

## GAW Newsletter — November 2010

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### Points of Interest

- *Upcoming Demonstrators*
- *Tips & Hints*
- *December Holiday Meeting*

### President's Message

This month's demonstrator will be David Datwyler and he will be turning banksia pods. He will also present a slide show on the history of banksia pods and some of his work.

David is a Utah native who currently resides in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He works full time as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. While working as a traveling nurse in the early 1990s, he gained an interest in art. His travels allowed him the opportunity to visit museums and galleries all over the country. During an assignment in South Carolina he discovered woodturning as an art form through the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Fifteen years later, he decided to take up woodturning and become a member of that guild.

He says he always been drawn to wood in furniture, architecture, art, and nature. The figure of the grain, the look and feel of different finishes, and the unique smell of each type of wood has always touched his soul. He particularly admires art that balances manmade shapes and forms with natural defects such as bark inclusions, knots, and cracks found within the wood.

He tries to push the limits of his ability and vision. He believes wood is a liquid medium; natural bark inclusions, the direction of the grain and knots, rot, fungi, cracks, and insect damage are all factors in the final form of a piece. Even when completed, the shape and the texture of the wood may continue to change as the piece dries.

He says, "As I shape wood, the process of turning shapes me. Therefore my art will continue to change and evolve as I experiment with different types of wood, new techniques, styles, forms, and shapes."

In AAW news, they have created a "calls for entry page." This page will list calls for entry into shows and can be found [here](#).

Our holiday party is scheduled for the December meeting so there will not be a demonstration that evening. We are planning on a gift exchange again this year, so plan to bring a small turned item in a plain brown paper bag. If you bring guests, please bring one for each guest so they can participate. The club will again provide pizza and refreshments. We ask that each member/family bring a dessert.

The slate of officers that the nominating committee has produced is: President - Steve Pritchard, Vice President - Frank Bowers, Secretary - Jane Bridges, Treasurer - Dennis Delehanty. At this time, those are the only candidates for those positions. We will be taking nominations from the floor at the November meeting and voting at the December meeting.

That is all for this month. See you at the meeting on the 18th!

Steve Pritchard

## Reminders, Items of Interest

### *GAW Club Survey Results*

Thirty-four members responded to our club survey. That is over a third of the club! Thanks to all who responded. As one might expect, the results were scattered, but there were some clear trends. The items with the highest number of responses in the "needs" section were, preserving green wood and keeping pieces from cracking during the drying process; elimination of tool marks, sanding scratches etc. when finishing; and choosing and applying a finish for both utilitarian and "show" work. In addition, it is clear that we need to pay more attention to our newer members needs by providing demonstrations of basic techniques.

The demonstration topics with the most responses were segmented turning, hollow forms and surface embellishment.

Ron Britton and I have discussed the results and how

we can bring in demonstrators who best suit our member's needs. Please note however, that just because a topic was not as popular as some others does not mean that we plan to ignore it. We plan to cover as many topics as possible over time.

*GAW Holiday Party and Gift Exchange*  
Thursday December 16th See p. 1 for more details.

### *2011 GAW Dues are Due Soon*

Please remember that your GAW dues are due in January. They are \$25 for individual and \$30 for family. If you are an AAW member, your dues are due in December. Remember that there is an "online" membership now that is only \$38. So if you are not a member, that is a lower priced option now available to you.

## Tips & Hints

### *Finishing Turntable*

This is just two pieces of scrap plywood connected with lazy Susan bearings. It was intended to be used for finishing large items but can have many uses, including putting roughed pieces on it for applying wax or sealer. You do not have to worry about the surface and it makes it easy to swing around to all sides.



### *Hardwood Information Center*

The Hardwood Information Center is the source for information, articles, and tips on U.S. hardwoods and hardwood products including: species guide and design values, flooring, cabinets, kitchens, bath, woodwork, furniture, toys and gifts, care and repair, shopping and decorating, sustainability, sustainable design, sustainable forestry, professional specifying, professional finishing, and continuing education units. Here is the link: <http://www.hardwoodinfo.com/>

### *Chain Saw Care*

The link below contains sharp advice for chain saw owners. Click [here](#).

### *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](mailto:editor@gawoodturner.org)

### *Newsletter input request*

We are always soliciting members input (Articles, News items, suggestions, etc.) to make this newsletter better serve GAW members. Woodturning articles, tips, product reviews and any other content that you have to share. Send ideas / content to: [editor@gawoodturner.org](mailto:editor@gawoodturner.org)

## Demonstrations, Events

### Upcoming GAW Demonstrators:

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

- Nov 18th 2010—David Datwyler, Banksia Pod
- Dec 16th 2010—Club Holiday Party

### 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 and it is expected to be very well attended, so if you are a member, please consider attending and make your reservations early.

### Cobb County Gem and Mineral Show

**25th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show**—Attend Cobb County's Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show November 19 through 21st at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, Georgia. Plenty of free parking and no admission fee.

### American Craft Council Show in Atlanta

03/11/2011 to 03/13/2011, Cobb Galleria Center - Atlanta, GA. 250+ Exhibitors.

## Instant Gallery Photos, October Meeting

### October Instant Gallery

As usual we had great examples of the fine work our club produces. See the photos below for your enjoyment.



John Madajewski—Large Box Elder platter



Roman Stankas—Cherry bowl



Roman Stankas—Small Cherry Vessel

Roman Stankas—Small Box Elder Vessel



Leigh Brooks—Large Mulberry platter carved with leaves

Leigh Brooks—Vessel with leaf carvings and finial



Mark Sillay—Banksia Nut Christmas Trees

Dennis Delahante—Cherry burl natural edge bowl



# Instant Gallery Photos, October Meeting—Cont.



Ken Slaughter—Segmented Purple Heart canister and small bowl

Ken Slaughter—Laminated Pepper Mill with thin stripe



Jim Hutchinson—Lidded bowl with Kokopelli figure inlaid



George Daughtry—Walnut lidded box with light colored finial



John Rudert—segmented marquetry bowls, tilt top table, and



Natural edge Bradford Pear bowl.



Jack Morse—Big Leaf Maple Burl bowl, dyed green

Jack Morse—Thermed brown bowl



Jack Morse—Green footed box with red maple lid and finial



*Jim Duxbury, Kaleidoscope Demonstrator*  
Several pictures of the finished work that Jim Duxbury brought to the GAW meeting.



## 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-

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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](http://www.folkschool.org)

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org)

Highland Woodworking [www.highlandwoodworking.com](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com)

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

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

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*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](http://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.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml](http://www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml)