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July Program:

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, July 17th at 6:30 PM in the Highland Woodworking upstairs activity room. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Our demonstrator will be Bruce Bell from Australia.

President's Message

Jane and I, along with several of our members, attended the AAW Symposium in Richmond and had a good time. It was well organized and had a lot of well known demonstrators. There were approximately 1800 participants at the banquet. The auction raised over \$60,000. The youth program with Nick Cook, Bonnie Klein, Joe Ruminski, & Jerry Miller handled 66 kids and was a great success. Jamie Sibley, who is Jim & Montez Sibley's grandson, won a lathe.

Thanks to Mark Sillay, we have a new location for our hands-on classes in the future at his shop in Stone Mountain.

Hope to see you at the meeting this month.

Danny McCravy
GAW President

Upcoming Club Demonstrations

July 17 - Bruce Bell, Australia

August 14 - John Lucas, Tennessee - Photography

September 18 - Jimmy Clewes, Great Britain

October 16 - Suzie Tindall, Atlanta - Ornamental Turning and Her Rose Engine Lathe

November 20 – (To Be Determined)

December 18 – Club Holiday Social

Turning Southern Style XIV Symposium

Turning Southern Style, the annual regional woodturning symposium put on by GAW, is coming up September 19-21, 2008. This will be our 14th woodturning symposium and is one of the longest continuously running symposiums in the country. The featured turners this year will be Jimmy Clewes, David Ellsworth, and Bonnie Klein. We expect this year's symposium to sellout early, so register now. Harvey Meyer is our Symposium Director and is working hard to make this the best one yet.

Go to our website to register or get a symposium brochure and registration form from any club officer. Mention Group Code #01261 to see if there are any rooms left at the special GAW rate. Book early if you want to stay at the Unicoi Lodge.

Georgia National Fair

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 was a huge success and 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 judged by Nick Cook. This year there will also be additional Awards of Merit and Honorable Mention awards. 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 juried or to submit pictures to display your work. There is a \$5 entry fee per piece, but there is no commission paid upon sales.

The Georgia National Fair is an incredible opportunity to promote woodturning to the general public. For woodturners it is a chance to display some of the finest examples of woodturning we will see this year. The opportunity to sell your work and not have to pay a commission is also a nice bonus to woodturners. Applications to submit your work must be in by the first week of August. Delivery of pieces will be September 12 and 13.

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.

Norton A275 Sanding Disk Review

If you're going to turn it, you're going to have to sand it. So we're all looking for more efficient ways to sand our work. Jack Morse's article in the March newsletter on sanding techniques was great. If you missed it, it is available on our website.

I recently tried out the new Norton A275 aluminum oxide sanding disks that Highland Woodworking is now carrying. Norton developed the A275 sandpaper for the automotive auto body finishing business and it is now available in 3" diameter 'hook and loop' disks that are perfect for powersanding our work. The disks are available in grits 80, 100, 120, 150, 180, 220, 240, 320, 400, 500, 600, 800, 1000, 1200, and 1500. The finer grits can be used to polish high gloss finishes.

Some of the features of the A275 disks are:

Heat-treated grit for 30-50% faster sanding.

B-weight, latex-reinforced paper backing for improved performance and flexibility.

A superior grit bonding system for better grit adhesion and longer disk life.

Waterbased-stearate coating to minimize disk clogging.

May be used wet or dry.

I've been using these disks for a couple of months now and I'm very impressed. They definitely last longer than ordinary sanding disks. Give them a try. If enough of us start buying the 3" disks, Norton may offer them in the 2" diameter size also.

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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

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