

GAW July 2007 Newsletter
From: Jim Hutchinson, President

Thursday July 19th at 6:30 pm at Highland Woodworking

July Program: Don Geiger - The Side Ground Bowl Gouge

Don is not only an excellent woodturner and teacher, but also one who has developed several specialty items for use in woodturning. His special jig for sharpening the bowl gouge is one handy addition to your sharpening arsenal. Don presented a session on sharpening at a prior Unicoi Symposium. He also produces a nifty diamond tool dressing device that gives you a perfect result every time. Take a look at Don's website for more information
www.dongeiger.com

Jim Sibley
Chairman, Program Chairman

Presidential Chips July 2007

Despite being in the middle of summer, we continue to have stimulating events in woodturning to keep us out of the sun and in our shops/studios. Another fully attended audience at our last meeting enjoyed the informative and entertaining demonstration by Jimmy Clewes. Some pictures from that meeting are included here.

June also was the month for the AAW's annual meeting, this year held in Portland, Oregon. A small number of GAW members' attended and our advisor, Nick Cook, teamed up with Bonnie Klein to present another excellent hands on 3 day session for the next generation of woodturners. [Note Picture] This was over subscribed by eager young faces that caught onto turning rapidly. Assisting Bonnie and Nick was a host of AAW attendees, so that virtually each lathe position was covered by an experienced turner. The youth had a group picture made at the banquet, received a complimentary set of turning tools and 25 excited kids were winners of the Jet mini lathe drawing.

This year the AAW wisely held the event in a convention center, easily accommodating over 1500 attendees while avoiding the problems encountered at Louisville in 06. Just outside the host Doubletree Hotel was a magnificent oak tree with an abundance of burls. How it survived the entire time intact with over 400 woodturners in the hotel is a testimony to woodturner restraint. [See Related Picture] This year's banquet in comfortable environs offered a decent meal along with the EOG (Educational Opportunity Grant) funding auction that added just over \$100,000 to this fund.

In the exhibit area were more vendors than ever before and an over abundance of wood for sale to say nothing of an array of tempting items for sale. Fortunately for my pocketbook, traveling by air tempered my enthusiasm for purchase.

Instant gallery items were many and varied, most all being artistic in nature. Each year the advancing skill levels beyond just the turning effort grows by leaps and bounds. The imagination and technical expertise tends to blow you away. [NotePhotos]

Next year the meeting will be in Richmond, VA and thus more accessible to those of us in the east, so one can anticipate an even larger turnout that has been present in prior years. I encourage you to make plans to attend. If you enjoy the top quality of the GAW demos, I know you will find this same level presentation along many varied areas of turning interests.

See you at the meeting- Jim

Enter Your Turnings to Win JCC Scholarships and \$\$\$

August 15th Deadline!!!

Phil Hargrove and Fred Morris are spearheading an effort to gain recognition for woodturning at the annual Georgia National Fair in Perry, GA October 4-14 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry. Instead of being grouped with other crafts, woodturning will be the 2007 "Special Feature" and offer additional prizes to entrants. Nick Cook is serving as juror for woodturning entries. Monetary prizes are as follows: \$200- 1st, \$150 2nd, \$50 third. There will be a drawing for 3 John C Campbell \$500 scholarships and you get 1 chance for every piece juried into the show.

Full fair details and entry rules and forms are available on the Fair's website:
Georgianationalfair.com Brochures from: georgianationalfair.com/galivingcenter/07FABroc.pdf

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Don Geiger Hands-On

Don Geiger will be conducting a full day hands-on workshop on Friday, July 20, 2007 at Redmond. The topic is: "Mastering the Side Grind Bowl Gouge". During last week's meeting, 5 people signed up for this session. There is still room for 1 more person as this is written, however, there will be a waiting list, so don't be discouraged. The cost of the session is subsidized (50%) by GAW and thus your cost is only \$40 + materials.

If you wish to participate in this session, please send your email to Harvey Meyer at him1951@bellsouth.net

Your GAW Questions, Comments & Suggestions are Welcome
You may contact any officer through out website's contact us area
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.

Georgia Association of Woodturners Turning Southern Style XIII

September 14-16, 2007 at the Unicoi State Park Lodge in the mountains of North Georgia near Helen. Featured demonstrators are Stuart Mortimer, Michael Mocho, and Michael Hosaluk. Information: www.gawoodturner.org or Harvey Meyer at 770-671-1080 or him1951@bellsouth.net.

DVD/Video Tape Library Information

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has the following instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are limited to 2 tapes or DVDs per month, and the items must be returned the following month. Late fees of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for those not returned.

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 Woodworking www.highlandhardware.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Redmond's Classes contact Tracy Pseekos tracy@redmondmachinery.com

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking www.dogwoodwoodworking.com

Woodturning Instructors

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

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