

March 2004 Newsletter  
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### March Meeting

This month's GAW meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 18 at Highland Hardware. The program and demonstration will be by Ray Key from England. Ray is one of the most sought after woodturning demonstrators in the world. Come and see how the masters do it.

### Ray Key Saturday Demo

Ray Key will give an all-day demo for GAW members on Saturday, March 20 at Peach State Lumber. Cost will be \$20 to attend and the demo will run from 9 - 4. Bring a chair for yourself. You can bring your own lunch or there are fast food places close by. There is a soft drink machine at PSL. While you are there, take a look at the great selection of turning wood available for sale. And tell the folks at PSL how much we appreciate them hosting our demo.

### Directions to Peach State Lumber:

I-75 N., exit Wade Green Road, turn Left

Turn Right on Jiles (2nd or 3rd light)

Turn Right on Moon Station Road (2nd light)

#4000 Moon Station Road, 770 428-3622

### AAW Survey

There is a new online survey on the AAW website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) regarding the content of the American Woodturner and the website. Members of AAW are encouraged to fill out the survey before April 15.

There are also rules posted on the website for two new AAW awards: Best Chapter Newsletter and Best Chapter Website. The AAW Board will recognize the top three newsletters and websites at the Orlando symposium.

### Woodturning Tools For Sale

Willard Baxter is continuing to sell out his entire stock of new woodturning tools and lathe accessories. He is offering substantial discounts and sales are brisk. So, if you have been wanting to pick up something for your woodturning, this is a good opportunity. Contact Willard or Sarah Baxter for more information, 770 535-2325, [baxtershop@aol.com](mailto:baxtershop@aol.com)

From the AAW

American Woodturner editor, Carl Voss, plans to publish a gallery of interesting turned funeral urns in the Fall 2004 issue. Photos for consideration will be accepted through May 1. Photo submissions guidelines are on the AAW web site. Email Carl at [carlvoss@msn.com](mailto:carlvoss@msn.com)

Chapter sage? Would anyone in our chapter qualify as a sage? If so, Carl is looking to profile some of the AAW's sages. See the description below.

“What exactly is a sage? This may be hard to get your arms around. Some experts on "saging and aging" have described a sage as someone who approaches creative elderhood with artistic self-expression and creativity. Another definition: Someone who is willing to pass on his or her knowledge for the benefit of the next generation--a generous, accepting mentor. A sage is a treasure of your turning community. By itself, just being old--or woodturning for decades--doesn't qualify someone to be a sage. A sage is not an unbending codger. While a charming old-timer regales all within earshot with stories of "how it used to be," a sage would open his shop to someone who needs extra help with a skew. A sage is someone a young woodturner seeks out. Rather than continuing to turn pieces as he has for decades, a sage would read about a new technique and then tackle it himself.”

If you want to suggest someone to be considered, please contact Carl, [carlvoss@msn.com](mailto:carlvoss@msn.com) by April 15.

#### Website Updated with Scholarship Information

Marisa Pruss, our esteemed webmistress, has updated our website with lots of new information including our scholarship program and the new forms to apply for a scholarship. Check it out. And if you know someone in the club that doesn't have internet access, make sure they know about the scholarship program.

#### 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 woodturning auction.

Note: If you wait until April to register, it will cost you an extra \$25 to attend the symposium.

Register now with:

Marsha Barnes  
152 Blackberry Bend  
Murphy, NC 28906  
828 837-6532

pineshingle@brmemc.net

## 2004 Woodturning Classes

Hal Simmons is offering a series of inexpensive woodturning classes in his shop in Norcross. Class size is limited to three (3) students. Cost is \$35 for each 9 -5 Saturday class. There may be an additional materials charge for some of the project classes. Students are encouraged to bring and use their own chisels/gouges, but it is not required as these are available on site.

The schedule of courses being offered is below. Early registration is advised. Call or email Hal, 770 381-6764 or simmonsh@mindspring.com

March 27 – Getting Comfortable with the Spindle Gouge

April 10 – Sharp Tools for Sharp Turning

May 8 – Taming the Skew

May 29 – Basic Bowl Turning

June 12 – Turning Lidded Boxes

July 10 – Advanced Bowl Turning

September 11 – Turning Green Wood and Having Fun

September 25 – Grinding it Out / How to Turn a Pepper Grinder

October 9 – Turning Christmas Ornaments

October 30 – Gifts from the Lathe

## New Woodturning Magazine

A new woodturning magazine called Woodturning Design is now available. It is in color and has about 100 pages of articles on woodturning projects. Cost is \$19.97 per year for 4 issues. Here is the contact information: 800 877-5527 [www.woodturningdesign.com](http://www.woodturningdesign.com)

## Woodturning Design

P.O. Box 470

Mt. Morris, IL 61054

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.

#### Red Oak Lumber Available

I got a call from a new woodturner in South Carolina recently. He has stumbled onto a good supply of air-dried red oak 2x2's. The pieces are 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" x 28 1/2" long. They would be perfect for table legs, pepper mills, or other spindle projects. The cost is \$2 each. If you are interested, contact him as soon as possible. He will be leaving SC in mid-April.

Vincent Jimenez  
Camden, SC  
803 432-3456

#### Pay Your Dues

If you have been meaning to pay your 2004 dues, but just haven't gotten around to it, please take care of it today. \$25 individual or \$30 family. Please send your check to:

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