

GAW Newsletter — April 2011

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President's Message

This month's demonstrator is Frank Penta and he will be demonstrating how to create a multi axis platter. Frank has been involved in woodworking throughout his life and began to focus specifically on woodturning in 1997. His work integrates function and aesthetics with fine detailing and finishing to enhance the natural beauty of the wood. Frank's one-of-a-kind designs are exhibited in private collections and sold through museums and galleries.

He has been a demonstrator at numerous woodturning clubs and symposia and has conducted workshops in a variety of settings including John C. Campbell Folk School and the Appalachian Center for Crafts. His work has been featured in American Woodturner magazine and can be found in collections and galleries across the country. He has also co-authored Woodturning Tools, Techniques, and Projects with Alan Leland.

Frank's professional experience in education is reflected in his teaching ability and the high quality of his woodturning classes, demonstrations, and instructional handouts.

I received an email recently from Beth Ireland, a woodturner/artist/educator who has developed a project she calls Turning Around America. The project basically involves traveling the country and teaching woodturning to as many people as she can. In Atlanta, she will be teaching at the Shenck School on April 26 and has asked if

any of our club members would be interested in providing mini lathes and/or helping for the day. We currently have four lathes and four helpers offered, but I am sure she would be happy with more. Please see the article below for more information.

Beth will also be demonstrating in Athens on Saturday, April 23rd. For more information click [here](#). In addition, she will be at the Southern States XI Symposium April 29, 30 and May 1.

The AAW is holding an on line auction to help support its Professional Outreach Program (POP). The auction is being held in two parts. The first part will have closed by the time this newsletter goes out, but the second part, which includes sixteen pieces, will not end until Saturday, April 23rd at noon with pieces ending every fifteen minutes thereafter. Artists represented include Trent Bosch, Don Derry, David Ellsworth, J Paul Fennell, Binh Pho, Graeme Priddle, Jacques Vesery, Andi Wolfe and others. The auction is being held on eBay and for more information and/or to enter a bid, click [here](#).

If you are thinking of going to the AAW national symposium, May 15th is the deadline to save \$50 on registration. It looks like they are going to put on quite a show for the organization's 25 anniversary so this one will be a great one to attend. If you are not a member, you will have to join first. You can do that by

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clicking below.

<http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/>. Members can register on line in the members only section at <http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>.

Please remember the GAW has an exhibit at the Douglas County Art Center in the month of September. Regardless of skill level, all members are encouraged to exhibit work.

As I announced at the last meeting, Ron Britton will be stepping down as program committee chairman at the end of this year. This is one of the most important and visible positions within the club and, while it does take time to do well, it can be very rewarding as well. One of the highlights is getting to interact with some of the best woodturners in the world. For example, Ron has become close friends

with Jimmy Clewes. Had he not volunteered to become program committee chairman, that would probably never have happened. So, if you're interested, please contact me or any of the board members. The sooner we get someone lined up for next year, the sooner we can get them together with Ron so that they can be learning the job.

We will also be looking for a nominating committee chairman soon, so if you are interested in stepping forward to help out the club in this way, please contact me or any of the board members.

That is all for this month. See you at the meeting on the 21st.

Steve Pritchard

Reminders, Items of Interest

Beth Ireland—Turning Around America

Beth Ireland, a woodturner/artist/educator has developed a project she calls Turning Around America. As she describes it: Four years ago I conceived of a traveling educational project I call Turning Around America. The main goal of this project is to empower people through the simple act of making an object in wood. This project consists of a seven-month journey around the country teaching hand skills through woodturning and woodworking to as many groups and individuals as I can come in contact with.

Beth is going to be in the Atlanta area on April 26th at the Shenck School in Atlanta (about a mile inside 285 and a little east of Roswell Rd.) teaching kids for the day. When possible, she invites members of local groups to come help her and/or bring lathes for the day. She has asked if any of our club members would be interested in helping on the 26th.

The event would be from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. She has a variety of classes available will cover whatever anyone has time for. The school is very flexible so she will plan the project around the number of people and lathes she can get.

After looking through her web site at <http://www.turningaroundamerica.com/> this looks like a very worthwhile project and I am sure that anyone who helps out would find the experience very rewarding. Even if you cannot be there for the entire day, I am sure she would welcome your help for whatever time you can afford to give. If you are interested, please contact Beth at:

beth.ireland@verizon.net. Please also copy Steve Pritchard at president@gawoodturner.org.

If you have a lathe that can be used but you are unable to deliver and pick it up, please contact Steve and he will try to find someone that can do it for you.

Note the picture of my bowl on the MLCS website in the link below.

Wes Jones—Bowl on MLCS Website

Wes Jones notified us that one of his bowls, made using tools from the MLCS Company, was featured on their web site. Check it out [here](#).

Newsletter input request

We are always soliciting members input (articles, news items, tips, suggestions, links to relevant web sites, or any other content that you have to share) to make this newsletter better serve GAW members. Send ideas / content to:

editor@gawoodturner.org

Tips & Hints

Tips & Hints Requested

If you have a tip that will make turning easier, more fun, safer, or make our pieces turn out better why not share it. Just send it to me—the newsletter editor at editor@gawoodturner.org

Demonstrations, Events

Upcoming GAW Demonstrators:

All meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. See Contact page for location information.

- Apr 21st 2011—Frank Penta—Demonstrates how to make a multi-axis platter. A past president of the Woodturners Guild of North Carolina, Frank has been involved in woodworking throughout his life. He began to focus specifically on woodturning in 1997. His work integrates function and aesthetics with fine detailing and finishing to enhance the natural beauty of the wood. Frank's one-of-a-kind designs are exhibited in private collections and sold through museums and galleries.
- May 19th 2011—Jimmy Clews—Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit.
- June 16th 2011—Nick Cook—Everything you wanted to know about the skew, and more.
- July 15th 2011—Mark St. Leger—topics TBD also hands on 21st also at Peachtree Woodworking.
- August 19th 2011—Sharon Doughtie—topics TBD also hands on 18th also at Peachtree Woodworking.
- September 16th 2011—Ernie Newman topics TBD
- October 21st 2011—Wes Jones Beal Buffing System
- November 18th 2011—Mark Sillay topic TBD
- December 16th 2011—GAW CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Jimmy Clews Hands On Workshops

Three hands on workshops will be held on Friday 5/20, Saturday 5/21, and Sunday 5/22. The location will be Peachtree Woodworking. Friday May 20th Projects: Lidded Box with Ebony Insert, Natural Edge Bowl, and Closed Bowl with Turquoise inlay. Saturday May 21st Projects: Natural Edge Vase, Clam Shell Box and Platter with colored rim, Sunday May 22nd Projects: Lidded Box with Ebony Insert, Natural Edge Bowl, and Closed Bowl with Turquoise inlay. Cost will be \$45 for GAW members. Anyone interested in the class needs to sign up and pay Ron Britton.

Southern States Symposium XI

April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011

Featured Demonstrators:

- Mark Gardner—Saluda, NC
- Beth Ireland—Roslindale, MA
- Robert Rosand—Bloomsburg, PA
- Steve Sinner—Bettendorf, IA

For more information visit the Symposium web site at: www.southernstatessymposium.org

AAW 25th Anniversary Symposium

The AAW's 25th anniversary symposium will be held in Saint Paul, MN. There is an outstanding slate of demonstrators and panelists, so if you are a member, please consider attending and make your reservations early.

Instant Gallery Photos, March Meeting

March Instant Gallery

Every month the members of our club produce many fine pieces. This month is no exception. Take a look at the items below. If you have a question about any of the pieces, contact the owner at the next meeting.



Pierced and non-pierced Ash vessels, surface treatment is black shoe polish (2 coats, sanded in between)—Harvey Meyer



Two nicely finished small bowls—Grace Goitia



Carved Leaf vessel (Sweetgum?) with walnut collar, finished with lacquer—Leigh Brooks



Andiroba segmented vessel, segments cut to maximize the chatoyance—John Rudert



Walnut swiveling cube, hollowed on multiple axis's—George Daughtry



Walnut bowl with carved flowers around outside of rim—Wes Jones



Giant Elm, triple crotch bowl / vessel, finished with Lacquer—Niall Mathieson

Instant Gallery Photos, February Meeting—Cont.



Tiny yellow birdhouse with painted design—Grace Goitia

Two small tea cups, turned, burned, and carved—Michael & Cynthia Gibson



First segmented vessel from Suzie Tindall. SW shape, made with Wenge, Maple, Bloodwood and finished with Waterlox

Mike, cutting the beads on the outside of the bowl.



Several examples of Cynthia's pyrography used in her demonstration.



Demonstration—Mike & Cynthia Gibson

Mike demonstrated turning an enclosed beaded bowl with round base. Cynthia demonstrated embellishing turned and carved forms with pyrography.

Mike turning his enclosed bowl before beading.



A number of examples of Mike and Cynthia's finished work on display for the GAW members.



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 lim-

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

ited 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

Woodcraft www.woodcraft.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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The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning.

The GAW services those in the metro-Atlanta area. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at Highland Woodworking (www.highlandwoodworking.com) in Virginia Highlands. Meetings are open to all. Enter through the loading dock at the rear of the building and go up-stairs. Highland Woodworking closes at 6:00 P.M. on Thursdays, so come early and shop.

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www.woodturnerscatalog.com

800-551-8876

Woodturning Supplies

Packard

www.packardwoodworks.com

800-683-8876

Woodturning Supplies

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Woodturning Association

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800-228-0000

Abrasives and woodturning supplies

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www.highlandhardware.com

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Woodworking tools, supplies

The Cutting Edge

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800-790-7980

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Q & A on Woodturning

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Your GAW questions, comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact any officer through the contact information in this newsletter, or our website's contact webpage:

www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml