

GAW August 2007 Newsletter
From: Jim Hutchinson, President

Thursday August 16 at 6:30 pm at Highland Woodworking

July Program: Dick Sing

Dick Sing returns to Atlanta and to the GAW as we continue to learn from a long line of internationally recognized woodturners. Our annual participation in the Festival of Trees project to benefit Atlanta's Children's Hospitals continues this year and Dick will be offering some new thoughts on producing interesting and beautifully turned ornaments. Dick is an outstanding demonstrator with a most congenial personality. Don't miss this opportunity. I am personally looking forward to learning from Dick, as I begin planning the ornaments I expect to donate this year.

Dick will be offering 2 hands-on courses on the Tuesday and Wednesday prior to our meeting. Both of these classes are full, but Harvey Meyer indicates a short stand-by list, so if you are interested, contact him at him1951@bellsouth.net or (770) 671-1080

Jim Sibley
Chairman, Program Chairman

Presidential Chips August 2007

Here we are heading towards the end of summer and thinking about Christmas ornaments. This year the program committee has moved from learning from our own folks to learning from another idea source. I am really looking forward to Dick Sings' visit with us this month having had the pleasure of seeing him several times before and always coming away with additional valuable information. Besides, he's just a real fun guy to be around.

REMEMBER to support the woodturning event at the GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR by entering your turnings. DEADLINE AUGUST 15. (See details below)

Following a suggestion by Frank Bowers, exploration of the best video equipment needed to bring added clarity to our meeting demonstrations is under way. John Rudert leads this ad hoc committee effort along with Harvey Meyer and Wes Jones. We anticipate having the replacements available in the very near future. The video monitors there now are showing their age and inability to offer the detail we would like to enjoy.

Our UNICOI SYMPOSIUM is little more than a month away, so I hope you made your reservations prior to the now ended discount period. The additional space procured for this year's event allows more registrations and is proving that this was indeed the correct decision. Adding a banquet for the first time and utilizing space on the floor above our usual meeting area gives the necessary additional space and thus an ability to grow. Virtually everyone indicated in a survey taken several years ago that they wanted to stay at Unicoi, and now we know this is possible and still have adequate "elbow" room. As this is written, we have 188 registered

attendees and over 200 for the banquet and about 6 weeks to go plus the anticipated usual on site arrivals. You see that Harvey Meyers' great work as symposium chair is being rewarded. Danny McCravy advises that he has already procured more vendors than ever before and added another this week. Good going Danny!

If you have not registered, now is the time. Don't miss this outstanding woodturning show. Stuart Mortimer, Michael Hosaluk and Michael Mocho are recognized as accomplished demonstrators and teachers, as are our "local" turners. Our registration confirms this.

You may recall past GAW efforts to stimulate woodturning within a more youthful group met with limited success. Recently we decided to revisit this topic and Phil Colson offered to coordinate GAW members interested in it. The AAW has for several years offered hands-on sessions at the annual meeting as reported in my July column. This year they offered an evening brainstorming session as well. The enthusiastic response this produced under the leadership of Nick Cook and Bonnie Klein suggested we too should try again. A recent conversation with a scout troop leader indicated definite interest and I hope that they will visit us at our August meeting and choose to join us in this effort. Perhaps the scouts will consider a merit badge in woodturning. I would like to think that with time, we could interest the girl scouts as well for we certainly have talented women within our membership.

Who knows, with our club advisor, Nick Cook, and Bonnie Klein coming as one of our 2008 symposium demonstrators, we might be able to have a special youth demo, hands-on or whatever. I expect many of you may have better ideas than that. At any rate we should talk about it and make plans for the future. Remember "The dog that stays on the porch will find no bones."

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Do let Phil Colson know if you want to work in the youth area. I'm aware that Hal Simmons expressed a willingness to be involved, and perhaps others, but this will require more than just a couple of people to make this a successful outreach.

Again I remind you that we have scholarship opportunities available for you. Phil Colson and I just enjoyed the benefits our GAW scholarships at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts under French woodturner and wood artist, Christophe Nancey.
<http://www.ateliernancey.com/uk/creah.htm> You may read my report on another page of our web site. Phil tells me that this stimulated him to complete a number of pieces to bring in at our next meeting and hopefully I will too, if I can ever get away from this computer.

The GA Nat. Fair is still in need of docents. Requests to serve in this capacity may still be made during the month of August. Those who sign up get 2 free tickets and a parking pass in the VIP parking, for serving a 3 hour term. We hope to fill all 40 spaces with knowledge people to

further promote woodturning. Contact: Fred Morris [rfmorris@bellsouth.net]

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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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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