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February Program: Robin Liles

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 PM in the Highland Woodworking upstairs activity room. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Our demonstrator will be Robin Liles from Griffin, Ga. Robin is best known for his innovative use of colored epoxies combined with highly figured woods to create unique pieces. Check out his website <http://www.lileswoodworking.4t.com/> He also had one of his epoxy-enhanced platters in last year's AAW show "Turning Green". He does beautiful pierced work on some of his pieces and won two 1st place awards for his hollowforms at the Ga. National Fair last Fall. Don't miss this unusual and interesting demo.

President's Message

We are in the second month of the new year with lots of exciting meetings and events planned. The Turning Southern Style symposium brochures have been completed and should be mailed this week, thanks to the hard work of Harvey Meyer.

We look forward to having Robin Liles as our featured turner for February. It will be a new experience for most turners since he will be working with epoxy.

Jim Sibley, Program Chairman, would appreciate any suggestions for featured turners or subjects for upcoming meetings. He may be contacted at 770 941-0048.

I would like to encourage all GAW members to join the AAW for the great benefits they provide including insurance.

This is a reminder that the AAW National Symposium will be June 20-22, 2008 in Richmond Virginia. Plan to attend this great event.

Danny McCravy
President

Woodturning Lessons for Youth

GAW is interested in helping young people learn woodturning. Schools have by and large done away with shop classes, so if we want to pass the art of woodturning on to the next generation,

we are going to have to teach them ourselves. We have a number of members that are ready and willing to teach young people to turn. If you know any kids or teenagers 10-18 years old that are interested, contact one of the club officers for more information.

From the AAW

Malcolm Tibbetts' February message:

As you might know by now, each month a different AAW board member is invited to address the membership in this setting. February is my turn.

The board has just held its winter meeting at this year's up-coming symposium site - Richmond, VA. After last fall's election, membership on the board has changed as Tom Wirsing takes a seat and Corey Anderson has been appointed to complete Sean Troy's term after Sean resigned for personal reasons. I wish Sean the very best and thank him for his service and I welcome Tom and Corey on board. Past board members Bill Haskell and I were re-elected; it continues to be an honor to serve.

There are some exciting things happening in the AAW. Of course the up-coming symposium is at the top of the list. I won't take space here to describe all the highlights of the symposium, but with over 91 different demonstration topics, I think it's fair to say that there will be something for everyone. After touring the Richmond Convention Center facilities, I was impressed by the demonstration space, the trade show and instant gallery space, and even the food service offerings. It's going to be an unbelievable experience for woodturners. I whole-heartedly encourage everyone to consider attending.

Our annual symposium has grown so much in recent years that not many facilities can accommodate us. One small restriction this year is the capacity of the banquet hall for our Saturday night dinner and auction. Tickets for this dinner are limited, so make sure you secure your tickets early; otherwise, you may be disappointed.

Another exciting AAW project - we have started work on a 25th Anniversary book that we hope to have available in 2011 at the St. Paul symposium. It seems as if we just celebrated our 20th anniversary and here we are preparing for the 25th. There will be much more on this book project in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any interesting stories related to the history of the AAW, then start thinking about sharing them.

As chair of the EOG (Education Opportunity Grants) committee, I am happy to report that almost 150 applications have been received for consideration. The committee members are busy evaluating the requests and we hope to award more than \$80,000 this year in individual scholarships, chapter assistance, and to school woodturning programs.

Have you visited your AAW website lately? Our webmaster, Ed Davidson, has really done a wonderful job; the site is easy to navigate and is full of valuable information. With the hard

work of board member, Jean LeGwin, and with Ed's expertise, soon members will have access to hundreds of past journal articles.

Bottom line: as we go into our 22nd year, the AAW continues to grow and continues to advance woodturning by providing more and more services to its members. The next time that you attend a club meeting, do your non-AAW friends a favor - convince them to join. I'm pretty sure that they will thank you.

Woodworking Show

The woodworking show last month at the Ga. International Convention was widely regarded as the best in some time. The **Woodturning In Georgia** booth coordinated by Tom Jeanes was 4 times as large as previously and we had 3 mini-lathes running continuously. The booth was staffed by woodturners from clubs all over the state. We have 14 woodturning clubs in Georgia now and this booth, which we man every year, serves as an excellent means of directing people interested in woodturning to a club near them.

We heard many favorable comments about the educational value of our booth. Thanks to all that contributed their time to promoting our hobby and craft.

Phil Colson Fantasy Turning Demo

Phil Colson, www.PhilColsonWoodturner.com, will be holding a Fantasy Turning Demonstration hosted by the Chattahoochee Woodturners on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Baxter's Belmont Shop in Gainesville, GA. The afternoon demonstration will be from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The fee for the demonstration is **\$25.00**. Register, pay and get directions on the Chattahoochee website www.chattahoocheewoodturners.com This demonstration is open to all area artists & woodturners. There is room for up to 60 registrants.

Following the afternoon demonstration, Phil will also be conducting the demo at the regular Chattahoochee Woodturners meeting from 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM. At 6:00 PM, sandwiches and drinks will be available. Visitors are welcome at the evening meeting.

If you have questions call Dan Albertus, President 404-702-0400.

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums

Southern States Symposium

April 25 -27 Georgia Mountain Center, Gainesville, Georgia

Featured Turners: John Mascoll, Graeme Priddle, Avelino Samuels, and Betty Scarpino

<http://www.southernstates.org/>

DVD/Video Tape Library

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. A full list of the videos is shown on our website. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. 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 each item not returned on time. New titles are being added every 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.highlandwoodworking.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking
www.dogwoodwoodworking.com

Redmond's Classes tracy@redmondmachinery.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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