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President's Message

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM in the Highland Woodworking upstairs activity room. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Our demonstrator will be Jimmy Clewes from Great Britain.

Our annual regional woodturning symposium, Turning Southern Style XIV, will be this weekend, September 19-21, 2008. This 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. The symposium is sold out with a record number of attendees. Harvey Meyer, our Symposium Director, has worked hard to make this the best one yet. Also, the tradeshow this year will be bigger than ever, thanks to the hard work of B. J. Hatcher.

This month's meeting will be conducted by Leigh Brookes, Vice President, since I will be at Unicoi helping set up for the symposium.

Danny McCravy
GAW President

Upcoming Club Demonstrations

September 18 - Jimmy Clewes, Great Britain

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

November 20 – David Lewis, Norton Abrasives - Abrasive Paper and Grinding Wheels

December 18 – Club Holiday Social

Georgia National Fair

The Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia is coming up October 2-12. About 150 woodturning pieces have been submitted this year. Fred Morris reports that the work is truly outstanding and is a real compliment to the woodturners of our state. Don't miss this opportunity to see some really beautiful woodturning from all across Georgia.

There are also still a lot of open slots available for woodturners to serve as docents and discuss woodturning with the general public and answer questions about the pieces on display. This is an excellent way to promote woodturning to others and help people get involved in this hobby that we love. If you volunteer to work 3 hours as a docent, you will get 2 free one-day passes to the Fair, as well as free parking. To volunteer as a docent or for more information, contact Fred Morris at 770 358-6500 or rfmorris@bellsouth.net.

AAW News

Please alert your membership about a unique event scheduled in a few months. This will be the very first symposium exclusively organized for "segmented" turners. The dates are November 14-16 at the Marc Adams School in Indiana. All the details are posted on the event website at <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>

With the idea of moving its program ahead and keeping its fiscal house in order, the AAW has made two key personnel changes.

First, for the past six years the editor of the *American Woodturner*, our AAW Journal, has been Carl Voss. Carl has been a very dedicated, respected, and well-liked editor who has raised our journal to a new and highly-praised level, for which we are all very appreciative. With the end of Carl's contract approaching, bids from him and other qualified sources were sought that would make Journal production more efficient, reduce cost, and bring more coverage into place. With those objectives in mind, Betty Scarpino, a former Journal editor and professional woodturner, was selected by the board to become the next editor. Betty has lots of new ideas and vision for the Journal - we look forward to seeing her product in 2009.

In addition, Mary Lacer has been appointed Executive Director as of September 2, 2008, replacing Larry Sommer. We wish Larry well in his future endeavors.

Mary Lacer has been the face of AAW for 18 years. She has a passion for woodturning and is committed to the field. She has been a practicing woodturner for 28 years and has taught at some of the major woodturning schools. Mary ran a woodturning business for nine years, producing a wide range of turnings, production work, and art pieces. Everyone who knows Mary admires and respects her for her friendliness, capabilities, and dedication to our organization. She has proven herself to be an excellent Managing Director, and more recently, Assistant Executive Director. Mary understands the duties of Executive Director and is ready to meet the needs and challenges of the Association. We feel she will do a superb job!

We look forward to a bright, productive, and exciting future with Mary Lacer at the helm, and with Betty Scarpino producing the Journal. When you have the opportunity, please welcome them into these new positions for them.

The AAW Board of Directors.

Raffle of Woodturned Art

Shortly after Doug Barnes passed away, Fred Morris contacted the GAW Board and asked if we would be interested in organizing and conducting a Doug Barnes memorial fund raiser to benefit the John C. Campbell Folk School woodturning studio.

For those who didn't know Doug, in the mid-1990's he became Assistant Resident Woodturning Artist at John C. Campbell Folk School (JCCFS) and in 2003 succeeded Willard Baxter as The Resident Woodturning Artist. Doug was the President of the Brasstown Woodturners Guild for the last several years and also managed the Southern States Woodturning Symposium in Gainesville for the last two years. Through his work in these capacities and his many woodturning demonstrations for clubs around the Southeast, he touched the lives of many woodturners in Georgia and across the nation. We feel that this is an ideal opportunity to commemorate those efforts while at the same time, in Doug's memory, improve the woodturning studio and facilities at JCCFS.

The GAW Board agreed to Fred's proposal and we decided the best way to maximize exposure and raise funds would be to ask outstanding turners from each chapter across the state to contribute a piece of their work for an on-line raffle. This is not an exclusive GAW project. We are merely organizing the event and using our website. The raffle web pages will be generic and all clubs and contributors will be given credit on-line, as well as when the funds are presented to the John C. Campbell Folk School.

The club presidents of the chapters across the state have been contacted and asked to solicit 2 woodturned pieces from some of their more experienced members. We decided to request only 2 pieces from each club to keep the number of items at a level we can reasonably handle. Color pictures and full descriptions of each piece will be posted on the raffle web pages.

We plan to sell raffle tickets for each individual piece. In other words, tickets purchased for a particular piece will go into a separate "bucket" for that piece. Our tentative plan is to sell the tickets for \$10.00. We will be using a "shopping cart" page similar to on-line mail order sites. We are working to make arrangements to accept credit card and PayPal payments. In addition, there will be a "Donation" option, which will allow people to make a monetary donation to the memorial fund without purchasing raffle tickets.

The raffle drawing will take place at the November 20 GAW meeting and winners will be notified as soon as possible after that meeting. The pieces will be shipped directly from the woodturning artist to the winners.

Complete information will be sent out to woodturners and collectors across the nation as soon as all the arrangements have been finalized.

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

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The following GAW club members give private woodturning instruction in their own shops. Contact them for more information.

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