

February 2004 Newsletter

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### February Meeting

This month's GAW meeting will be at 7:00 on Thursday, February 19 at Highland Hardware. The program and demonstration will be by Gary Evans (TN) on drying techniques for wood and preparation of wood for turning.

Remember to bring your cherry burl vase or other turnings for our show and tell and a piece of wood or two for the raffle.

### Willard Baxter Honored

At the January meeting, we voted to honor Willard Baxter for his long time service to GAW in many leadership positions by naming him Board Member Emeritus of the Georgia Association of Woodturners. A letter was subsequently sent to Willard advising him of this and expressing our appreciation for his many contributions to woodturning education and organization throughout the Southeast and in the US.

### New Woodturning Club

The Mountain Laurel Woodturners have organized in North Georgia to serve the Clarkesville/Cleveland/Toccoa area. They have had 2 meetings so far with Willard Baxter and Nick Cook demonstrating. They are meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Old Mill Center on Highway 441, just north of the square in Clarkesville. Contact John Moss [tbeagle@alltel.net](mailto:tbeagle@alltel.net) for more information.

### New Club Librarians

Two club members have volunteered to manage our library of video tapes and DVD's. Wilton Bridger and Suzie Tyndall will share this responsibility. See either of them to check out video materials. Thanks Wilton and Suzie.

### Woodturning Tools For Sale

Due to health problems, Willard Baxter is selling out his stock of new woodturning tools. Contact Willard or Sarah Baxter for information 770 535-2325 [baxtershop@aol.com](mailto:baxtershop@aol.com).

### Woodturning Booth at Woodworking Show

The woodturning booth at last month's woodworking show was a big success. At one point interested people were standing four deep at our tables. Information on all 10 of the woodturning clubs in Georgia and our 2 annual woodturning symposiums was given out to woodturners and

prospective woodturners. Our new GAW brochure was also given out. Thanks to Jimmy Irvin, Don Davis, and Jim Tally for organizing the booth this year.

### Pay Your Dues

Dues for 2004 are due - \$25 individual or \$30 family. Please bring your check to the meeting or send to:

Chris Hooper – Treasurer  
580 Mountain Way NE  
Atlanta, GA 30342-3804

### Name Tags

We have a lot of new members who have joined in the last year and we need to make an effort to get to know each other. Please wear your GAW name tag. If you don't have a name tag, tell Wayne Wills you need one and give \$5 to Chris Hooper at the meeting and we will have one made for you.

### Southern States Woodturning Symposium

The Southern States Woodturning Symposium will be held on April 23 -25 at the Georgia Mountains Conference Center in Gainesville, GA. Featured demonstrators will be Trent Bosch, Al Stirt, Binh Pho, and Gary Sanders. The symposium will have an instant gallery of woodturnings and a trade show of woodturning vendors. Your \$100 admission to the weekend symposium also includes admission to the Saturday night banquet and auction. If you wait until April to register, it will cost you an extra \$25 to attend the symposium. Registration can be made now with:

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