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April Program: Nick Cook

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 PM in the Highland Woodworking upstairs activity room. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Our demonstrator will be Nick Cook from Marietta, Georgia. Nick will be demonstrating how to make a peppermill.

President's Message

The AAW National Symposium will be June 20-22, 2008 in Richmond Virginia. Volunteers are needed to work with team leaders of the various committees. If you want to be a demonstrator assistant, you must be able to help the demonstrator set up, assist the camera operator, and help clean up after the demonstration. If you are interested in being a volunteer please let me know.

Also, there will be a "return to the community" project. Attendees are encouraged to bring tops and other turned toys for donation to the Children's Hospital in Richmond. If you would like to participate and are not planning to attend the Symposium and would like to contribute to this project, you can turn toys and give them to me or others that will be attending.

On a note closer to home, Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta is looking for volunteers to turn items from trees downed by the recent tornado. The turned pieces are to be donated back to the Cemetery so they can auction these items to help cover their expenses of operation due to the storm. I feel this would be a worthy project for the club to participate in. If you have interest in this, please let me know.

We are looking forward to Nick Cook's demo at the April meeting on turning pepper mills. Nick is a great turner and a fantastic demonstrator. He is also our chapter advisor.

Danny McCravy
President

AAW Symposium

The AAW needs additional people to help out at the Richmond symposium. Besides the need for demonstrator assistants mentioned in the President's Message, there are a couple of other opportunities as follows:

One great opportunity for a spouse or member is to help out at the Instant Gallery. These folks are a great group of people that socialize and have a great time together and they get to see everyone and have fun to boot. To help here, contact Lynn Geller at lynnigel@pacbell.net .

Another opportunity for you to help is in the Youth Turning room. There is no greater feeling than helping a young person to learn to turn.

You will receive a free special T-shirt identifying you as an AAW volunteer. For any of these positions, please contact inquiries@woodturner.org as soon as possible.

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/>

Turning Day

Saturday, June 7th. This annual event brings together woodturners and woodworkers from all over the metro area. It will be held again this year at the Dogwood Institute, in Alpharetta. GAW, along with the Peach State Woodturners and the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia, sponsor this event to exchange ideas and techniques and promote the art and craft of woodturning.

Bring a friend and spend the day learning from the best and enjoy the BBQ and ice cream. Also, bring those tools that you want to get rid of as we will have a large "tool swap" and tailgate exchange. This year we will also have several truck loads of hand and power tools for ridiculously low prices. Best of all, the event is **FREE!**

Newcomers and non-members welcome.

Turning Southern Style XIV Symposium

Put the dates of September 19-21, 2008 on your calendar now. This annual symposium at Unicoi sponsored by our club will be here before you know it. The featured turners this year will be Jimmy Clewes, David Ellsworth, and Bonnie Klein. You can't get bigger names in woodturning than these. We expect this year's symposium to sellout early, so register now. Go to our website or get a symposium brochure and registration form from any club officer. There are still rooms left at Unicoi Lodge. Mention Group Code 01261 for the special GAW rate. Book early.

Georgia National Fair

This year the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia will be October 2-12. Due to the success of the woodturning exhibit last year, they have invited the woodturners of Georgia back again this year and will be greatly expanding the exhibit and sale. Last year we had 117 woodturned pieces exhibited. This year we hope to double that number. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given in 5 different categories. Many fair patrons and visitors also purchase the displayed work. Several members of our club sold pieces and received cash awards last year.

This year there will be no requirement to have your entries jurored or to submit pictures to display your work. There is a \$5 entry fee per piece, but there is no commission paid upon sales. Nick Cook will again judge the pieces for the awards, and there will be more Peoples Choice awards and prizes this year.

During the fair, woodturning docents will be on duty to talk to the public about woodturning and to answer any questions about the pieces on display. Docents receive free parking and 2 free tickets to the fair. To volunteer as a docent or for more information about displaying your pieces, contact Fred Morris at rfmorris@bellsouth.net.

Articles for Newsletter

Your editor is anxious to have more articles from members, such as last month's great article on sanding by Jack Morse. Articles can be short or up to about a page in length. Articles can be in any format, even handwritten. I'll retype or edit as needed.

Wes Jones

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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