

GAWoodturners

The Georgia Association of Woodturners



Chapter 28



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. GAW serves those in the metro-Atlanta area.

Meeting Date and Time:

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the [Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab](#) at 676 Marietta Street Atlanta, GA 30318 near I-75 and North Ave. Click here for a [map](#) and directions. Parking is at the Lab, and across the street at Randall Brothers. Meetings are open to all.

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GAW Newsletter - October 2014

President's Message

The temperature and humidity are down, the leaves are turning and the fall arts and crafts festivals are in full swing. That means it is fall in Georgia and it is a great time to live in this part of the country.

Our club symposium is over and from all of the attendees that I talked to, it was a resounding success. The vendors that I talked to were happy with their sales and are interested in returning next year. Each year it seems that we have one or more people that had planned to attend and at the last minute can not attend. Not this year. We had a 100% attendance for the first time in years. It takes many people to make our symposium a success and to get a sense of that, please see Jim Hardy's article on page two of this newsletter.

Fall also means the Georgia National



Fair and the Georgia wood turners' display. Linda and I went down to document on what turned out to be a rainy



day in Perry. Crowds in the Georgia Living building were very good, possibly due to people trying to stay dry. There was a great deal of interest in the woodturning exhibit and there was already a large number of people's choice ballots in the box. While the entry numbers were down, I think the quality of work was better than ever. Congratulations to everyone who entered!

I have agreed to act as the liaison for the AAW national symposium in Atlanta in 2016. That means that I will be the central point of communication between the AAW board and staff and the various committees that will be formed as well as the local facility and other entities. The job doesn't involve much at this point, but after the Pittsburgh symposium in 2015, it will start to ramp up. It is too soon to be thinking about committee chairpersons and who might serve on what committee, but that time will come. Volunteers will be needed from across the state and all clubs in Georgia will be asked to help in making the event happen. In all, about 75 to 100 people will be needed to take on jobs large and small. While planning will start a year or so in advance, most of the work will occur in the last four to five months preceding the symposium with the bulk of that work coming in the last few weeks prior to and during the symposium.

This month's demonstrator is Steve Cook. See the article on pages two and three for more information.

Stay Sharp and Turn Safe!
Steve Pritchard

Turning Southern Style XX' Symposium was a great success!

Our 'Turning Southern Style XX' Symposium was a great success due to the hard work of many GAW members

GAW's 2014 symposium is now in the history books. It was a success by any measure: over 230 people attended the demonstrations; over 300 came to our banquet and live auction. GAW cleared over \$12,000 to fund our club programs and scholarships. From personal and survey feedback, the attendees and vendors had a great time and plan to come back next year.

Our success was driven by the active involvement of so many of our fellow club members... and we owe them a big vote of thanks! Whether they helped set up or pack up, or were a Demonstrator host, one of our skilled cameramen, a Fundamental Skills demonstrator, an auction cashier, or they performed one of the many other tasks necessary to pull off a successful symposium, their efforts made a huge difference in our event.

Special Thanks to:

Harvey Meyer... our co-chairman who is always there to provide help, advice or anything else needed to put on a great event. As our club treasurer, he also paid our bills, managed mail-in registrations, and tracked our finances. Thanks Harvey!

Wes Jones...our Vendor Committee Chairman, who recruited, billed and managed the best group of Vendors we've ever had. He was the first to arrive and the last to leave each day. He also recruited and trained the Safety Shield installation crew;

Dan Douthart... our Demonstrator Committee Chairman, who calmly dealt with a bunch of artists, and their sometimes demanding materials requests, and recruited their hosts;

Nick Cook who so willingly gives of his time, experience, and any lathe or tool in his shop that we ask for... as well as being the assistant auctioneer in our Auction;

Jim Sibley... our Fundamental Skills Chairman, who put together the most successful basic skills offering we have ever provided;

Danny McCravy... our Equipment Chairman, for finding sources and managing all of the equipment we needed and for trucking it to and from Dalton;

Doug McCulloch... our Promotion Chairman, for developing and distributing our flyer, and mailing packets to clubs in the Southeast. He was also our Vendor Floor Safety Manager, managing Vendor access to the Exhibit hall before and after the event...

Linda Britt, for managing our registration desk / nerve center, aided by Mickey Hutchinson and Harvey;

Uli Hardy, for coordinating the Spouse / Guest area, and the Spouse outing and baking the goodies;

Jane McCravy for Demonstrator Hospitality;

Our Demonstrator hosts, Nick Cook, Alan Levine, Fred Morris and Mark Sillay;

Our Fundamental Skills Demonstrators... Peg Schmid, Doug McCulloch, Danny McCravy, Mike Peace, and Steve Prichard;

Our Cameramen- Frank Bowers, Steve Cook, John Moss, Mike Peace, John Rudert & Kevin Wood;

Our Club President and Webmaster- Steve Prichard ;

Our Photographer- Bob Lough, who also helped promote the symposium as our GAW Newsletter Editor;

Lathe Shield crew- Mickey and Jim Hutchinson, Jack Morse and Danny McCravy;

and everyone that helped with loading and unloading the truck, and set-up & tear-down- Ronnie, Larry, John, George, Alan, Denis, Harvey, Steve, Linda, Jane, Danny, Uli, Wes, Mark, Mike, John, Ron, Jesse, Doug, John, Bob, Kevin and those whose names we didn't capture.

When you see these folks, please thank them for their hard work!

Thanks!

Jim Hardy

2014 Symposium Chairman



Here are several examples of the work of our October demonstrator, Steve Cook

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meeting Demonstrations

October 16, 2014 - Steve Cook

Steve Cook is a woodturner located in Savannah, Georgia. He has taught at John C. Campbell Folk School



Steve's shop, Coastal Wood Design in Savannah, Georgia, is a full-service custom woodshop. He regularly teaches woodturning there and at community events. He sells his woodturnings in galleries in Savannah, online, and he also turns for many builders in his area. He will demonstrate making a candle holder (not candlestick holder).



On November 20, 2014, Alan Carter will be our demonstrator.

The complete list of upcoming demonstrations is on the [calendar of events](#).

GAW Picnic

Danny and Jane McCravy will host the annual GAW picnic on Saturday, October 18th with a rain-date of Saturday Oct 25th. It's always a fun social occasion at the McCravy's beautiful lakeside home located at 4433 Yancy Rd., Douglasville, GA. Click [here](#) to see their location on Google Maps.

Picnic begins at 11:30 am and begin to eat at 1:00 pm. The menu will be similar to last year's: beef stew, pinto beans, turnip greens, corn bread and peach cobbler. All food is provided, so there is no need to bring more unless you want to.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Danny and Jane at 770-949-6372 or via email to mccravy@bellsouth.net or janemccravy@bellsouth.net.

If you find that you can come and haven't RSVP'd, please come anyway. There will be more than enough for all.



Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium

January 30, 31, 2015, Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Franklin. Demonstrators include Nick Cook, J. Paul Fennell, Ashley Harwood, Todd Hoyer, and Dennis Paullus. There will be an instant gallery, banquet, auction, and opportunity for attendees to have their pieces critiqued. For more information click [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars And Save the Date

**The 2015 GAW Symposium, Turning
Southern Style
will be September 18 - 20, 2015 at the
Northwest Georgia Trade and
Convention Center in Dalton, GA.**

**The featured demonstrators will be
Jimmy Clewes, Nick Agar, and Benoît Averly.**

The 2014 GAW Symposium is now history

**A big thank you to Jim Hardy, symposium chairman
and Harvey Meyer, symposium co-chair,
for organizing a terrific symposium.**

Additional thanks to these club members who lightened the load on the Jim and Harvey and who helped insure the symposium was the success it was:

Committee Chairmen:

Wes Jones - Vendors

Dan Douthart - Demonstrators

Jim Sibley - Fundamental Skills

Doug McCulloch - Promotion

Danny McCravy - Equipment

Harvey Meyer - Video and Systems Support

Linda Britt - Front Desk

Steve Pritchard - GAW Webmaster

Jane McCravy - Hospitality

Uli Hardy - Spouse Activities

Nick Cook - Equipment Sponsor

Camera Operators

Frank Bowers

Steve Cook

Wes Jones

John Moss

Mike Peace

John Rudert

Kevin Wood

Fundamental Skills Demonstrators

Nick Cook

Danny McCravy

Doug McCulloch

Mike Peace

Steve Pritchard

Peg Schmid

Also, thanks to those of you who helped transport the equipment, set-up the demonstration rooms and remained after the symposium was over to assist in clean-up and moving the equipment back to Nick Cook's shop.

Here are a few photos from the symposium:



Ray Key, Michael Hosaluk and Todd Hoyer selected items from the Instant Gallery for comment and critique.

Ray Key



Michael Hosaluk



Todd Hoyer



There were terrific demonstrations from the featured demonstrators, local demonstrators and vendors. There was something for every skill level and interest.

There were excellent and well received demonstrations by local turners and vendors.



There was a wide variety of vendors offering wood, equipment, tools, gadgets, innovative devices and free advice.



And of course there was the always entertaining auction, which raises money for the GAW scholarship program..



Georgia National Fair Images



Calendar of Events

Date	Name	Event	Location
Previous Events			
July 17, 2014	Don Leydens	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
August 2, 2014		Atlanta Woodturners Guild Mini-Symposium	Woodcraft
August 21, 2014	Kim Winkle	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
August 22 - 24, 2014		SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT)	Waco, Texas
September 18, 2014	Ray Key	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
September 19 - 21, 2014		GAW Symposium - Turning Southern Style	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton, GA
October 2 - 12, 2014		Georgia National Fair	Perry, Georgia
Upcoming Events			
October 16, 2014	Steve Cook	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
October 18, 2014		GAW Annual Picnic	Danny and Jane McCravy's house
October 25, 2014		Rain-date for the GAW Annual Picnic	Danny and Jane McCravy's house
November 20, 2014	Alan Carter	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
December 18, 2014		Christmas Party	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
2015			
January 15, 2015	Doug Thompson	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
February 19, 2015	Mark Waninger	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
June 25 - 28, 2015		AAW Annual Symposium	Pittsburgh
September 17 -20, 2014		GAW Symposium - Turning Southern Style	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton, GA
May 21, 2015	Robert Lyon	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
2016			
June 9 - 12, 2016		AAW Annual Symposium	Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart

Haven't Yet Joined GAW? Need to Renew Your Membership?

Joining is simple and inexpensive (\$25 individual membership or \$30 for family membership). You can join on-line at this [location](#). Or you can pay Harvey Meyer by cash, check or credit card at the August meeting. Or you can send him a check together with the membership form to this address:

Harvey Meyer
5174 Waterford Dr.
Dunwoody, GA 30338

September Instant Gallery

John Rudert



Segmented Ornament; various woods in body; Holly for the cap and finial; lacquer finish

Denis Delehanty



Box Elder Box and Bowl; General Finish and Beal Buffed

Avelino Samuel & Kevin Wood



Cuban Mahogany spiral hollow form; Avelino Samuel shaped the outside, hollowed the inside, drew the layout for the carved spirals, and carved one of the spirals. Kevin carved the remaining spirals, made a collar of African Blackwood and finished the piece with Minwax Antique Oil

Mike Peace



Threaded acorn box; Mahogany and Maple; Minwax Antique Oil

Andy Bennett



Box with Red Finial; laminated lumber; Ray Key made the finial as a demo at Arrowmont.

Kevin Wood



Walnut hollowform; Minwax Antique Oil

Ray Key Demonstration at the September Meeting



Ray demonstrated turning a platter from an Ambrosia Maple blank



Ray said that his rule of thumb was that the width of the rim (total of both sides of the platter) should equal approximately 1/4 the width of the platter. So, for this platter, which was 19 1/2 inches wide, the rim on each side should be slightly less than 2 1/2 inches.

The blank was mounted on a faceplate and he shaped the bottom of the platter.



Ray turned a simple bead on the inside edge of the rim.



After shaping the bottom of the platter he created a recess to reverse chuck the platter and to finish the front side.



The platter was complete except for final sanding and a finish. The platter was donated for the auction at the GAW Symposium.

Ray explained that when the wood grain is attractive he does minimal texturing or decorating in order to not distract from the wood itself.



Two of the tools that Ray used in making the platter: A diamond shape scraper and a blunt end gouge.

GAW Officers and Directors

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Editor's Note

Newsletter Content - Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for the Newsletter. I welcome your shop notes, safety tips, links to interesting woodturning websites, items for sale or exchange, etc. You can reach me via email (editor@gawoodturner.org), at the monthly meetings, or by phone (404-377-3140).

Please fill out a brief form for each item you bring to the club's instant gallery to provide some information about your work in order for it to be accurately described in the newsletter. Here's a [link](#) to the form for your use.

Thanks,

Bob Lough

Woodturning Instruction

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

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Mark Sillay	marksillay@me.com	404-556-1736

Woodturning Schools in the Southeast

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](#)

[Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts](#)

[Highland Woodworking](#)

[Appalachian Center for Crafts](#)

[Woodcraft of Atlanta](#)

DVD and Video Tape Library



The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional VHS and DVD videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. A partial listing of the videos is on the GAW website here. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Rentals are limited to 2 tapes or DVDs 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 frequently so come early to the meeting and check out a video.



Woodturning Resources

[American Association of Woodturners](#)
Woodturning Association

Tools and Supplies

[Bear Tooth Woods](#)
Specialty pen kits

[Best Wood Tools](#)
Specialized woodturning tools
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Craft Supply](#)
Woodturning Supplies

[Craft ID](#)
Signature medallions
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Earth's Watch](#)
Wooden jewelry and watches
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Franck Johannesen Woodturning](#)
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Geiger's Solutions](#)
Robust Lathes and accessories
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Klingspor](#)
Abrasives and woodturning supplies

[Hartville Tool](#)
15% discount for GAW members

[Highland Woodworking](#)
Woodworking tools, supplies

[Hunter Tool Systems](#)
Carbide woodturning tools
GAW Symposium Vendor

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Woodturning tools, supplies

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Woodturning tools and more
GAW Symposium Vendor

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Woodturning tools & accessories
GAW Symposium Vendor

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Lathes and accessories
GAW Symposium Vendor

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Woodturning Supplies

[Peachtree Woodworking Supply](#)
Turning and carving tools, supplies
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[Penn State](#)
Woodturning tools, supplies

[Rockler](#)
Woodworking and Hardware

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Woodturning tools and videos
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Abrasives and sanding equipment

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Exotic woods
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Century Tree Turnings](#)
Woodturning blanks
GAW Symposium Vendor

[Got Wood?](#)
Source of Wood turning blanks from Piedmont area of South Carolina

[Hardwoods Incorporated](#)
Specialty Hardwoods
GAW Symposium Vendor

Hartville Tool Discount Program

The Hartville Tool discount program, which is available to GAW members, offers club members a 15% discount on thousands of woodworking items (some restrictions apply). If you haven't already signed up, and you wish to participate in this program, you may sign up by sending your name, address and email to gawoodturners@gawoodturner.org and state that you wish to be added to the Hartville list.

Bell Forest Closing

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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](#).