

May 2004 Newsletters  
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### May Meeting

This month's GAW meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 20 at Highland Hardware. John Mascoll from Safety Harbor, Florida will present a demonstration on hollowing.

### Website Updated with Membership Information

Marisa Pruss has just updated the club membership information on our website, [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org). We now have approximately 130 members in GAW. You can use this resource to contact your friends in the club. Also, check out the information on our Turning Southern Style X woodturning symposium coming up October 1-3, 2004. You can read about the featured woodturners for this year's event. It's not too early to make your symposium registration and hotel registrations.

### Big Raffle This Month

The raffle we have every meeting is an important fund raiser for our club and helps to pay for the top quality demonstrators that we have been having. Unfortunately, we have gotten into the habit of taking the donation part of the raffle for granted. For the last several months, John Madajewski has been bringing lots of wood for the raffle. But he is just about the only one. With John absent last month, we had to cancel our raffle for lack of donations.

So we want to make up for it this month and have a Really Big Raffle. I'd like everyone to look around their shop and find a least one item to bring to the raffle. It could be a piece of wood, a tool you aren't using any more, a woodturning book or video you are through with, or just anything related to woodturning. You get the idea. To encourage more participation, everyone that brings a donation (or donations) to the raffle gets a free raffle ticket. And if you bought raffle tickets last month, bring them back this month – they will still be valid.

### GAW Member Becomes Celebrity

Howard Cutter and his workshop will be featured on the HGTV and DIY networks in an upcoming television premiere in a program called My Ultimate Workshop.

The times and dates for this one-hour special are:  
8:00 A.M. Eastern, Saturday, May 15, 2004 on HGTV  
6:00 P.M. Eastern, Sunday, May 16, May 30, and June 13, 2004, on DIY

Howard was contacted by a television producer who was looking for a completed workshop to be used as a set for an upcoming series. The concept of the series was to introduce individual do-it-yourselfers showing how a workspace itself can become a work of art.

One thing led to another and it turns out that the network was interested in both his workshop and his woodworking. Here are some links to additional information on the program:

Also, check out the following links for more information:

[My Ultimate Workshop Preview](#)

[Ultimate Georgia Woodshop](#)

Congratulations, Howard!

AAW National Symposium (from Phil Brennion)

We are a little less than 90 days from the annual symposium in Orlando and already over 1200 rooms have been sold out at the host hotel, Caribe Royale. I'm told there are other rooms still available in the area. What this means is, the Florida symposium seems to be shaping up to be one of the best attended yet. We hope your members can join us there. While in Orlando the board of directors will meet to deal with a full agenda of diverse topics. One of the topics that will directly impact the chapters will be the issue of Chapter Collaborative Challenge. There has been discussion about holding the CC every 2 years instead of every year. Every 2 years would certainly give more time for elaborate projects. I would very much like to hear from your chapter as to their preference.

On another note: Our original forum on the internet has been superb, now we've made it even better. You can now easily post pictures of your work online. This allows (AAW) members to show their work, to share techniques or even ask for critiques... Even if you don't post, it's an awesome place to get inspiration. You can access and register for this new forum/gallery from the main AAW webpage [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

If you registered with the old forum, you need to re-register for the new, an easy process...

Please remember to communicate with the Chapters Committee ([johnrhill@charter.net](mailto:johnrhill@charter.net)) or feel free to call any board member with concerns, suggestions or to just let us know what your chapter is doing.

Best regards,

Phil Brennion  
President, AAW

AAW Finance Committee

Linda Everett, current AAW Treasurer, is looking for several people experienced in finance to serve on the AAW Finance Committee. If this is something that you would like to be involved in, please contact her, [everlinda@aol.com](mailto:everlinda@aol.com) 757 496-5756.

Woodturners Field Day

The annual Woodturners Field Day at Don Russell's house in Oxford, GA will be held this year on Saturday, June 19. This free, all-day event is sponsored by GAW and the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia. The featured turner this year will be Doug Barnes, President of the Brasstown Woodturners in NC and the Resident Woodturning Artist at the John C. Campbell Folk School. In addition to Doug's demonstrations, there will be several other lathes set up with volunteer turners giving demonstrations throughout the day. Vendors will be selling everything from wood to tools to the kitchen sink. Barbecue sandwiches, drinks, and homemade ice cream will be available for purchase for lunch.

#### Festival of Trees

GAW is again decorating a tree with turned ornaments in support of Children's Health Care of Atlanta. Please bring ornaments to any of our regular meetings from now through November and put them in the box. Make some unfinished ones also for the kids to decorate. If you make the unfinished ones in pairs, the kids can decorate them and keep one to take home. For any questions, contact Harvey Henson, 770 394 2603 [bharvey@bellsouth.net](mailto:bharvey@bellsouth.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](mailto:simmonsh@mindspring.com)

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

#### Freedom Pen Project

This project [www.freedompens.org](http://www.freedompens.org) is an effort by woodworkers and woodturners to make 20,000 handmade wooden pens for member of our military to serve as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and will have our continued support until every one of them returns home. Harvey Meyer will tell us more about this project at the meeting. If you would like to do something non-political to support our troops, this is an excellent opportunity.

#### 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, Treasurer at the meeting and we will have one made for you.

#### GAW Calendar

May 20 John Mascoll will do demo at GAW meeting

June 17 Philip Moulthrop will do demo at GAW meeting

July 15 George Hatfield will do demo at GAW meeting

16 George Hatfield hands-on workshop 9-4 at Nick Cook's shop

17 George Hatfield (\$20) all-day demo 9-4 at Nick Cook's shop

18 George Hatfield hands-on workshop 9-4 at Nick Cook's shop

19 George Hatfield hands-on workshop 9-4 at Nick Cook's shop

July 23-25 AAW National Symposium – Orlando, FL

Aug 19 Don Duden will do demo at GAW meeting

Sep 16 Howard Cutter will do demo at GAW meeting "How to Photograph Your Turnings"

Oct 1-3 Turning Southern Style X Symposium – Unicoi State Park, GA

Oct 21 Dick Sing will do demo at GAW meeting

22 Dick Sing hands-on workshop 9-4 at Redmond Machinery

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Note: To sign up for one of the hands-on workshops, contact Jim Sibley, 770 941-0048  
jasibley@earthlink.net