



President's Letter October 2009

I hope everyone enjoyed the XV annual symposium. Thanks to Harvey & Katie along with the many volunteers that helped make this year's symposium one of the most successful ones yet. The Unicoi staff did a fantastic job with the banquet. I would like to personally thank all those that helped with the cleanup on Sunday. We had a record number of volunteers that made this year's cleanup one of the easiest and quickest that I can remember. The demonstrators were well received and seemed to enjoy themselves.

This month's demonstrator will be Ken Dunlap from Seneca, SC.

Ken is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, and was a former member of the Central New York Woodturners. He is presently on the board of directors of the Carolina Mountain Woodturners. He has been working with wood for over 45 years and now turns full time in his studio. His work can be found in MIYA Gallery in Weaverville, and Curiosity Shoppe, Helens, GA.

Ken's demo will feature wood sculpting using multi-axis turning techniques.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience first hand the teachings of a master turner.

All members are invited to Atlanta Hardwoods customer appreciation day November 7, from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at 5400 Riverview Road Mableton, GA 30126. There will be demonstrations on various subjects. You can also bring items to sell ---lunch will be served.

Things of Interest to Members Reminders !!!!

Sadly, we express our condolences to the family of Ron Suter. Ron, a long time GAW member, passed away on Oct 6, 2009. I'm sure he will be missed by his friends at GAW. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday October 10 at 1 pm at the First Baptist Church Woodstock in the Chapel Building (old Sanctuary). The address is 11905 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA 30188.

It is my understanding that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gideon Bible Society in Ron's name.

Georgia National Fair News

20th Annual Georgia National Fair

"20 Years of Georgia's Best"

Oct. 8-18, 2009

The 2009 winners for the Georgia National Fair Woodturning Are:

Class 1, Bowls: (37 entries)

- 1st Steve Pritchard, "Ambrosia Maple"
- 2nd Wes Jones, "Words for Our Times II"
- 3rd Charles B. Jackson, "Red Bird"
- HM Wes Jones, "Precious Pisces I"
- HM Charles B. Jackson "Flaming Winds"
- HM Fred Morris "Spalted Maple"

Class 2, Hollow Forms (30 Pieces)

- 1st Jack Morse "Maple/Ambrosia Donut"
- 2nd Normand Lavoie "Roses are Red"
- 3rd Wes Jones "Explosivity"
- HM Keith Rueckert "Maple Burl Closed Form"
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- HM Michael Gibson "Box Elder/African Blackwood"

Class 3, Segmented (8 pieces)

- 1st and Best of Show Charles Whittle, "King Tut"
- 2nd Fred Kachelhofer "Walnut Jewelry Box"
- 3rd Robert Davis "Five-o-Five Vessel"

HM Charles Whittle "Aladdin's Dream"

HM Charles Whittle "Pharoah's Folly"

HM Richard Willits "Well Done"

Class 4, Plates & Platters (15 pieces)

1st Ron Suter "Mayan Mahogany Platter"

2nd Steve Pritchard "My Heart Pounds When You're Around"

3rd Cynthia & Mich Gibson "Camphor Plate"

HM David Ingmire "Jatoba Plate w/Rope Border"

HM Fred Morris "African Mahogany Plate"

HM Peggy Schmid "Cherry Burl Platter Splatter"

Class 5, Functional (22 Pieces)

1st Tommy Roland "Christmas Ornaments"

2nd Duane Hardesty "Cowboy Hat"

3rd Keith Rueckert "Boxelder Tall Vase"

HM Edgar Perkerson "Three Goblets"

HM Steve Pritchard "Maple and Cocobolo Urn"

HM William Roy Yarger "Laminated Spice Mill"

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

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.

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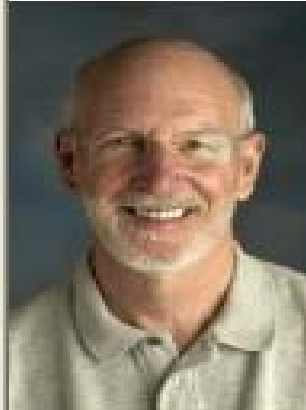
Any newsletter to be published is only as good as input received. Therefore, I solicit members input (Articles, News items, suggestions, etc.) to make this newsletter serve GAW members as a form of communication. I want woodturning articles, tips, product reviews and any other building blocks of content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

American Association of Woodturners News

www.woodturner.org

August 2009 AAW Board Letter

Message from Tom Wirsing



Dear AAW Members,
AAW Symposia, a Major Benefit, and lots of Fun!
Exciting member benefits:

NEW o Six issues of American Woodturner starting in 2010

NEW o Marketing opportunities on our website for artists, collectors and museums

NEW o Group rates for health and life insurance o Merchandise Discounts on AAW products

o Access to Educational Opportunity Grants o AAW Forum and Member-only Access on

www.woodturner.org o Juried exhibit opportunities o International AAW Woodturning Symposium

All of these are very valuable benefits. But if you measure the value of benefits by how much fun they are, the AAW Symposium is the Winner!

The 2009 AAW Symposium was in June in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and it was really fun! Nearly 1,300 woodturners participated. We had a great slate of world class demonstrators and panelists, and hundreds of individual events. The Instant Gallery had nearly 1000 stunningly beautiful woodturnings. Every major manufacturer of lathes, tools and turning accessories was represented in the Trade Show. <

Three Exhibitions drew thousands of visitors. The Spouse Craft Room was a great success. The Auction at the Banquet raised over \$100,000, with net proceeds of \$62,825 to benefit the Educational Opportunity Grant program. Special Interest Night discussions included many subjects of interest. And there was much more. All in all, it was great fun!

The 2010 AAW Symposium will be in Hartford, Connecticut June 18 - 20, 2010, and it will be just as much fun as Albuquerque, if not more! We will have a great slate of demonstrators and panelists again, including Hans Weissflog from Germany, Christian Delhon from France, Jimmy Clewes and Joey Richardson from England, Glenn Lucas from Ireland, Graeme Priddle from New Zealand, Michael Fortune from Canada, and a host of demonstrators from the USA, including Trent Bosch, Cindy Drozda, Sharon Doughtie, Mark St. Leger, Peter Bloch, Peter Exton, Stephen Gleasner, John Jordan, Michael Kehs, and more. The call for additional demonstrators is on the AAW web site. To apply to be a demonstrator, visit the AAW web site at www.woodturner.org and submit an application.

Hartford will be a wonderful venue, with a large percentage of the AAW membership within a day's drive, exceptional facilities including the Connecticut Convention Center, many nearby hotels, and a host of points of interest including historic sites, cultural and scenic venues, shopping and restaurants. Don't miss it! It's going to be fun!

See you in Hartford! Where else can you meet and mingle with the greatest, friendliest, and most sharing group of woodturners in the world?

Tom Wirsing

Tom

Chairperson, Symposium Planning Committee

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS 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.

John Buso is also looking for someone with expertise and experience in the insurance industry to serve on the insurance committee.

Please forward this message on to your Local Chapter members and have them contact [Mary Lacer](#) if they are interested in helping AAW promote woodturning.

A message from Jean LeGwin with the AAW

I am asking for your participation in our journal American Woodturner. The journal offers many things packaged neatly between two paper covers: it records our history, showcases our work, discusses techniques and tools for producing our work, offers us projects to improve our skills, and critiques the work of our professionals. It is a large and complex undertaking to try and satisfy our diverse membership.

Our journal is a member driven publication and is dependent on your participation not just as a reader, but also as a contributor. We welcome your input in creating content that represents interests of all segments of the membership. If you do not see the type of articles or work that you think should be included in the journal, please write and let Betty Scarpino or a board member know. Better yet, write an article yourself on a subject that is near and dear to you. If you believe that you are not a writer, partner with someone who can work with you to put your thoughts and ideas on paper. That person may be your spouse, a friend, or another club member. If you have a project that you have developed, or a technique you would like to share, take some step-by-step photos of your process and write a set of instructions that will allow others to do the same. [Here is a link](#) that explains what you need to do to provide.

If you have an idea you would like to discuss with Betty before you proceed, she can be reached [by clicking here](#). She will be happy to talk with you about how you might translate your idea into a publishable piece.

Finally, many of us have made a jig to make a task easier, stumbled on a shortcut to speed up production, found interesting storage solutions for tools and other turning paraphernalia, made tools for a particular task, and discovered general tips to help us in our shops and with our turning. You get the idea. Please share those with the rest of us in our Tips section. Send your [email tip](#) to John Lucas or by snail mail at or 529 1st Avenue North, Baxter, TN 38544. You may be rewarded with seeing it in print and a check for \$35.

Journal Resources

For those of you who are looking for more projects, I'd like to remind you that the AAW has some wonderful project books available with projects for all skill levels. Five books are now available covering the period from 1987–2004. Check out the contents of the individual books [through this link](#)

Like a bargain? Have a look at the American Woodturner back issue collection on CD. Every issue of the journal from 1986 to 2006 is available on the three-CD set. They contain an amazing amount of very useful

information on tool making, projects of all types, techniques, articles on design, and much, much more. Each CD has a searchable PDF index that let's you find a listing; click on any index entry and the article opens to that page. It makes finding that project you need incredibly easy. Everything is also printable so you can print the pages you need and take out to the shop. At \$32 each, you can have all the major articles from American Woodturner at your fingertips. [Here's the link](#) for more information.

Call for 2010 Demonstrators Interested in demonstrating at the AAW's 2010 symposium? Watch for announcements in the journal and on the website. The 2010 symposium, to be held in Hartford, CT is the AAW's largest annual event and generally attracts more than 1,000 woodturners. For more information contact the AAW offices at 651-484-9094 or [email](#).

Membership Survey The AAW is considering putting out a survey to the membership. What areas of concern would you like to see addressed in a survey. We can discuss ideas at the membership meeting or email them to [Dale Larson](#).

Chapter Collaborative I would encourage you to think ahead to next year and organize your local chapter members to participate in the Chapter Collaborative turning project for the symposium. It can take time to come up with an idea, draw up the plans and coordinate the turning. The rewards are amazing. It can really bring a local chapter together. The project encourages creativity and camaraderie. And you get to vote on the best of the show at the symposium.

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Gallery of Wood Art

We are currently exhibiting "CODAchrome A Snapshot of Craft in America" which will continue through August 7, 2009. This is a selection of art and fine craft works in many media: fiber, wood, ceramics, jewelry, paper and more. This exhibit celebrates the work being done by the many craft associations, schools, galleries and guilds that provide support, education and exposure to artists. Learn more at www.codacraft.org

The "Spindles" exhibit is closing and being packed to travel to the Albuquerque symposium where items will be placed in the POP auction. At the symposium "Spirit of the Southwest" will be exhibited. From there it will travel to our Gallery of Wood Art, showing September 14th to December 21st.

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Contact Information

For your local chapter events or topics of interest please send information to:
[Dale Larson](#) or [Linda Ferber](#)

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

Woodturning Instructors

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

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