



## **President's Letter** May 2009

Be sure to attend the May 21 meeting with Kim Winkle as our demonstrator. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn from an expert on the use of milk paint and enhancing your turned pieces.

Registration deadline for the AAW Symposium to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 26 - June 28-2009, is May 15, 2009. Detailed information can be found at the AAW website.

Please renew your GAW membership to continue receiving the newsletter.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month.

Danny

## **Things of Interest to Members**

### **Contributions from members: Wes Jones**

#### **From Wes Jones**

#### **Art Show**

Wes Jones and Wayne Smith are having an art show in the Heritage Room of the Georgia Heritage Center for the Arts at Tallulah Falls during the month of May. Wes specializes in all types of woodturning art and Wayne does paintings, collages, wall hangings, and photography. The GHCA at Tallulah Falls is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. It is located on Hwy. 441 just north of the bridge across the Tallulah River. No admission is charged. Art is available for purchase.

### **2009 NC Woodturning Symposium**

October 23-25, 2009

Greensboro NC

On behalf of the NC Woodturning Symposium Board of Directors, we invite you to attend the 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium. The AAW chapters in North Carolina have joined forces to plan an exceptional symposium including 17 international and regional demonstrators. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! We look forward to meeting you in Greensboro.

\*Demonstrators include\*:

Allen Batty  
Stewart Batty  
Jimmy Clewes  
Ray Key  
Stewart Mortimer  
Chris Ramsey  
Nick Cook  
John Jordan

With many more regional and local demonstrators planned.

\*Demonstrator line up subject to change\*

Please checkout and register on our website at [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com)

Vendor sign ups happening now. Space awarded on a first received, first awarded basis. Check must be received to ensure your place in booth choice.

Don't miss out on one of the most wonderful line-ups of demonstrators on the east coast in 2009.

Attendance in 07' was 327 attendees, and 14 vendors. Our goal in 09' is to achieve 400+ attendees, and 20 vendors. We are asking vendors to donate to the raffle and auction if possible. Any donations are accepted and your company will be announced during the banquet.

All questions should be directed to [lbbunn3@hotmail.com](mailto:lbbunn3@hotmail.com).

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**Subject: Manzanita Burl for Woodturners**

**From:** Rick Dennis <[rickdennis7@yahoo.com](mailto:rickdennis7@yahoo.com)>

Hi, My name is Richard Dennis. Woodturner. I have been turning Manzanita Burls for many years. Last year a forest fire ripped through our forest and in the process of fighting it, a lot of Manzanita was uprooted. Through a special effort between myself and the Forest Service to make these rare burls available to woodturners and craftsmen. Some of the proceeds will be going toward reforestation efforts in our local woods in the spring.

For those of you who are not familiar with this elegant wood, it is highly figured, displaying a wide spectrum of colors: crimson red, browns, golds ranging from 1" to 24" in size. Northern CA is one of the few places where Manzanita forms burls at the base, making it a very distinctive and rare hardwood. Yes, Manzanita is still a protected plant. We only take already uprooted burls

We offer choice turning burls, round or pear shaped, tall for candlesticks, short, fat, all shapes and sizes. If you have a special request, let me know. I am always running across spectacular pieces of wood that I just know someone would be able to transform into a piece of art.

If you would like to see pictures and a pricelist let me know via e-mail, visit my website or call me at 530-335-2883, or 530-949-5202 . If you would like to visit the burl yard, we are located in Shasta County near Burney Falls State Park. Our address is 20175 Arrowood St. in Burney, about 50 miles east of Redding.

We also have special discounted pricelist for less than perfect turning burls, which some turners prefer to get a more characteristic, sculpted look for unusual pieces used for bases and displays. We accept credit cards through pay pal, or personal checks. We have a special shipping rate through UPS, but often ship common carrier for large orders. We also have a pallet price. First time customers are 10% off and we will throw in a practice burl at no charge.

Here is a price list. I often have an over abundances of certain sizes and can offer them at a better deal. Let me know what you are interested in and I will see if we can bargain.

Choice Burls are symmetrical, round and pear shaped."(We also have tall for vases) and Guaranteed to produce heirloom quality turnings with proper technique and skill. .

Seasoned under ground to prevent excessive cracking, virtually rock free.

Specify round for bowl or pear-shaped for vases.

	Choice	less than perfect
#0 1-3"...	\$ 2.00	1.50
#!1 3 -5"...	\$ 6.00	4.50
#2 5-7".	\$18.00	14.50
#3 7-9".	\$38.00	29.00
#4 9-11"	\$58.00	39.00
#5 11-13"	\$88.00	74.00
#6 13-15"	\$138.00	119.00
#7 15-17"	\$168.00	144.00
#8 18-21"	upon request	
#9 21 +	(subject to availability)	

10% Discount for first order.

Imperfect turners and base burls available for less.

You can pay by personal check or credit cards [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com)

Shipped through UPS or freight for larger orders

Thank you for your inquiry.

Rick Dennis

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Rick now has a website. Take a look at

[www.nativemanzanitaburl.com](http://www.nativemanzanitaburl.com)

### **Newsletter input request**

Roger Sword – Newsletter Editor [editor@gawoodturner.org](mailto:editor@gawoodturner.org)

Any newsletter to be published is only as good as input received. Therefore, I solicit members input (Articles, News items, suggestions, etc.) to make this newsletter serve GAW members as a form of communication. I want woodturning articles, tips, product reviews and any other building blocks of content that you may have to share. Contact the editor at the above email address

## Upcoming Club Activities

### Turning Southern Style XV

GAW's 15th annual symposium will be held this year on Sept 18 - 20, 2009 at Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, GA. Featured turners include Bill Grumbine from Pennsylvania, Art Liestman from British Columbia, and Al Stirt from Vermont. Also demonstrating will be Nick Cook, Wes Jones, Joe Gettys, and Dave Barriger. Please visit the website for more info at [www.gawoodturner.org/symposium.shtml](http://www.gawoodturner.org/symposium.shtml) or contact Harvey Meyer at [symposium@gawoodturner.org](mailto:symposium@gawoodturner.org).

### GAW Club Demonstrator schedule

May through July meetings is as follows:

May - Kim Winkle

June - Alan Hollar

July - Don Olsen

### AAW SECTION

## **AAW Mailings to Georgia Association of Woodturners**

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

## **Call for Volunteers!**

**Please join us as a volunteer in Albuquerque and make this Symposium the best ever.**

**Volunteers are needed in most areas, and especially:**

**\* Demo Room Assistant**

**\* Youth Turning Assistants**

**\* Instant Gallery (registration not required)**

**\*Registration and packet stuffing (registration not required)**

**\* Auction Assistants**

**\* Spouse Craft Room (registration not required)**

**Spouse (Significant Other) Craft Room:** This is a room where non-woodturners can enjoy their own crafts in the company of others, and see some demos and/or showings of a variety of crafts such as quilting, pressed flower greeting cards, scrapbooking (traditional and electronic), machine knitting and others. The room will be open during the symposium hours. Please bring your in

progress or completed projects with you so we can all enjoy them. If you would like to do a demo or have any questions, don't hesitate to [contact Carol Ellis](#) for more information.

Please [contact John Ellis](#), the Symposium Liaison and Volunteer Coordinator, for volunteer assignments. Volunteers get to know the demonstrators and meet fellow AAW members, greatly enhancing their Symposium experience.

If you have already signed up as a volunteer -THANK YOU

## Chapter News

Local Chapter emails will continue to develop and expand as a tool for the AAW as well as the local chapters. You will notice links to current events on the AAW website.

**North Dakota Symposium *Dale Larson writes:*** I just returned from the two day mini-symposium in Bismarck, North Dakota. It was a nice format with three rotating demonstrators, Greg Haugen, Tom Larson and Don Wattenhofer. There were three turning rooms. Each session started with the demonstrator turning his project with the turners watching. Then the turners went to their lathes and turned the project. By the end of the symposium each turner had turned three projects: a box, a square bowl and a natural edge goblet. Then each demonstrator finished with a special demonstration. As always, my favorite was the instant gallery. The North Dakota mini-symposium shows that it is possible to put on a successful teaching symposium with a smaller number of turners. Thanks to Ron Day who did a great job of organizing the event. I would encourage other local chapters to consider putting on two-day mini-symposiums in their area. Whenever possible a board member is representing AAW and attending mini-symposiums. If you already have a mini-symposium scheduled [send in your event details](#). We would also like to include information in these newsletters.

**AAW Banner-** We have two colorful and eye catching AAW banners. The local chapter banner is 3 feet long and the AAW symposium banner is 8 feet long. These can be borrowed for public events like woodworking shows. We would ask that the postage be covered by your local chapter. The local chapter banner is available for local chapters to purchase or the computer file for the banner can be sent to you to customize and print. Please [contact the office](#) if you are interested.

**EOG Auction items available on line** - Proceeds from this years AAW Symposium auction go into the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) fund, and are used to provide educational grants to AAW members and chapters. We expect many members to participate in the EOG auction this year, so it will be a great opportunity to get good exposure for your work. We are looking forward to enthusiastic bidding to raise as much as possible for scholarships. Donations of quality work and enthusiastic bidding allows us to achieve this goal. AAW members donating work to the auction have a choice as to how much of the proceeds go to the EOG. They can designate that 100%, or that 50% go to the EOG with the remainder going back to the member. This year, we will publicize many of the donated pieces on the AAW website, where we are creating a place for members to preview the auction pieces. In addition, bidders who cannot be present at the auction will be able to submit a "sealed maximum bid" via the website so that an AAW staff member can bid on their behalf at the symposium. To see the website layout, [click here](#).

**New AAW Logo items-** We have added two items to our AAW logo products, a short sleeve denim shirt and a royal blue hooded sweatshirt. Click [here](#) to take a look.

**Call for Volunteer** - AAW is developing a marketing plan to cover all aspects of our organization. We are looking for someone with expertise and experience in the marketing field. Please forward this message on to your local chapter members and have them contact [Mary Lacer](#).

## Navigation for AAW Website

- [2009 Symposium Information](#)
- [Return to the Community](#)
- [AAW Membership online](#)
- [AAW Logo Items](#)
- [Gallery of Wood Art](#)

## Contact Information

For your local chapter events or topics of interest please send information to:

[Dale Larson](#) or [Linda Ferber](#)

- [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) [www.galleryofwoodart.org](http://www.galleryofwoodart.org) [inquiries@woodturner.org](mailto:inquiries@woodturner.org)

See you in Albuquerque

## AAW Websites

- [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)
- [galleryofwoodart.org](http://galleryofwoodart.org)
- [Symposium information](#)
- [POP Grant application](#)
  
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See you in Albuquerque!

### **Subject: Volunteers for AAW symposium Auction**

If you are planning on attending the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque June 26, 27, and 28th and would like to have a lot of fun at the EOG Auction at the banquet on Saturday night, please volunteer to be an auction spotter. We

always have a huge crowd and need truly attentive and energetic spotters to make sure that we get all of the bids. Also if you or someone that you know that will be there has experience as a backup auctioneer, I would love to know about it. (You never know when an auctioneer may fall sick) If you can help, please send an email with your phone information to me at [johnhill6@verizon.net](mailto:johnhill6@verizon.net).

John Hill - AAW Auctioneer and Auction committee chair  
[johnhill6@verizon.net](mailto:johnhill6@verizon.net)

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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!

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### **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.highlandwoodworking.com](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com)

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

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.

**Frank Bowers**  
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