



President's Letter

December 2009

This is my last President's letter and I would like to express my appreciation to all those hard working members that have contributed to making the last two years great.. Reflecting back on the past two years we have accomplished the following:

- Many great demonstrations and "hands on" classes at Mark Sillay & Nick Cook's shops.
- Two great symposiums thanks to the leadership of Harvey Meyer and all those members who contributed their time and labor.
- Membership is at 112 members.
- Steve Pritchard has done a great job with expanding the website to include photos of the instant gallery and other functions.
- Scholarship participation has increased.
- The library has expanded under the direction of Steve Sandler.
- Thanks to Roger Sword for doing the newsletter.
- Thanks to John Rudert & Lon Fitch for the new video system.

Going forward, I know our new officers under the direction of Steve Pritchard, President 2010 will do a great job.

Your new officers for 2010 need your support and hard work. They are:

Steve Pritchard President, James (Jimmy) Lee Vice President, Linda Pritchard Secretary, Jane McCravy Treasurer, two board members at large John Madajewski & Jim Hardy, & Doug McCulloch doing the Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party December 17.

Don't forget your turned objects placed in a brown paper bag. Those of you that volunteered for desserts don't forget.

Danny

2010 Dues are due

Dues for the 2010 year are due now and are delinquent after February 15th.

Things of Interest to Members Reminders !!!!

Alan Lacer from Wisconsin will be conducting 2 days of hands-on sessions. The sessions will be on Wednesday 1/20/2010, and Thursday, 1/21/2010, from 9am to 4pm at Mark Sillay's shop. GAW

is subsidizing 1/2 of the expense and your cost is \$70.00 per session based on **five** participants. **You must be a paid up GAW member for 2010 to participate.**

Mark Sillay's shop is located 1440 Kelton Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. 404-556-1736

Wednesday class will be 1/2 day on using the skew and 1/2 day making hook tools and an awl. Students will need 8 pieces 2 X 2 X 6 poplar or pine, not yellow pine for the skew portion and for the tool making you will need to bring a pre-turned handle 15-16" in length made from hardwood with a 3/8" hole. There is an article on his web site about making handles. (www.alanlacer.com) Alan will bring the material for making the tools and the students will pay him directly.

Thursday class will be 1/2 day on using the skew and 1/2 day making lidded boxes. Students will need 8 pieces 2 X 2 X 6 poplar or pine, not yellow pine for the skew portion and 3 X 3 X 6 soft maple, ash or cherry for the lidded box. Mark has Cherry but not Poplar or you can bring your own Cherry.

Tools needed for the skew class, bring only skewers, for the lidded box class spindle tools such as a roughing gouge, detail/spindle gouge, parting tool and skew, plus a 1/2 wide scraper and any end-grain hollowing tools such as hook or ring type tools you already have.

If you can't find 2 X 2 you can use 1-3/4 squares.

You need to contact me and let me know what day you want to sign up for and send a check for \$70 made out to GAW. You can contact me at rbritton625@bellsouth.net and mail check to :

Ron Britton 141 Woolsie Rd., Sharpsburg, GA. 30277.

You can contact Alan in advance for questions on these tools or to purchase any of these. His email: alan@alanlacer.com and his telephone: 715-426-9451.

Thanks,
Ron

The Tennessee Association symposium will be Jan 29 -30th in Nashville, Tennessee at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland 615-889-0800.

Tennessee Woodturners asked that we send this out for them:

Please note is that there is a special rate of \$99.00 at the Radisson Hotel and attendees can register on the TAW web site and use the discount code TNWOOD to get the special rate. The Radisson has informed us that rooms for that weekend are filling up and we encourage folks to get their reservations in early.

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners will be hosting their 22nd annual Woodturning Symposium January 29-30, 2010. The symposium will be located at the Radisson Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. The symposium is two full days of demonstrations on Friday and Saturday. There will be a roundtable discussion with the demonstrators on Friday night that will include a

slide show. In addition to the outstanding line up of demonstrators there will be an instant gallery, which is composed of turnings from all the attendees. You can bring as many as four of your best or latest works and show them off. The People's Choice award will be a cash prize of \$100.00 to the turned item bringing the most votes.

An expanded vendor area will be stocked with great wood, excellent tools and other goodies to keep you busy. Saturday night will feature a delicious buffet followed by a live auction hosted by woodworker Jay Erlbacher. We will have some great items to bid on this year so bring your checkbook.

We will have the following featured turners who will be presenting. (See our website for rotations and topics www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium)

Mark St. Leger
Frank Penta
Tania Radda
Trent Bosch

Please get your registration in quickly so you don't miss out! Attendance is limited to the first 200 registrants. It has always sold out, so don't wait! We hope to see you there. For more information or to register online with Pay Pal, go to www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium. We have a special rate of \$99.00 at the Radisson Hotel and you can register through our web site and use the discount code - rooms are filling up fast so make your reservations now!

You can also print out the online registration form and mail your payment. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Brockett woodwackerjeff@aol.com.

Thanks,
Jeff Brockett
Tennessee Association of Woodturners
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Harvey Henson's passing

Today we learned that former GAW member and former club president, Harvey Henson passed away Tuesday, December 8th.

Harvey was cremated and a memorial service will be held some time in January, with the time and date yet to be determined.

As soon as we have more details we'll pass them along to you.

2013 AAW symposium

Atlanta will host the 2013 AAW symposium. Tentatively to be held at the Galleria.

2010 AAW Symposium

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.

AAW President's message

"The Board of Directors' primary objective is to provide more value to the AAW membership. The following initiatives have been implemented just this year to give our members more value for their money..." Read more at: http://www.woodturner.org/news/Letters/09_winter_pres_letter.pdf

Newsletter input request

Newsletter Editor editor@gawoodturner.org

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

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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Your GAW questions, comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact any officer through our website's contact webpage: www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml