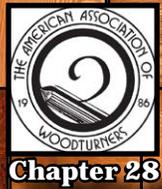


# GAWoodturners

The Georgia Association of Woodturners



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. Click [here](#) to follow us on Facebook.

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 from Randall Brothers. Meetings are open to all.

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## GAW Newsletter - June 2017

### President's Message

Greetings,

As I write this, the morning temp is below average but the afternoon forecast temperature is summer time hot, even though we are still several days until the actual start of summer. As we enter this season, Steve Mellott and others are preparing for fall. Specifically, they have put in place a fantastic program for our symposium in September. You will find more information on this below. Thanks to all of you that have volunteered to help with this years symposium.

One thing we are having this year that has been missing for the last few years is T-shirts. This year we will have a T shirt for sale. They are only available for pre-orders, so don't forget to add them to your sign up. The other thing I would like to highlight is the Beads of Courage boxes will be part of the symposium again this year. Please consider making one or more for the symposium. Steve will provide beads for your boxes at each of our upcoming meetings.

Our program for this month is DIY tools for turning. Some of our illustrious members will be sharing their ideas that can save us money.

This should be worth the price admission just to see how creative people get things done. After you see how people solve problems with DIY fixtures, I expect that you will either conclude that you can make that your self or you will gladly pay one of our vendors to provide a turn key solution. It will be interesting see how our members decide.

Our program for this year is filled. I would like to point out that we have three hands-on workshops this fall. Please look at the calendar page and save the dates. You will see emails in the near future for sign-ups. These are great ways to get world class training without travel and at bargain prices.

On the other hand, we don't have any demonstrators scheduled for 2018 and need input for the program. We have the ability to put almost any kind of program you would like to see including great demonstrators and hands on programs. But that can't happen without knowing your interests. Please email us the names of demonstrators or topics you want included for next year.

Charlie Levan

### Upcoming Demonstrations

**At the June 15 meeting,** GAW members will explain how to build a homemade piercing system, threading jig, captive bar hollowing tool, camera hollowing system, steady rest, vacuum chucks, and more. You will be able to ask questions about the fabrication process and the pros/cons of building the tool. Better yet, you will get to ask whether the tool works as advertised and whether the builder would do it again.

Within several weeks after the meeting, we will provide an electronic copy of building plans, a parts list, suppliers and estimated costs for each tool.

**At the July 20 demo,** James McClure will turn a Calabash Bowl. James was a demonstrator at the Turning Southern Style symposium several years ago and he has recently moved to the Atlanta area.



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Safety Issue

## POLICY ON FRACTAL BURNING

The AAW has always been a faithful advocate for woodturning safety. Recently, the subject of fractal burning has been in the news because of another tragic death.

The AAW Safety Committee has studied the issue and concluded there may be a distinct influencing benefit in adopting a policy against the use of Fractal Burning and publicizing it immediately to chapters and members. As a result, it was recommended that the AAW Board adopt a new policy against the practice, which was unanimously approved on May 17, 2017. The new policy is as follows:

*It is the policy of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) that the process known as Fractal Burning is prohibited from being used in any AAW-sponsored events, including regional and national symposia, and that AAW-chartered chapters are strongly urged to refrain from demonstrating or featuring the process in chapter events. Further, the process of Fractal Burning shall not be featured in any written or online AAW publication, except for within articles that warn against its use. AAW publications will not accept advertisements for any products or supplies directly related to the process.*

Additionally, the Safety Committee recommended that an article be published in the August 2017 issue of American Woodturner to highlight the dangers of the practice and publicize the new AAW policy.

## AAW VIDEO SOURCE: BECOME A VIDEO CRITIC

The Video Source is a resource on the AAW website where you can find helpful videos on a wide variety of woodturning topics. The AAW Communications Committee needs volunteers to help quality screen woodturning videos submitted for Video Source. This is a key step in the process to ensure that the Video Source contains plenty of five-star material. Videos range from a couple of minutes to nearly an hour in length, and come from well-known turners, as well as ordinary folks who want to share what they have learned. Each volunteer reviewer will screen 10 to 20 videos. If you or one of your chapter members is up for some non-Netflix binge-watching, toss a fresh bag of popcorn in the microwave and contact David Heim, the Communications Committee chair, at [davidheim1@comcast.net](mailto:davidheim1@comcast.net).

## GAW Hands-On Workshops

**Hands-On Workshops are one of the terrific benefits of GAW membership.** The workshops are a wonderful way to gain new skills or to sharpen your technique. There are three more workshops already in the works this year. First up is a workshop in August with **Eric Lofstrom**. Next, there will be a workshop in September with **Glenn Lucas**. Then in October, **Harvey Meyer** will do a basket illusion workshop. As a rule, **the opportunity to sign up for a workshop is offered to GAW members first and the price for GAW members is almost always discounted.** Keep your eye on your email for announcements and remember to sign up early. The limited number of spaces often go quickly.

# The 2017 GAW Symposium "Turning Southern Style" September 15 - 17, 2017 Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Dalton, GA

## Symposium Update - Emphasis on Youth

At the 2017 symposium, each registered attendee can bring one youth free of charge!

GAW will even pay for the youth's Saturday evening banquet.

So far, we have several GAW members bringing children or grandchildren. Consider this alternative when you make your plans this year. What a wonderful way to spend a weekend with a child and further expose them to the world of woodturning.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank You  
**Steve Mellott**  
[srmellott@hotmail.com](mailto:srmellott@hotmail.com)

### 2017 Featured Demonstrators



**Beth Ireland**



**Glenn Lucas**



**Pascal Oudet**

### Guest Demonstrators



**Nick Cook**



**Harvey Meyer**



**Joe Ruminski**

## 2019 AAW SYMPOSIUM

The AAW Board recently announced that **the 2019 AAW Symposium will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina**. Known as the "City of Oaks" for its many oak trees in the heart of the city, Raleigh is an energetic capital city that offers an affordable way to enjoy history, culture, and the outdoors. Learn more about Raleigh. Additional details will be provided at a later date. We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh! Stay tuned for announcements coming this summer about the 2020 and 2021 host city selections.

## GAW Membership

Dues are cheap - just \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family membership. They are a real bargain compared to the numerous benefits of membership. Benefits of membership include the excellent demonstrations at the monthly meetings, reduced registration for special Hands-On Workshops, and scholarships for woodturning training.

Our treasurer, Dan Douthart, will gladly accept your cash, check or credit card at the next meeting. You can also pay via our web site. If you pay by cash or check, instead of with a credit card, GAW gets to keep more of the money. Credit card fees cost the club over \$100 for the past 12 months. So, consider paying Dan at the next meeting by cash or check. Or you can send your payment to Dan at this address:

**Dan Douthart**  
1274 Elk Ter.  
Lilburn, GA 30047

# May Instant Gallery

Tom Essex



Winged Cherry Bowl; Antique oil finish



Ash platter; antique oil and acrylic paint



Box Elder platter and vase; Wipe on satin poly

## Steve Pritchard



Hickory Bowl; bees wax and mineral oil

## Harvey Meyer



"Celtic Crossings" Basket Illusion on top and bottom of the Platter; 13.5" diameter, about 20,000 little squares.



"Acoma Sampler" basket illusion  
Compilation of patterns of F. Antonio, Acoma Pueblo potter, 13" tall, 10" diameter, 23,232 squares,

**Editor's Note:** The time is approaching that I will want to pass the responsibility for the monthly newsletter to someone else. I've told Charlie that I will continue to do the newsletter this year. In the meantime I'd welcome the opportunity to work together with anyone who is interested in becoming the newsletter editor. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Bob Lough  
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**Dan Douthart**



Oak ring box; Shellac

**Mike Peace**



Sycamore bowls; Threaded Acorn boxes from Cherry & Walnut and Maple & Madrone burl; Minwax Antique Oil

**Howard Julian**



Shaving set from stabilized spalted dogwood; CA finish

**Wes Jones**



Scalloped Pedestal Bowl; Ambrosia Maple and Walnut Burl; Oil finish; (This bowl started out as an ambrosia maple spherical hollowform)

**Kevin Wood**



Spalted Sugar Maple; Minwax Antique Oil

**Bill Young**



Segmented vase from Oak and Cherry; Antique Oil

**Jack Morse**



Sphere jig

## Calendar of Events

Date	Name	Event	Location
June 15, 2017	Homemade Lathe Tool Systems	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
July 20, 2017	<a href="#">James McClure</a>	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
August 16, 2017	<a href="#">Eric Lofstrom</a>	Hands-On Workshop	
August 17, 2017	<a href="#">Eric Lofstrom</a>	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
September 20, 2017	<a href="#">Glenn Lucas</a>	Hands-On Workshop	
September 21, 2017	<a href="#">Glenn Lucas</a>	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
Sept. 19 - 21, 2017	<b>Turning Southern Style Symposium</b>		Dalton Convention Center
October 9, 2017	<a href="#">Harvey Meyer</a>	Hands-On Workshop; Basket Illusion	Woodcraft
October 19, 2017	Toni Ransfield	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
November 16, 2017	Mark Sillay	GAW Monthly Meeting	Ga Tech Digital Fabrication Lab
December 21, 2017	Annual Holiday Party		

## 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. Each month I look for some little additional content for the newsletter I welcome your shop notes, safety tips, links to interesting woodturning websites, items for sale or exchange, etc. And if you see something humorous that has a woodturning or woodworking connection, pass it along. You can reach me via email ([editor@gawoodturner.org](mailto:editor@gawoodturner.org), at the monthly meetings, or by phone (404-377-3140).

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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## 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](#)

The 2016 course catalogue is now available on-line

### [Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts](#)

Course descriptions for the 2016 classes are now on-line

### [Highland Woodworking](#)

### [Appalachian Center for Craft](#)

### [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

[Craft Supply](#)  
Woodturning Supplies

[Craft ID](#)  
Signature medallions

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

[Franck Johannesen Woodturning](#)

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

[Klingspor](#)  
Abrasives and woodturning supplies

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

[Highland Woodworking](#)  
Woodworking tools, supplies

[Hunter Tool Systems](#)  
Carbide woodturning tools

[Hut Products](#)  
Woodturning tools, supplies

[John Jordan Woodturning](#)  
Woodturning tools and more

[JT Turning Tools](#)  
Woodturning tools & accessories

[Lyle Jamieson Tools](#)  
Hollowing tools

[OneWay Manufacturing](#)  
Lathes and accessories

[Packard](#)  
Woodturning Supplies

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

[Penn State](#)  
Woodturning tools, supplies

[Rockler](#)  
Woodworking and Hardware

[Ron Brown's Best](#)  
Woodturning tools and videos

[Sanding Glove](#)  
Abrasives and sanding

equipment

[SS Niles Bottle Stoppers](#)  
Stainless steel bottle stoppers

[Thompson Lathe Tools](#)  
High quality steel woodturning tools

[Vinces WoodNWonders](#)  
Sanding products

[Woodcraft of Atlanta](#)  
Woodworking and Hardware

[Woodturners Wonders](#)  
Lathe lamps & CBN wheels

[Woodturningz](#)  
Pen kits and woodturning supplies

## Magazines

[More Woodturning](#)  
Woodturning magazine

[Woodturning](#)  
The British woodturning magazine

[Wood magazine Forum](#)  
[www.woodmagazine.com](http://www.woodmagazine.com)  
Q & A on Woodturning

## Websites

[AAW Video Library](#)  
AAW's growing collection of instructional videos

[Woodturning Videos](#)  
Excellent woodturning videos

[Mike Peace's Woodturning YouTube Channel](#)  
Mike adds new woodturning videos each week

## Wood Sources

[AustralianBurls](#)  
Burls from Australia

[Bell Forest](#)  
Figured and Exotic woods

[Big Monk Lumber](#)  
Exotic woods

[Century Tree Turnings](#)  
Woodturning blanks

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

[Hardwoods Incorporated](#)  
Specialty Hardwoods

[North Woods](#)  
Figured Wood from Northwest Oregon

[Two Tree Boyz Wood](#)  
Selling locally harvested green wood  
Contact Elizabeth Ross at [twotreeboyz@yahoo.com](mailto:twotreeboyz@yahoo.com)

## Hartville Tool Discount Program

The Hartville Tool discount program offers GAW club members a 15% discount on regularly priced woodworking items (some restrictions apply), plus free ground shipping. You are entitled to this discount if you are a member of GAW in good standing. Steve Pritchard sent in the entire membership roster, so are signed up if you paid your dues on time.

GAW Club members can get 15% discount on website wood purchases from [North Woods](#). Use coupon code "WOODTURNERS" at checkout.



## Closing

The opinions expressed in this monthly newsletter of the Georgia Association of Woodturners, do not necessarily reflect those of the Editor, Officers, or the GAW. Woodturning Schools and Instructors listed in this Newsletter are not recommended or endorsed by the GAW, but are made available to the GAW members and others as a convenience only.

Your GAW questions, comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact any officer through the contact information in this newsletter on [page 6](#).