also review **logos** for the logo contest and vote on which logo we will adopt. Bring your entry!

Also note that it is past 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.

We may also have a chance to promote the club at the next OCAF show in Watkinsville. I will call about this possibility and give a report at the meeting.

Come join us, get involved, and have fun!

Presidents Turn

It has come to my attention that some of our members and attendees have felt a bit overwhelmed by the knowledge and skill displayed by some of our members. While it is understandable for an inexperienced turner to feel this way, it is not our intention scare people off. One of the stated purposes of the club is to educate people in the art of Woodturning.

In view of this, I've heard a "rumor" that there will be an all day hands on turning session some time this spring/summer where several lathes and turners will be available for learning and teaching. We will charge a small fee and may have some hotdogs or hamburgers for lunch. If you are interested in this, please bring it up at the next meeting.

-Jim Talley

*Editors note: Also keep in mind that as an AAW chapter club, we have the ability to request an Education Opportunity Grant. From the AAW website: *"The grants will cover expenses such as tuition, registration, demonstrator's fees, travel, lodging, and meals, with each grant not to exceed \$1,000."* All grant proposals must be turned in by Jan 15th of each year, *but it is not too early* to submit these for next year. If you would like to attend one of the regional schools, or have another idea, then this opportunity is for you!

January Demonstration

Don Russell gave us an excellent demonstration on turning a polychromatic lamp. He encouraged us to experiment with different tools while turning. His point was the there are many ways to do the same thing.

February Demonstration

Wes Jones gave us another perspective in turning green bowls. We had 25 people show up for this meeting. I was encouraged that we had several new visitors and members who got to see the demonstration, because it was an excellent start for beginners. I have seen two other demonstrations on this subject and still enjoyed and learned from Wes. This just proves that you can always learn something new. I regret that we have no photos of this but hope that we will have a video of it at some point in the future.

We also had a wonderfully huge instant gallery last month, and I suspect we should keep the descriptions to a minimum when we have this good "problem" again. It ate into the demo time a little too much. I know I didn't get any of Wes Jones pieces and I didn't get a shot of Norm Giancolas Swedish Yarn winder. Here are a few photos for your enjoyment:



Corn Cob Pen by "Pop" Stapleford and his granddaughter Isabel Washington. Good to see you getting that young'un started early Sheldon!

Bead Necklaces. Very nice, as always, Dr. Nix



Assortment by Jim Talley and Jim Underwood (the goblet is mine)
Clockwise from bottom left:
Norfolk Island Pine bowl, Chatter texture maple vessel,
Laminated Cherry/Maple goblet, Ring Holder



Roy Grants desk sets



Walter McRae turned the back row. From left to right: Mortar and pestle from China Berry, Spalted Gum vessel, Cannon and balls of Oak.
I loved the cannon and cannon balls Walter!

Lou Kudon turned the front row. Bottom row left to right: Elm burl and Rosewood goblet, Dogwood and Rosewood Bowl. Not shown is Lou's peppermill, but it was great!



This is a striking bowl made from Parallam by Don Fournier.



I believe this lovely Christmas ornament was made by Michael Hollis from Zebra wood.



A very nice Tiger Maple platter by Bob Bitsko.



Here are some winged candle holders and bowls by Bob Bitsko.



And here is a mystery item. This was brought to the meeting last month and no one knew what it was. Now that it is turned you can see the character of it. This is a very striking piece.

So tell us... What is it made of?

Hint: Ask Bob Bitsko

Photos courtesy of Sheldon Washington

AAW Chapter News



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.

Be sure to check the AAW homepage for current news. I've included some notes from John Hill below, that mention several items of interest.

A notice is posted on the home page for a **free** "Fundamentals of Sharpening" DVD available to all members for 2006.

I also note that those who register for the 2006 AAW Annual Symposium will have a chance on one of the 5 Oneway 2436 Lathes and 50 \$100 gift certificates from Packard Woodworks to be given away.

Spring Forum Contest

I have entered the forum contest before and learned a lot. It's a good way to challenge yourself. Take a look and try it out!

<http://woodturner.org/vbforum/showthread.php?p=12464>

AAW news from John Hill

AAW Chapter Newsletter contest and the AAW Chapter Website contest

I want to encourage your chapter to enter the AAW Chapter Newsletter contest and the AAW Chapter Website contest. I have attached a file that has the rules for each of these contests. Please forward this to your Newsletter editor and if you have a web site, your webmaster. We all develop better newsletters and web sites by seeing what other chapters are doing; this benefits all of our members. Remember that the absolute deadlines for these two contests are April 15, 2006.

The rules are also available at

http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/chapter_contests_2006.htm

*Editors note – If you think we should enter this contest, please think about the best newsletters from last year during the correct time period and let me know. I will get them entered before the deadline.

Collaborative Challenge

I have attached a file that outlines the rules for the 2006 AAW Chapter Collaborative challenge. If your chapter has never done this, you will find it to be a great way to infuse new ideas and excitement into your chapter activities. Basically, have at least 6 member's work on a project that meets the size requirements in the rules and bring the finished piece to the Louisville symposium. There are three categories, Fantasy, Artistic, and Mechanical/Technical. In past years, there have been really creative projects presented.

*Editors note – If any of you are interested in the collaboration, contact me, and I'll forward all the information to you. It may be a bit late at this point, so be thinking about it next year.

Return to the Community

During our AAW Symposium each year, we have a "return to the community" project. This year in Louisville, we will collect Christmas ornaments. They will be delivered to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital collects ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year they raised almost \$400,000 to help the kids in need. Have your chapter turn as many Christmas ornaments as they can and either bring them to the symposium or mail them to Greg Streif, 7308 Abbott Glen Dr., Crestwood, Ky., 40014 gregstreif@insightbb.com. This is a great opportunity for your chapter members to have some real fun while building their turning skills and at the same time, help sick kids in need. What a deal!

Instructors

The following turners give private instruction in woodturning. Contact them at the numbers below. Anyone who would like to be included in (or removed from) this list please contact the newsletter editor.

Frank Bowers	404 292-1107
Nick Cook	770 421-1212
Joseph Gilvey	706-769-8617
Wes Jones	770 972-6803
Hal Simmons	770 381-6764
Jim Talley	706 353-7675

Schools

John C Campbell Folk School FOLK SCH	http://www.folkschool.org	1-800-
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts Dogwood Institute of Fine Woodworking	http://www.arrowmont.org/ http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com/index.asp	
Woodcraft 1153	http://www.woodcraft.com	1-800-225-
Highland Hardware 6748	http://www.highlandhardware.com	1-800-241-

Future Meeting/Demonstration schedule

Club meetings are held on the last Monday of the month. Changes in schedule will be announced.

January – Don Russell, Polychromatic Lamp (Past)

February – Wes Jones, Green bowl turning (Past)

March – Joe Gettys, Making tools for hollowing, turned box, goblet

April -

May -

June -

July -
August -
September -
November -
October -
December -

Upcoming Shows and Other events

(This weekend!)

Ray Key *all day demo*, hosted by Apple Ridge Woodturners, April 25, 2006, 10:00-5:00
 Big Creek Fire Station, Ellijay, Georgia
 \$15.00, bring your lunch, coffee and soda provided
 Contact: Al Daniel, 706-529-1910, dan-d@optilink.us

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.

Turning Southern Style XII Sept. 8-10, 2006 Unicoi State Park & Lodge, Helen, GA
 Featured demonstrators: Stuart Batty, Judy Ditmer, Vic Wood
<http://www.gawoodturner.org>

Classified Ads

For Sale:

- Delta Lathe, 12 x 36, includes Duplicator and a set of twelve tools. It has been used very little and looks new. Make offer. Call Maurice Robbins. 770-287-0305 or email mrobbins1@yahoo.com
- Jet Variable Speed Mini Lathe with Nova Midi Chuck, \$279 while supplies last, Redmond Machinery 800-428-9898
- Delta 14 inch Bandsaw on enclosed stand, 1 HP motor, riser kit installed to cut wood up to 12" thick. Includes miter gauge, rip fence, and extra blades. Excellent condition. \$650 OBO. Call Wes Jones at 770-972-6803 or email wwjones@comcast.net

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>

Exotic woods:

- 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>

Turning Supplies:

- Packard Woodworks: <http://www.packardwoodworks.com/>
- Penn State Industries: <http://www.pennstateind.com/>
- Rocklers: <http://www.rockler.com/index.cfm>
- Woodcraft: <http://www.woodcraft.com/>
- Craft Supplies USA: <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>
- Lee Valley <http://www.leevalley.com/>

Club Officers:

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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.

Newsletter copy

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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