

## GAW January 2008 Newsletter

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### January Program: Al Stirt

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 PM in the Highland Woodworking activity room. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Our demonstrator will be Al Stirt from Vermont. Al is planning to do one of his famous sgraffito platters - a platter with a wide rim which is painted and carved. This demo incorporates turned textures, beads and coves, as well as painting, drawing and carving a pattern.

For the hands-on classes on Friday and Saturday, he plans to demo and have students make platters. He will demo a platter with painted rim with a carved pattern and a square platter with carved textures. Students can make both or either of them. The hands-on classes are presently full, but Harvey Meyer is accepting names for a standby list.

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### President's Message

As newly elected President of the GAW, I would like to thank Jim Hutchinson for the past two years of hard work with the club and I am sure I speak for all the members as well. It will be difficult to improve on Jim's past performance, but I will do my best with the help of the club and board members.

Thanks to the efforts of the board members & committees, we are looking forward to some world renowned demonstrators at our monthly meetings and hands on classes. I hope the members will take advantage of the excellent learning opportunities with these demonstrators. Also, we are looking forward to our yearly symposium that Harvey Meyer - Chairman will be setting up.

In the past few years of my association with the GAW, I feel it has been one great club. The members have always been willing to participate and help in all functions that we plan and I am looking forward to working and having fun with this group of great woodturners.

Any suggestions to improve the club will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to discuss them with myself or any board member.

Be an active part of the club—not just a bystander.

**Danny McCravy**  
**President**

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**Articles Needed**

As your new Newsletter Editor, I would like to invite you to send me articles you have written. This is your newsletter and without your input it will be pretty boring. Articles can be as long or as short as you wish. All material will be considered for inclusion. You can send it to me in most any form. I will be glad to edit it as required or type it up if you want to hand write it.

We are all interested in what each other is working on. New techniques or pretty much anything related to woodturning would be of interest to your fellow members. Pictures to illustrate what you are talking about are always good. Pictures should be digital images. We will probably not be able to include pictures in the email copies of this newsletter, because the computers and email systems of many of us cannot handle the large files. But, if you send pictures to me for your article, we could include them in the newsletter copy posted on our website.

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### **Festival of Trees Wrapup**

The GAW tree was beautiful again this year. It sold for \$1,500 during the preview reception. Some ornaments were put in the gift shop and they brought in another \$500, so our total contribution was \$2,000. Well done GAW!!!

**Linda Pritchard**  
**Chairman, Festival of Trees Committee**

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### **From the AAW**

Welcome to the New Year and best wishes from everyone at the AAW headquarters in St. Paul. We are enjoying a real Minnesota winter for a change, with plenty of snow and hundreds of skaters daily using the rink right outside our offices and gallery in historic Landmark Center.

2007 was a year of change for your association. I am honored the board selected me as AAW's first full-time executive director just over a year ago. After a year on the job I am more excited than ever about the association's continued growth and truly amazing record of accomplishment as well as by the potential to do even more to better serve our members in the future.

We welcome Tom Wirsing and Corey Anderson to the AAW board of directors and, at the same time, thank Tony Cortese and Sean Troy for their service to AAW during their tenure as board members.

We have had several staff changes at AAW. Tib Shaw became the first full-time coordinator at the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in Landmark Center. Under Tib's leadership and creative initiatives, we already are seeing increased visibility and attendance. Linda Ferber is the new AAW office manager. Linda brings years of administrative experience to her position and is a woodturner as well. She replaces Eunice Wynn who is retiring in March, 2008 after over fifteen years of service. We thank Eunice for her dedication and long service to AAW.

The 2007 Portland, Oregon symposium was a great success, and we look forward to another well-attended symposium June 20-22, 2008 at Richmond, Virginia.

AAW's membership base continues to grow. At the end of 2007 there were over 13,000 active members and 277 local chapters. AAW has members on every continent except Antarctica, and we are working on that! Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your interest and support.

The new AAW Star Chapter program that recognizes local chapters which achieve 100% membership in AAW is off to an excellent start with seven chapters so recognized during the first year of this program. These Chapters are:

Central Florida Woodturners Central Illinois Woodturners Gold Country Turners (California)  
Northwest Michigan Woodturners Peace River Woodturners (Florida) San Diego Woodturners  
Southern Oregon Woodturners

Throughout 2007 the AAW board of directors engaged in a board development and strategic planning process designed to help focus time and effort on shared long-range strategic policy issues. The board approved a complete set of new board policies late in 2007. A new AAW strategic plan is nearing completion and should be ready for board review and adoption during the first quarter of 2008.

During 2007 we acquired and installed new integrated membership database management software. This new software system already is making it easier for AAW members to renew or change their membership profile information, register for the annual symposium, order merchandise and cast ballots in the annual board election.

Board, staff and professional members are working together to restructure the AAW Professional Outreach Program to better serve and recognize the needs of this group of AAW members.

These are just a few of the things AAW has been working on during the past year. As always, feel free to contact us via letter, email or telephone whenever you have questions or need information about the association or woodturning in general.

Thank you.

**Lawrence Sommer**  
**AAW Executive Director**

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### **Woodworking Show This Month**

The annual woodworking show will be January 25-27 at the Ga. International Convention Center on Camp Creek Parkway. You can buy your ticket online at the website below or at the door.

<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/atlanta.asp>

Hours of operation will be:  
Friday 12-7

Saturday 10-6

Sunday 10-4

Tom Jeanes is again coordinating a booth at the show for Woodturning In Georgia. This booth will have contact information about all 12 woodturning clubs in Georgia. There will also be turning demonstrations in the booth and turned items for sale. Tom needs 1-2 more volunteers from GAW. Contact him at 770 474-4492 tjeanes@juno.com . Volunteers will get a free pass for the show.

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### **Craft Supplies at Woodworking Show**

This year Craft Supplies, USA will be at the Woodworking show. They will have a hands-on area that will have pen turning available. The sign up will be handled through the Woodworking shows where 3 lathes will be set up for this. They will need help from one or more volunteers. Each hands-on session will start with a demo given by Craft Supplies and then the volunteer will help with the turning. There will be gift certificates for the volunteers.

If you know someone that would like to turn their first pen, this would be a great place to do so. If you might like to help in the Craft Supplies booth, contact Kirk DeHeer, 801 735-7858.

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### **AAW on Youtube**

Check out this AAW promotional video made at the Portland symposium.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpqEHUvBg\\_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpqEHUvBg_E)

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### **Lathe For Sale**

Jet 1442, 110 Volt, 1-HP motor, 14" swing over bed, 42" between centers, spindle speeds 450-3000 rpm, 1" X 8 tpi spindle thread, headstock and tailstock #2 MT, cast iron bed and legs. Purchased about 4 years ago as a hobby. List price is approximately \$1235. Asking \$700. Contact Dennis McDonald, 770 422-6681 or 770 671-3842 (cell).

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### **Dust Collectors For Sale**

There are currently two dust collector systems for sale on our website:

<http://www.gawoodturner.org/forsale.shtml>

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### **Roughed Out Vases For Sale**

Good day fellow woodturners and a Happy New Year to you!

I have come into possession of something that might interest you. I purchased a quantity of hollowform vases made from Chinese Fir Root. Because of an electrical accident, the person who was responsible for hollowing these pieces was injured and off the job for 4 months. As a result the pieces were not hollowed and I was not told prior to shipment. A 1 1/2" hole is drilled in the pieces to facilitate the hollowing. Obviously this was a piece of bad luck to me, because I was selling these to gift shops for Christmas season. It may however be some GOOD LUCK in it for you.

There are several styles and sizes of these pieces. They are made of root, so they have some of the characteristics of root wood.....voids, bark inclusions, etc. that I personally like in my hollowforms. I have been selling these pieces for up to \$60.00 each (if they were hollowed) depending on size. The prices have now been reduced about 50% on my web site and I will give an additional 10% to members of woodturning clubs. This is a great chance to get some quality hollowform material for an exceptional price.

These pieces are on my web site at this link:

[http://www.dale-the-burl-guy.com/roughed\\_out\\_vases\\_bowls](http://www.dale-the-burl-guy.com/roughed_out_vases_bowls)

Email me with the numbers you want and your shipping address and I will send you a total with and without shipping. I now live in Spanish Fort, Alabama and if you live close enough you can pick them up without the shipping charge. Let me know.

While you are on the web site check out my extensive list of pen and stopper blanks, turning blanks, burls, and exotic lumber.

Thanks, Dale

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### **Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums**

Tennessee Association of Woodturners 20th Annual Symposium  
January 25th & 26th - Nashville, Tennessee - Radisson Hotel at Opryland  
Featured Turners: Ernie Conover, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, and Andy Woodard  
[www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org)  
See full page ad in the current AAW Journal

Southern States Symposium  
April 25 -27 Gainesville, Georgia - Georgia Mountain Center  
Featured Turners: John Mascoll, Graeme Priddle, Avelino Samuels, and Betty Scarpino  
<http://www.southernstates.org/>

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### **DVD/Video Tape Library Information**

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. 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 those not returned.

New titles are being added each 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.highlandhardware.com](http://www.highlandhardware.com)

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

Redmond's Classes contact Tracy Pseekos [tracy@redmondmachinery.com](mailto:tracy@redmondmachinery.com)

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking [www.dogwoodwoodworking.com](http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com)

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### **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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