

GAW October 2007 Newsletter
From: Jim Hutchinson, President

Thursday October 18 at 6:30 pm at Highland Woodworking

October Program: Allan Batty

This will indeed be a rare treat for all of us. First we get to hear the other side of the story. We have listened to Stuart Batty's version and now we get to hear from the grand master himself. Probably a good thing that they will not be here together; that might be a bit too much. Allan has been introduced as the Master of the Masters and no doubt will not offer an outstanding turning demonstration, but many of his wonderfully entertaining stories as well. There seem to be no turnings areas that Allan has not explored after nearly 60 years at the lathe.

Allan is holding several sessions at Redmonds and the last I heard, there were still a few openings. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a study period led by this woodturning wizard, so do contact Harvey Meyer at him1951@bellsouth.net.

Jim Sibley
Chairman, Program Chairman

Presidential Chips October 2007

Here we are, into the last quarter of 2007. Our successful symposium is behind us with plans already well along the way for the 2008 Unicoi gathering. Beyond that we're already contacting outstanding turners for the 2009 symposium. The Unicoi location seems to be a favorite with so many folks that we have booked the location through 2012. We thought this the best thing to do when we found out that their 2009 calendar was already being filled and that the weekend prior to our usual booking was already taken.

This month we'll have Allan Batty here from the UK, a demonstration that I have been anticipating for some time now, having enjoyed his video on threading long ago. Probably best to arrive early if you want a good seat, or perhaps any seat at all.

This month we hope to have all of our new video equipment purchased and working. One plasma screen was available last month if only in a temporary location. I found the larger brighter image a marked improvement, especially when viewed from the back of the room.

It's truly amazing what some talented people do with woodturning at its core. Have a look at these sites from a turner over in Thailand and his photos: [Group 1](#) [Group 2](#)

Peggy Schmid is chairing the nominating committee seeking new blood to lead the GAW forward. It takes a lot of folks to make this the organization it has become over the years, so if the committee asks YOU to participate I do hope you will step forth and add your talents to the continued building of this fine woodturning group.

Recruiting young woodturners remains a challenge for us. Perhaps 2008 will be the year to get at least a core group formed. There were many enthusiastic young folks turning at the national and in a city the size of Atlanta, there must be many here as well.

See you at the meeting- Jim

Check out the Wood Turning Center.

Here's another organization with an interesting web site you might enjoy:

The Wood Turning Center was founded in 1986 to promote the field of wood turning. Over the past 21 years, the Center has produced over 40 wood turning exhibitions, published 11 books, many Turning Points magazine, and produced 2 DVD's. Over the same years, our field has enjoyed a succession of images and labels, and the evolution of the field is captured in this nomenclature – 20 years ago wood turners turned in their shops. Now, artists create wood art in their studios, and we all find ourselves enjoying the many iterations of objects made from wood and other materials.

To check out the Wood Turning Center's international exhibitions, programs and book list, see the web site at www.woodturningcenter.org.

2007 Festival of Trees – Atlanta History Center

The 2007 Festival of Trees and your GAW needs your help. The GAW voted this year to continue our participation in this event. We need at least 300 Christmas ornaments to decorate a 6-7 foot tree. The tree will be auctioned off and the proceeds given to the AFLAC Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Please bring your ornaments to a GAW meeting no later than the November 15th meeting. If you can't deliver the ornaments please call me at 770-947-3457 and I will arrange for them to be picked up.

The 2007 Festival of Trees is being held at the Atlanta History Center, rather than the World Congress Center. Because the festival will be in a much smaller space this year, there is room for only 30 trees. Because our tree has been so popular in past years, we were one of the 30 groups asked to sponsor a tree. This is a great honor and we need to do our usual great job on decorating this tree.

We also need many small unfinished ornaments to take to the children's hospital. As in the past, patients at the children's hospital will be given two ornaments to paint. They keep one and the GAW gets one back to be placed on the tree.

2007 Festival of Trees Information

Date: Dec. 1 to Dec. 19, 2007

Time: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;

Sunday, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors age 65+ and students age 13+; \$10 for children ages 4 to 12; free for children ages 3 and under. (Sales tax is not included.)

Linda Pritchard
Chairman, Festival of Trees Committee

FROM THE AAW

The AAW Members Only section is now up and running on the AAW website. <http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp> Everything is clearly explained in the FAQ section below the login area. I have had no problem with it myself and it seems to work very well. Take it for a test drive and see for yourself what you can do there. Please pass this information on to your chapter members.

Thank you, Sean Troy: AAW Chapters and Membership committee

A LETTER FROM AAW: MALCOLM TIBBETS

Dear AAW members,

During my time as an AAW member, I have witnessed dramatic growth and the wonderful evolution of our organization. The AAW is the envy of most other craft-related organizations and this has occurred because of the unselfish dedication and untiring contributions of many wonderful people. As a board member, I have been privileged to observe and be a minor part of some of the recent developments. But we should not rest on our laurels. While we can now boast over 13,000 members, we could be so much stronger. A few individual chapters maintain a 100% AAW membership within their own clubs; but, unfortunately that is far from the situation in most chapters. If all non-AAW club members were to join the AAW, we would double our membership overnight. Can you imagine all the positive benefits of an AAW with 26,000 members? It boggles the mind. With the resulting financial resources, I can easily see an expanded "Journal" that is published at least six times a year (maybe more). I can see multiple symposiums each year in different locations around the country and our presence as a "force" in the art world would be increased exponentially. One of the most exciting things about all this – it could all happen while possibly lowering the costs to our individual members. We would all benefit from the economies of size.

So, I challenge every AAW member... take a few minutes at your next chapter meeting and seek out a non-member. Gently do a little arm-twisting - it's not a tough "sell." I also challenge club presidents to improve their percentage of AAW membership. In addition to the world's number one publication on woodturning, the benefits are many. For less than the cost of a good bowl gouge, members enjoy symposium discounts, merchandise discounts, eligibility to enter exhibitions, eligibility to receive Educational Opportunity and Emergency Relief Grants, and

access to future "members only" website resources. In many ways, the woodturning world is a big family and there exists a feeling of pride and camaraderie within that family. AAW membership certainly strengthens that bond. So, for yourself and for your AAW, convince a non-member to sign-up. You know they will thank you.

A few weeks ago, at my request, Phil Pratt did a great job editing a short promotional video, which I posted onto the YouTube website. Here is the link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpqEHUBg_E (It will appear near the top of the list if you just do a "woodturning" search.)

The purpose of the video was to encourage the public to visit the AAW website. Do you realize that there are over 250,000 lathe owners in the USA that occasionally turn? Those folks don't even realize that we exist; if they did, many would join. Please check out the video, send a link to your friends, and help get the word out.

Before signing off, a couple of reminders: If you are thinking about applying to be a demonstrator at next year's symposium in Richmond, you only have a few days left to get your application submitted (August 31st is the deadline). Also, as chair of the EOG Committee, I would like to encourage members and chapters that have a special need, to start working on an EOG application. EOG information and application forms are available on the AAW website at: <http://www.woodturner.org/resources/eog/>

I hope "turning" always puts a smile on your face,

Malcolm Tibbetts
AAW Vice President

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

Georgia Association of Woodturners
Turning Southern Style XIII

Turning Southern Style XIII was held September 14-16, 2007 at the Unicoi State Park Lodge in the mountains of North Georgia near Helen. Featured demonstrators were Stuart Mortimer, Michael Mocho, and Michael Hosaluk along with John Jordan and Dave Barringer as well as local turners Frank Bowers and Nick Cook . Thanks to the demonstrators, and all who worked the event as well as all who attended. Because of you, the event was a huge success! See you next year!!

DVD/Video Tape Library Information

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has 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.

New titles are being added each month!

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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