

December 2004 Newsletter
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December Meeting
Read the December Club Minutes here.

This month's GAW meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 16 at Highland Hardware. We want to have a huge instant gallery and the biggest raffle of the year. So bring your recent turned pieces to show off and bring lots of stuff for the raffle. Now is a good time to clean out your woodpile and bring anything that might go bad before you have time to turn it. Woodturning tools and supplies are also welcome. Remember, the raffle is a major source of funding for our club.

The program will be by Howard Cutter on the subject of Photographing Your Work.

Officer Nominations and Election

Bill Dean is the Chairman of our Nominating Committee. He reports that the current club officers are willing to serve again next year in their current positions. Other members that are also willing to serve as club officers are invited to submit their names to Bill Dean before the meeting. Bill can be contacted at 770 428-1682 or billhdean@msn.com We will vote on club officers for 2005 at the meeting. Club officer positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All officers must be members of the AAW.

Festival of Trees

Pat Davis reports that our tree decorated with ornaments made by GAW members is a resounding success. Our tree has won 2 awards, one of them by the American Interior Designers Association. The 2 awards will be displayed at the meeting. Congratulations to all who made ornaments and decorated the tree.

Woodturning Booth at Woodworking Show

The Woodworking Show is coming back to town January 28-30 at the Convention Center in College Park. As they have done for the last 2 years, they have offered to provide a free booth to the woodturners of our area for woodturning education. We plan to represent all 10 woodturning clubs in Georgia and have literature available to promote the AAW and the activities of all our chapters.

We need to have volunteers to man the booth and answer questions from the public. If you would like to spend a couple of hours of your time talking woodturning and also get into the show for free, contact Tom Jeanes tjeanes@juno.com with Peach State Woodturners, who is coordinating the booth this year.

New Equipment Source

We have just found a new source of woodturning and woodworking equipment, Bibb Tool & Cutter in Macon, GA, tel. 1-800-996-2422. They can get most major brands of equipment in short order. They recently quoted a Powermatic 3520A lathe for \$2214. If you are shopping for a new major tool, you may want to get a quote from them.

From the AAW

One of the AAW Board ongoing commitments is to be responsive to the membership's needs. It's important we hear from all chapters large and small alike. Let us know what's on your mind. If you have an idea to improve existing programs or ideas you think can move the AAW forward, pick up the phone and call a board member. Let us hear from you as we move forward in 2005. Board member numbers are listed inside the front cover of the AAW resource directory.

Your board is always trying to reach a balance with the many varied interests and skill levels within our association. Input is most important as we make decisions with your resources. This reminds me! Please take time to complete the current online survey concerning content of the American Woodturner. It can be found through the AAW home page at www.woodturner.org.

If you've read the latest American Woodturner journal, looked at the new website, or enjoyed a chapter meeting, it's getting very easy to answer the question, why join the AAW? I'm hoping that each chapter member will reflect on the value of our woodturning community. Renewing your membership or becoming a new AAW member helps support the programs, educational tools, and opportunities AAW provides.

On another note, this year's national symposium will be in Overland Park Kansas, July 22nd to the 24th. It's never too early to start planning on attending. These symposiums are phenomenal events.

The AAW's new permanent gallery in St. Paul is open. We could certainly use some security cameras to help the staff monitor exhibition traffic and better serve visitors. If you have some extra security cameras or are interested in helping fund this need, please call the home office. We would be most grateful

With the holidays quickly arriving, I'm sure plenty of you are spending extra time in the shop turning gifts. It's always a good idea to think safety, but even more so when that 2 hours in the shop starts turning to 8 or 10. Good turning! And thank you all for the support you've given the AAW this year.

From the entire Board of Directors, we wish you and your families the best for the Holiday Season.

Phil Brennon
AAW President

I recommend that all woodturners that consider themselves to be “Professional”, or aspire to become “Professional”, become AAW members and enter their information in the new AAW Professional Outreach Program (POP), a new web based information system that has been created. In order for you to be included in this program or to be included on the AAW web site as a demonstrator, you need to fill out a short questionnaire that can be opened by clicking on the following link. If it does not open, cut and paste this link into your browser.
<http://www.woodturner.org/community/members/signup.pl>

The information that you will give will help to establish a database to promote the interests of the professional members of the woodturning community and, thus promote turned wood art as a collectable art form. All data will be used to support professional turners, craft store and gallery owners/managers, teachers, scholars, writers involved with woodturning, and collectors of turned wood art. In order to be included in the AAW Professional Outreach Program, one has to be a member of the American Association of Woodturners <http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/>.

When you open the questionnaire, be sure to fill it out completely. Check any boxes that apply to you. If you are a demonstrator, be sure to click on the "Demonstrator" box and fully describe your demonstration specialty. At the end of the form, click "Submit". A screen will appear showing what you have entered. If it is correct, click "Save" and it will automatically be sent to the AAW for inclusion in the listing. Only those completing this form will be shown as professionals on the AAW web site and in the AAW Directory.

If you have any trouble or questions, please contact me at 828-645-6633 or johnrhill@charter.net

John Hill
AAW Board

GAW Grant to John C Campbell Folk School

The JCC Folk School, located in Brasstown, NC trains more woodturners than any other facility in the Eastern United States. Nearly every week of the year they offer one (and sometimes two) woodturning courses by various woodturning teachers from the U.S. and throughout the world. Many of our members have attended classes there. The Folk School has just begun a new fundraising campaign in honor of Willard Baxter, who was the Resident Woodturner at the school for many years. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$95,000 to build a new woodturning studio or possibly expand the existing one. The GAW Board has voted to contribute \$1000 as an educational grant. We encourage members to make additional personal contributions to the Willard Baxter Fund if they are able to.

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums

Florida Woodturning Symposium January 14-16 Eustis, FL

Featured turners: Dale Nish, Trent Bosch, Mike Mahoney, Bruce Hoover

Southern States Symposium V April 29-May 1 Gainesville, GA

Featured turners: Stuart Batty, Lee Carter, Hayley Smith, Todd Hoyer

AAW National Symposium July 22-24 Overland Park, KS

Featured turners: (too numerous to mention)

GAW Turning Southern Style XI September 16-18 Unicoi State Park, GA

Featured turners: Christian Burchard, Rex Burningham, Don Duden

Lathes For Sale

Oneway 2436, 2 HP, outboard assembly, vacuum system, several Oneway and Escoulen chucks with lots of extra jaws, Nichols spindlesteady, Oneway bowl stabilizer, and lots more accessories too numerous to list here. \$7000 Contact Ken Jackmann in Sarasota, FL.

Woodfast, 20-inch, short bed lathe, model #M408H, 1 HP DC variable-speed motor. \$1600 or open to trades. Contact Lee Dale 770 775-0895 dale612@peoplepc.com

Craft Supplies Promotion

This month's Craft Supplies promotion through January 15 is a future 20% off gift certificate if you place an order for \$100. To get this promotion, you must mention Promotion Code 04FAAW12 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.

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

The following GAW club members give private woodturning instruction in their own shops. Contact them for more information.

Frank Bowers	fcbowrs@aol.com	404 292-1107
Phil Colson	pcolson@mindspring.com	404 518-4925
Nick Cook	nickcook@earthlink.net	770 421-1212 www.nickcookwoodturner.com
Wes Jones	wesjones@att.net	770 972-6803
Hal Simmons	simmonsh@mindspring.com	770 381-6764
William Yarger	yarger@bellsouth.net	678 232-2779 www.turnedart.com

If you would like to be included on this list, send an email to Wes Jones, wesjones@att.net including your email, phone no. and website, if applicable. We will include this listing in future newsletters and on our website.

GAW Calendar

Jan 20 Mark Gardner (NC) will do demo at GAW meeting

