

GAW December 2007 Newsletter  
From: Jim Hutchinson, President

Thursday December 20 at 6:30 pm at Highland Woodworking

November Program: Christmas Social

Enjoy Food & Fellowship of the season

AND

Bring in your best 2007 woodturnings for display

Jim Sibley  
Chairman, Program Chairman

Presidential Chips November 2007

Come one come all to our final meeting of 2007. Bring your spouse, significant other and youngsters are welcomed too!

This will be the meeting to show folks why we spent all that time and money in/on our shops/studios this year, so be sure to bring in your best efforts to share with everyone. Since the club will be providing plenty of food and drink be certain to bring your appetite along also.

There have been some big changes at the Woodworking Show this past year which is the weekend of January 25-27 this coming year. Ted Baldwin and Tom Jeans organized a brainstorming meeting recently to gather ideas on how this show could be improved under its new ownership. Nick Cook, Dick Hayes and Jack Morse attended from our club and I appreciate their doing so. Further along in this newsletter you'll see a letter from Ron Brown, founder of the Gwinnett Woodworkers Guild, addressing the new situation. Which ideas that came from this meeting will be adopted is undetermined at this point. However, I believe most of us would like to see this long running show remain on the scene and improve in the years to come. We are now in discussion with Tom as to the GAW role in this year's show.

Some years ago, the GAW newsletter moved from the by-laws stipulated "Newsletter Committee" to being written by the president. While this brought the necessary information to GAW members, it certainly could have been improved by the talents of other club members. This committee is now being formed and thus 2008 will see an expanded newsletter effort.

It's been a real honor to have served as your president these past 2 years. Thanks to so many of you stepping forward to offer ideas, productive work, and support of our efforts financially, we have been able to provide greater benefits of club membership. Let me point out just a few of these. The new plasma video screens and soon to be purchased audio system will enhance our demonstrations. Your bringing in of new members to the club increased our membership, and the outstanding demonstrators obtained by our program committee stimulated attendance and

participation. Our Festival of the Trees Committee gathered the outpouring of ornaments you donated, both finished and unfinished, the latter completed by children at Scottish Rite Hospital. They then decorated the tree currently on display at Atlanta History Center with its \$1500 price tag, which when sold will benefit the Children's Hospitals. Although not identified as such, our tree was pictured in the December 2nd AJC. See Linda Pritchard's article further on in the newsletter. There are pictures on our web site of the decorated tree. And once more I have to mention the Unicoi Symposium which saw the largest attendance and financial success we have enjoyed. There are too many members involved for me to attempt to identify everyone who made this great year possible. Suffice it to say that it made my job a lot easier; a real team effort. Many thanks.

I feel certain that this outstanding support will continue as Danny McCravy becomes our next president leading us on to even greater accomplishments.

See you at the social- Jim

#### GAW TREE IS NOW ON DISPLAY

The Georgia Woodturners Association's tree entry in the 2007 Festival of Trees was decorated on November 26. Thanks to Jane McCravy, Jim & Montez Sibley and BJ and Kathy Hatcher for their help. The tree has over 250 ornaments on it and looks great. I would like to thank all of you who made ornaments and made this tree possible. The children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) once again participated by painting ornaments with approximately 65 of them being placed on the tree.

See slide shows of Festival of Trees photos here.

Our tree is the second one on the left as you enter the main doors. Your admission to the Atlanta History Center will also cover admission to the Festival of Trees. There are 30 decorated trees, 30 decorated wreaths, and a large train room as well. Visit the gift shop where you'll find many items for sale including 12 of our ornaments. All sale proceeds go to the CHOA.

Linda Pritchard  
Chairman, Festival of Trees Committee

The following information is from the Atlanta History Center website:

New to the Atlanta History Center this year is a boutique version of Atlanta's beloved holiday tradition - Festival of Trees . More than 60 designer trees and wreaths will be on display and for sale and an on-site holiday gift shop also provides the opportunity to purchase gifts. Proceeds from sales benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. In addition, guests of all ages will take delight in exploring an interactive train model as well as exploring various holiday customs and traditions from around the world in the international holiday village.

Entrance to Festival of Trees is free with general admission to the Atlanta History Center. Pricing below does not include sales tax, which will be added when tickets are purchased. A

portion of admission proceeds benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

\$15 for adults \$12 for seniors 65+ and students 13 and up

\$10 for youths 4 to 12

Free for Members and children under 3

The Atlanta History Center is located at  
130 West Paces Ferry Rd, NW  
Atlanta, GA

Hours:

Monday - Saturday, 10 AM - 5:30 PM;

Sunday, Noon - 5:30 PM

Important Message from the AAW

Angelo Iafrate, AAW President, has asked me to forward the following message:

Kip Christensen has informed the AAW that the Utah Symposium will no longer be held at Brigham Young University. In 2008 the Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU, on May 22 - 24, 2008.

This change in dates is important to the entire woodturning community because the dates no longer conflict with the AAW Richmond Symposium on June 20 - 22 2008. Attendees and demonstrators are now free to attend both Symposia instead of having to choose between one and the other.

Larry Genender

A letter of appreciation and information from Alan Leland

Dear Jim,

I enjoyed the time I spent in Atlanta demonstrating for your chapter. I hope that you all got as much from the demonstration as I did. Highland Hardware has provided you with a really nice meeting space. I have attached a flyer that I created, to inform folks that may be interested in taking a weekend long stool class that I will be teaching at the John C. Campbell Folk School in March. I can not remember if I mentioned it in my demonstration but there seemed to be some interest in learning to make stools. I would appreciate it if you could pass it on to your newsletter editor or to your web master or otherwise make the information available to your members.

Thank you for your time and help and for the wonderful time I had while in Atlanta. Feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Alan

## A New Woodturning Chapter

There's a New Woodturning Chapter in Middle Georgia! Check it out through this web link:

<http://www.aawforum.org/vbforum/showthread.php?t=4109>

## The New Woodworking Show- New Ownership and Many Changes

The Woodworking Shows Inc. has been undergoing some major changes. The ownership actually changed in mid-September as the shows were sold outright. The new owners are current Woodshow vendors and have an extremely keen interest in seeing that the shows turn around, expand and grow much larger. They have an exciting vision for the true potential of the woodworking community and will be implementing major changes and expansions as soon as possible.

That will take a little time. Many vendors had abandoned the show due to poor management practices by the previous personnel and due to the uncertainty of the show's future. Those vendors will be back bigger and better than ever beginning in January along with new vendors you haven't seen before.

We are in kind of a catch 22. More attendance will bring more vendors will bring bigger attendance will bring even more vendors and so on. It is a rebuilding process which has already begun in earnest. This past weekend in Chicago the show was very small. The new owners used that time to shoot film footage for an infomercial which will be broadcast for a full 30 minutes beginning about 3 weeks in advance of each show in that market. Obviously, there will be a lag time to get the video edited and the time slots booked.

You can help by passing this information along to others and by encouraging your woodworking friends to support the Woodworking Shows during this critical rebuilding period. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Ron Brown

I also wanted to let you know that I have launched a major push for the Atlanta show in late January. We want lots of participation from local clubs this year so we are committed to supporting on site demonstrations emphasizing hands-on for the public, along with lots of show and tell stuff. I would like to make this show different. I want it to be a show which includes lots of cool stuff for the whole family. Things for teenagers and wives like "turn a pen", or "Scroll Saw Your School Logo", or "Carve a Wood Spirit" or "Build a Foot Stool". Also would like to have things the wives would enjoy like painting or craft scroll sawing, etc. I want to give the public actual reasons to attend two or even all three days. I want lots of touchy feely stuff going on. This is where the clubs come in.

We had a total of 122 pieces in the exhibit this year from all over the state. Our clubs and

woodturners were well represented. For 2008 we believe there will be some changes but do not have any details at this time.

I have contacted Don Russell, Tom Jeans for (AAW Chapters), Ted Baldwin (for the Guild), Paul Proffitt (for GWA), Steve Quehl (Owner of Woodcraft in Roswell), Dave Muetting (Stone Mountain Power Tool) so far. I also have a call in to Tracy for Rockler at Redmond Tools. There will be a steering committee to coordinate with all of the different clubs to come up with competitions/events for public hands-on participation this year. Some ideas might be "Learn to turn a pen", a "Top-a-thon", live marquetry demonstrations, scroll saw projects, make a band saw box, maybe even a huge 2x4 contest, etc. The steering committee has not been formed yet so I think that is the first step.

The Woodworking Shows have committed to do the advertising needed to get the word out about these special events in order to get good participation by the public as well as extra space for the events. The various club leaders need to come up with actual events and need to organize the proper equipment and safety gear. If items are needed, we may ask some of the vendors to help with safety goggles, etc.

An important change of policy with the new owners is that they will permit club members to sell finished items in their booths. No Swap Meet stuff, no tool exchange, etc. but finished items made by club members is fine. They don't want club sales competing with vendors. A bowl or a pen doesn't compete for example. A drill press would compete so would not be allowed.

I will serve as the liaison between the steering committee and The Woodworking Shows. I need to know what will be needed in terms of resources to make it all happen.

Please pass this along to everyone who might be interested in participating so we include all of the clubs, carvers, turners, flat workers, marquetarians and scrollers. You might call Tom Jeans for the turners and Ted Baldwin for the Guild to figure out how to best launch this effort. We need a coordinator to act as a contact point. You can help by simply being yourself and spreading the word. By the way, I will be personally visiting the Gwinnett Arena and Gwinnett Civic Center to see what can be done to move the 2009 show back to Gwinnett County. So, wish me luck with that.

Looking forward to the best woodworking show yet.  
Your Friend,

Ron Brown  
Founder  
Gwinnett Woodworkers Association

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners 20th Annual Symposium

January 25th & 26th- Nashville, Tennessee

Radisson Hotel at Opryland

[www.TNWOODTURNERS.ORG](http://www.TNWOODTURNERS.ORG)

Featured Turners

Ernie Conover, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Andy Woodard

See full page ad in the current AAW Journal

Your GAW Questions, Comments & Suggestions are Welcome  
You may contact any officer through our website's contact us area  
[www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml](http://www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml)

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](http://www.folkschool.org)

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org)

Highland Woodworking [www.highlandhardware.com](http://www.highlandhardware.com)

Appalachian Center for Crafts [www.tntech.edu/craftcenter](http://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter)

Redmond's Classes contact Tracy Pseekos [tracy@redmondmachinery.com](mailto:tracy@redmondmachinery.com)

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking [www.dogwoodwoodworking.com](http://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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