

August 2004 Newsletter
From Wes Jones,

President

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August Meeting

This month's GAW meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 19 at Highland Hardware. Don Duden from Cedar Key, FL will be our demonstrator.

Turning Southern Style X Symposium

Our annual GAW woodturning symposium is coming up in less than 2 months. The dates this year will be October 1-3 and it will be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, GA as in the past. Full information about the symposium, including the featured demonstrators and registration forms is available on our website. Get your registration in before the end of this month and save yourself \$10.

Dick Hayes, Symposium Chairman, is currently signing up volunteers to help with the many jobs necessary to put on the weekend-long event. See Dick at the meeting or call him at 770 592-0465 and volunteer to help. The symposium is the major money maker for our club and pays for all our scholarships and the great international demonstrators we have throughout the year.

AAW National Symposium

The AAW annual symposium in Orlando last month was spectacular. I was glad to see approximately 30 woodturners from the Atlanta area in attendance. The demonstrations were excellent, the banquet was well done, and the auction to benefit the AAW Educational Opportunity Fund raised over \$48,000. Incidentally, Binh Pho from Illinois did a special pierced and air-brushed piece called Into The Night to honor Willard Baxter that brought \$3700 at the auction.

Also, the instant gallery had over a hundred wonderfully done pieces. Pictures of many of them can be seen at: <http://www.swflwoodturners.org/AAW2004Gallery.html>

Christmas Ornaments

Bring in your ornaments for the Festival of Trees. Only 3 months are left before the cutoff date. Put your ornaments in the box or give them to Harvey Henson.

IWF Trade Show

The International Woodworking Machinery and Furniture (IWF) Show will be this month, August 26-29 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Although this trade show is primarily for woodworking businesses, there will be a lot there to interest the amateur woodworker and woodturner.

Free Money

Now that I have your attention, I should probably mention that there are a few strings attached. I am talking about scholarship funds for woodturning classes and training. If you are a GAW member, you can get a scholarship for up to \$500 to improve your woodturning skills. All the rules and the procedures to apply are on our website. If you've been wanting to improve your woodturning abilities to take your woodturning to the next level, this is your chance.

Persimmon Wood Available

Ms. Karen Elliott, who lives in Tucker (DeKalb Co.) has a large (18" diameter) persimmon tree down in her backyard. The tree was cut down about 3 months ago and has been cut into approximately 2-foot lengths.

The wood is free, but Ms. Elliott would appreciate a turned piece of persimmon in exchange for the wood. Email her for directions: myohmy@mindspring.com

From the AAW

John Hill, chapter liaison for AAW, advises that Joel Rakower, a CPA member from Long Island, NY has agreed to serve on the AAW Finance committee. The AAW would like to add at least one more Certified Public Accountant member to this very important committee. If you are qualified and would like to serve, please let one of the club officers know.

Phil Brennon, AAW President, advises that: "the AAW home office in Shoreview, MN has been moved to the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. Many of you may remember the "Put a Lid on It" show that was held at the Landmark Center, in conjunction with the Minneapolis Symposium. This wonderful facility housed the Minnesota Museum of American Art. The new headquarters will now enjoy gallery area for our permanent collection, as well as room for future workshop facilities. This much needed move is being accomplished prudently using our non-profit status in co-operation with the city of St. Paul. Our phone number will remain the same, but our new address will be: 222 Landmark Center, 75 West Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102.

This year's turning exhibition "Sea to Odyssey" will travel from the Orlando Symposium site to our new facility and be on exhibition until Jan 1st. If you're in the Minneapolis area, please stop by.

There have also been significant changes in our web site recently, the latest being our photo forum. Anyone can now access and register for the new photo forum through the AAW homepage www.woodturner.org. There you can post any turning related images. This site is

sure to inspire anyone interested in turning and we invite all turners to post. I highly recommend both the Text Message Forum and the Photo Forum as resources for turning information.

The Fall issue of the American Woodturner will be in full color. The issue will be poly-wrapped and will include your 2005 membership renewal application and election ballot.”

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums (brochures available at the meeting)

Tennessee Association of Woodturners August 13 -15 Nashville
Georgia Association of Woodturners – Turning Southern Style X October 1-3 Unicoi
Virginia Woodturning Symposium November 6-7 Waynesville

AAW Totem Pole Project

There are currently two totem poles standing at Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, which have been constructed from sections made by various AAW chapters. An article about them in the latest American Woodturner invites all AAW chapters to make a totem pole section which will be assembled into additional totem poles to be erected at Arrowmont (where the AAW was conceived and organized in 1986).

This is your chance to get involved. If you are interested in serving on a GAW committee to investigate this project opportunity, please talk to one of our officers or directors.

Craft Supplies Promotion

Craft Supplies, USA has advised us that they will be offering a different product promotion each month to club members. The current promotion through September 15 is 15% off all videos and DVD's. To get the promotional price, you must mention Promotion Code 04SPAAW8 when placing your order. See the current Woodturners Catalog or visit them online at www.woodturnerscatalog.com or call (800) 551-8876 for more information.

Craft Supplies has been sending us a \$15 gift certificate for our raffle each month, so let's support them and let them know we appreciate their support of GAW.

Woodturning Schools

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School - www.folkschool.org/

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts - www.arrowmont.org/

Highland Hardware – www.highlandhardware.com/

Appalachian Center for Crafts - <http://craftcenter.tntech.edu/>

The Dogwood Institute – www.dogwoodwoodworking.com/

Woodturning Instructors

We are currently compiling a list of GAW members who give private woodturning instruction in their own shops. If you would like to be included on this list, send an email to Wes Jones, at wesjones@att.net including your email, phone no. and website, if applicable. We will include this listing in future newsletters and on our website.

The following club members have advised that they give private woodturning instruction. Contact them for more information.

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GAW Calendar

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
	23	Dick Sing will do an all-day demo 9-4 at Redmond Machinery
Nov	6	Michael Mocho will do an all-day demo 9-4
Nov	18	Christmas Ornament demos on 4 mini-lathes at GAW meeting

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