

GAW May 2006 Newsletter

From: Jim Hutchinson, President

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 18 - 6:30 p.m. at Highland Hardware

Do you have a vacuum chuck system? More woodturners are expressing interest in adding this to their turning set up than ever before. Joe Matwick and his son John will be demonstrating their new Venturi based system, which is also being handled by Highland Hardware. It was on display at the recent Southern States Symposium, so if you missed it there or have additional questions this will be an informative session to attend.

Joe Matwick's TMI Inc. generously donates the CA glue used at our symposium in addition to donating some to the auction. He will bring tips on using this sometimes messy product that is now offered in a low odor and non "blooming" form with reduced respiratory irritants. How to make best use of this product and avoid the problems associated with it will be presented. Joe and John encourage questions from the audience.

As a member of the board of the John C. Campbell Folk School, Joe, will give us a progress report on the new woodturning studio construction and when they expect to start holding classes in the new building.

Jim Sibley, Program Chair

REMINDER

Do remember to wear your name tag. Without them it's hard to get to know who's who. If you have lost or never ordered your name tag, contact Wayne Wills, waymarwills@bellsouth.net or phone at (770) 953-2495

News from the AAW

As the annual symposium draws near, this may be of interest to some. The AAW wants you to know that if you need "any wireless assistive devices" to help you better hear the demonstrators and speakers, you should contact Butch or Pat Titus at btitus@sprintmail.com or 210-649-4308 or Angelo Iafrate at 401-934-1349 or iafrateturns@cox.net. Most attendees with hearing problems usually try to sit in front row seats to hear better but some may need special equipment. Thanks go to Butch & Pat Titus AAW Symposium Coordinators btitus@sprintmail.com for offering this additional service to attendees.

Remember that time is running out to register for this year's AAW Symposium in Louisville June 22 - 24.

For information and registration, go to <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/>

And Looking Ahead to Next Year

If you're interested in demonstrating at the AAW's 2007 symposium, the application deadline is August 31, 2006. The symposium, to be held June 29 to July 1 in Portland, Oregon, is the AAW's largest annual event and generally attracts more than 900 woodturners. For more information and a demonstrator application, contact the AAW offices at 651-484-9094 or inquiries@woodturner.org.

President's Notes May 2006

The news is mixed this month, some good, some not good. Long time member, John Taylor, suffered a heart attack and failed to survive. You may recall that John and his wife, Alison, made a photo album of each AAW Symposium they attended and brought them to our meeting for all to enjoy. Our sympathies have been expressed to Alison and the GAW has made a donation of \$100 to our scholarship fund in John's memory. Recall that this is our way of honoring active members who pass on.

Even woodturning groups are subject to scams and the AAW is no exception. We recently received this message from John Hill Chapter and Membership chair:

Recently one or more people have received telephone calls to join the AAW or to subscribe to the AW Journal (magazine). Here are the facts:

The AAW does not do any telemarketing or phone soliciting for membership.

The AAW does not do any telemarketing or phone soliciting for magazine subscriptions.

The AAW does not endorse any agents to solicit AAW membership or magazine subscriptions. Any such telephone call you receive to this effect is a form of "phishing", where an unscrupulous person is trying to get your credit card or other personal information for their illegal usage. You should not give out your credit card number or personal information as a general policy unless you initiate the phone call to a known business.

Should you receive such a call, contact John Hill - Chairman AAW Chapters and Membership Committee 828-645-6633 johnrhill@charter.net

Good news includes another successful Southern States Symposium enjoyed not only by members of the sponsoring woodturning clubs, but many GAW attendees also. And remember that the annual joint event with the Woodworker's Guild of Georgia is again being held at Don Russell's (See the information supplied by John Rudert later in this newsletter). This year's featured turner is none other than our own, Frank Bowers. This is a great get together that you should not miss.

Harvey Meyer has our new mentor program up and running. I believe 9 enthusiastic mentors signed up, but initially only 2 mentees. Let me encourage you to make use of this program if you are a woodturner in the early stages of your woodturning activities. Not only will the information

gained be helpful, I expect it will save folks the expense of purchasing mistakes too.

Do make use of the scholarships available to you as an active GAW member. The rules are posted on our web site. While concentrated courses are offered at schools like John C. Campbell and Arrowmont, scholarships are available for individual instruction also. Contact Harry Saunders, Chair of the Scholarship Committee for additional information.

And finally, as you can see from the photo, progress is indeed being made on the new woodturning studio at the John C. Campbell Folk School.

Your GAW Questions, Comments & Suggestions are Welcome

You may contact any officer through out website's contact us area
<http://www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml>

GAW Mentor Program- Harvey Meyer

If you would like to volunteer to be a mentor, or if you are a novice turner and would like to find a mentor, please contact Harvey Meyer via email at him1951@bellsouth.net or by phone at 770 671-1080.

Turning Southern Style XII 2006 Symposium

Held at Unicoi State Park. Plans are in the works to make next years Symposium the best ever. Buddy Booker has designed the brochure for this year's event and it is now available for distribution. Posting it on our webpage has already produced 2 registrations.

The dates for the 2006 Symposium are September 8-10, 2006.

Featured Demonstrators Include:

Vic Woods

Vic Wood is an Internationally famous woodturner and a trained teacher with qualifications in Cabinet Making, Woodturning, and a Fellowship Diploma of Gold and Silver-smithing. He has taught in high schools to senior level in all areas of woodworking, and for 12 years was involved in training Secondary Art and Crafts student teachers in the major discipline of woodcraft.

Judy Ditmer

Turning wood professionally since 1987, Judy Ditmer turns everything from small finger tops to one-of-a-kind sculptural bowls and wall pieces; in between are many different kinds of ornaments, boxes, writing instruments, plates and platters, finely detailed salad bows and small utilitarian and household items.

Stuart Batty

A second generation woodturner who began at the age of 10 doing production turning for his father, Allen Batty, he developed his tool technique and then began to teach and explore the artistic possibilities of the lathe. He currently demonstrates in many countries and shows his work in galleries in England.

While we already have many volunteers in place to assist various needs of the symposium, we still seek a person to chair the event, so someone please step forward. That person has the symposium fee and room and board paid recognizing the time and effort required.

If you have comments, suggestions, questions or other information relevant to the Symposium email Jim Hutchison at vp@gawoodturner.org.

AAW SYMPOSIUM

Chapter and Membership chair, John Hill, sends us this information on this annual event.

You have 55 BIG reasons to register to come to the Louisville AAW Symposium. For door prizes, how about FIVE Oneway 2436 lathes free, thanks to special pricing from Oneway Manufacturing or FIFTY \$100 gift certificates donated by Packard Woodworks?

The AAW Symposium in Louisville is fast upon us. It will be Thursday, June 22, 2006 through Saturday the 24th. There are always many great reasons to attend:

There will be 30 world class demonstrators putting on 150 rotations in eleven demonstration rooms,

There will be a room where Bonnie Klein and Nick Cook will teach hands on classes to young people ages 10 through 17. The youth can register FREE when accompanied by a fully registered adult. As we did last year, we will give away 25 JET Midi lathes with stands, 25 sets of Crown tools, 25 Nova Midi-chucks and 25 face shields to 25 of the lucky youths. (Bring your kids or grandkids)

See the world's largest instant gallery of over a thousand spectacular pieces.

Visit the Trade Show filled with the world's largest assortment of woodturning tools, equipment, wood, etc.

There will be three panel discussions featuring world famous artists J. Paul Fennell, Binh Pho, David Ellsworth, Graeme Priddle, Curt Theobald, Clay Foster, Albert LeCoff, Kevin Wallace and Giles Gilson.

We will have a great banquet and live auction.

There are three great woodturning exhibitions within blocks of the symposium.

Louisville has more to do than we can list here. I visited this last weekend and loved it.

For more information, go to <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/> .

Woodturning In Haiti

By Wes Jones

I made a mission trip to Haiti in March, 2006 with a group of church folks from the Atlanta area. We conducted medical clinics and helped to refurbish an orphanage in the city of Cap Haitien. Several of the teenage boys in this orphanage have been working with a local woodworker to learn furniture making. Unfortunately, they do not have any tools to use or money to buy them.

Like all good woodturners I was constantly on the lookout for wood to bring back home. Mahogany, wenge, and a number of other tropical woods are indigenous to Haiti which is located south of Cuba. Unfortunately, the government and wealthy landowners in Haiti have largely deforested the land in the past to export the timber for quick profits. So, I never did find any wood to bring back.

But I did see a couple of primitive lathes and managed to get some pictures of one of them when we stopped to put air in the tires of the truck we were riding in. This home-built lathe is typical of those found in Haiti. It was made by welding up some odd pieces of steel and used a scavenged appliance motor for power. The lathe was long enough to turn bedposts and obviously had a swing large enough to turn a platter, although I never saw a turned one.

The crude headstock had no bearings and the spindle was held in place by baling wire. The multi-step drive pulleys were turned out of wood. The tailstock was a true dead center, being composed of a pointed piece of metal that fit into a hole drilled in the end of the workpiece. The tailstock was bolted into position and then wedged tight with wooden wedges. The very long toolrest was bolted to the bed of the lathe and stabilized with its end resting on the tailstock. Examples of bedposts ready to be turned and a completed bedpost can be seen leaning against the wall behind the lathe.

The last picture shows a finished bed in native mahogany displayed for sale beside the road. This beautiful piece of work sitting proudly beside a smoldering garbage pile epitomizes the contrasts that one sees everywhere in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Woodworking Tools for Haiti

Many of you are aware that I made a mission trip to Haiti a couple of months ago. We conducted medical clinics and helped to refurbish an orphanage in the city of Cap Haitien. Several of the teenage boys in this orphanage have been working with a local woodworker to learn furniture making. Unfortunately, they do not have any tools to use or money to buy them.

If you have any old hand woodworking tools that you would be willing to donate, I will see that they are shipped to Haiti and put to good use. They could use any handtools, such as small saws, planes, scrapers, brace and bits, hammers, screwdrivers, squares, rulers, sanding blocks, etc. It

will cost approximately \$1.50 per pound to ship the tools, so monetary contributions to cover shipping costs would also be appreciated.

If you can help, call or email me as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wes Jones
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For Sale and for Free

GAW Official T-Shirt

If you haven't gotten one of the new GAW T-shirts yet, they will be available at the meeting. They are teal in color and have our new logo printed on the front with an outline map of Georgia and GAW on the back. The cost is just \$12 each, with \$5 of the cost going to the club treasury. Also, if you would like another style of shirt with the club logo embroidered on it, we will have samples at the meeting and you can order what you like. Thanks to Buddy Booker for providing these shirts to GAW.

One of our members in the South Metro Club has a Powermatic 45 lathe for sale and is asking \$400. If you know anyone have them contact Don Heath at 770-502-8616 or his e-mail address is on the Cc line.

I have a Nova 3000 if anyone knows anyone looking for a lathe. It's a DC variable speed with bed extension and stand asking \$1,000. They can contact me at 770-253-0882 H or 770-328-9807 C by e-mail rbritton625@bellsouth.net.

The Geiger Vertical Solution and NEW (2006) Geiger's Wheel Truing and Dressing Solution. Please take a look at the information on the wheel dresser.

www.geigersolutions.com

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My name is Vincent Welch. I would like to inform you of a great product I have that you and your woodturning club may find of value. I have superior sanding discs available! These discs

are available in 2 3/8 and 3 3/8 diameter. These discs are NOT paper backed discs but rather Micro Film Discs! These discs are more flexible, non loading, tear resistant and will hold much stronger and longer than any paper backed product I have ever used! I am confident you will be pleased with my products! The positive reviews are being sent in weekly and soon I will add a page to website listing these great reviews.

Along with the discs I also offer mandrels/shanks, firm radius pads, soft innerface pads, and Mini Pistol Grip Pneumatic Sander. I have starter kits in both 2 3/8 and 3 3/8 size. These starter Kits are ideal for getting started with my Micro Hook system! Each Kit comes with: 1. 2 3/8 or 3 3/8 Micro Hook Shank 2. Firm Innerface Micro Hook Pad 3. Soft Innerface Micro Hook Pad 4. 5 Discs of the following grit. 80, 120, 180, 220, 320, and 400!!! 30 Discs Total!!! All of this for ONLY \$23.00 for 2 3/8 \$25.00 for 3 3/8 Micro Film will adhere to Velcro pads. This is a great deal for those who want to simply try out my product. Most recently I have added storage bins to store the discs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

<http://www.vinceswoodnwonders.com/purchase%20abrasives.htm>

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Craft Supplies Promotion

To find this month's Craft Supplies specials for woodturning club members, go to http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/catalog/club_special.html

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums

Joint Meeting- GAW & the Wood Guild

Date: June 17

Time: 9AM - 4PM

Location: Don Russell's

Type: Meeting

Speaker: Frank Bowers

The annual Woodturners Field Day at Don Russell's shop in Oxford, GA is coming soon. This free, all-day event is jointly sponsored by Georgia Association of Woodturners and the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia.

Frank Bowers will be the featured demonstrator.

In addition to 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. Bring anything that you want to sell, swap, or trade.

Sandwiches, hotdogs, and drinks will be available for purchase for lunch. Be sure to save room for homemade ice cream. And if you come early enough to help setup, Don says that there will

be biscuits too.

To get to Don's home and shop you will need to find your way to Oxford, GA. Take I-20 east from Atlanta, and exit number 82, Hwy 138. Go north towards Monroe. When the 4 lane becomes a 2 lane, take a right at the first traffic light on Dial Mill Road. Travel Dial Mill for several miles until it dead ends and turn left. Don's house is the second house on the left, number 2025.

AAW Symposium
June 22-24, 2006 Louisville, KY
<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/>

GAW- Turning Southern Style XII
Sept. 8-10,2006 Unicoi State Park and Lodge
See above- also <http://www.gawoodturner.org/>

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/>

Woodturning Instructors

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

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include this listing in future newsletters and on our website.

