

GAW Newsletter — July 2011

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President's Message

This month's demonstrator will be Mark St. Leger and he will be demonstrating the "Rock-A-Bye" box. This is a box turned on the bias and will include lathe made jigs to complete the lid and eccentric finial. Mark has been working with wood since he was a young boy, helping his father who is a cabinetmaker/turner. He took woodshop for a year in high school where he first turned on a lathe. After high school Mark served a four-year apprenticeship and became a Journeyman Carpenter. Thru the years his interests moved towards the finer aspects of building which enabled him to become an accomplished cabinetmaker as well.

Mark is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, where he has served as a member of the board of directors. Some of his techniques were included in the AAW's "Skill Building Projects" video. He is known for his sense of humor and ability to effectively teach a variety of age groups and skill levels and his teaching techniques are easily followed and emphasize skill building.

There are only a few days left to get the early registration discount for our "Turning Southern Style XVII" symposium, so if you are planning on attending, it is time to get your registration in. This year's featured demonstrators are Cliff Lounsbury, Ernie Newman and Andi Wolfe. There will also be demonstrations by Nick Cook, Franck Johannesen, Keith Fulmer and Dave Barriger.

This year's event will be held at the

Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 16-18, 2011. The event begins on Friday, September 16, 2011, at 1:00 pm and is followed in the evening by welcoming comments by the club president and an introduction of the featured turners. A banquet dinner will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, in the evening prior to the annual auction. The auction will include donations of woodturned pieces, tools, wood and other related supplies.

On August 15th, the cost of registration goes up \$35, so please act now to get your discount.

Several of our members attended the AAW national symposium in St. Paul in June. I think they would all agree the AAW board and staff as well as the facility staff did a great job and the event ran smoothly. Registration this year was 1,700. Even though events start early and go well into the evening, there's never enough time to see all of the demonstrators one wants to see; there is never enough time to visit all of the vendors; and there's definitely never enough time to spend in the instant gallery. For more information, please see my article later in this issue.

Please see the article later in this newsletter concerning the GAW exhibit at the Douglasville Cultural Arts Center.

We still need someone to step up and volunteer to fill Ron Britton's program committee chairmanship.

President's Message—Cont.

Demonstrations are a vital part of our club and they must be scheduled months in advance, so it is important that we fill this position as soon as possible.

That's about it for this month. See you at the meeting on the 21st!

Steve Pritchard

Reminders, Items of Interest

2011 AAW Symposium - Steve Pritchard

As everyone probably knows by now, this was the AAW's 25th anniversary year and to commemorate that event, this year's symposium was held in their home city of St. Paul, MN. The event began with a standing room only opening ceremony on Friday morning and ran through mid-afternoon on Sunday.

The event planners, the AAW board and staff and the facility staff all did a great job ensuring that the event ran very smoothly. That is no small feat for an event with 1,700 people registered, twenty rooms with continuous demonstrations, a youth turning program, over 60 vendors, several evening meetings, a banquet with an auction, an instant gallery, and many other activities, all going on simultaneously.

I attended demonstrations on a wide range of topics. Some were of personal interest and others to evaluate the demonstrator for possible demonstrations at GAW meetings, one of which will be our demonstrator in August.

There were several highlights of the event. The most impressive was the instant gallery. I have not seen an official count, but I estimate at least 800 pieces were on display. All were very well done with many being of the highest quality and some were simply amazing. Along with the instant gallery was the silent auction, the "25 for 25" bowl sale and a display by Virgil Leih, who turns 400 to 3,000 pound rescued tree trunks into enormous sculptures. He dries the rough-turned pieces in a shop-built 4' x 4' x 8' microwave! Take a look at his amazing pieces at <http://www.virgiltreeart.com>.

The Saturday night banquet is always a highlight and this one was no exception. It was a little cozy however, with 1,200 people attending in a room that was just large enough for that crowd. John Hill, who was awarded a lifetime membership this year, was auctioneer and was entertaining as usual. The auction raised over \$68,000 on the sale of 65 pieces, one of which was a teapot by GAW members Michael and

Cynthia Gibson!

Another highlight was "Turning 25 – A Celebration" which was an exhibit of more than 100 works representing chapters in 40 states and three provinces. One of those pieces was the teapot of GAW members Michael and Cynthia Gibson. Actually, the Gibsons had two pieces in the exhibit as they were also representing another club with a second piece. Every piece in the exhibit was exceptional.

Last, but not least, was the "Roots – An Artist's Voice" exhibit. It was the fifth in an exhibit series created by the AAW's Professional Outreach Program. Proceeds from the auction will help support programs established by POP, such as the Instant Gallery Awards and panel presentations. Each piece was done by someone well known in the woodturning world and every piece was exceptional.

The chapters meeting produced two notable items. The first was that the AAW is putting together a Boy Scout merit badge program with testing points etc. An announcement will be made when the program is ready. Second, they are working on an educational training program for new woodturners. When it is available, clubs will be free to use any and all of it to help them better serve the needs of their new members.

I also attended the membership meeting. While nothing noteworthy was announced at that meeting, it must be said that AAW president Tom Wirsing did a commendable job addressing some difficult and uncomfortable questions during the meeting. One would hope, that with that meeting being history, we can move forward from the controversy of the last year.

National symposiums are a wonderful venue to learn, to be inspired, meet old friends and to make new ones. If you have not attended one, you owe it to yourself to do so. I am sure you would find the experience well worth the effort. If you are unable to make San Jose next year, mark your calendar for the 2013 Atlanta symposium, June 28th through the 30th at the Hilton Hotel downtown.

Reminders, Items of Interest—Cont

GAW Woodturning Exhibit at Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas Co. (CAC) September, 2011

The GAW will have an exhibit at the CAC, 8652 Campbellton Street, Douglasville, GA, during the month of September, 2011. The exhibition will start on Thursday, September 1st, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 pm, and run through September 30, 2011. All members of the GAW are invited to exhibit 3-5 pieces of their work. The exhibit will be installed on Aug 29-31 so your work must be available by that date. You can bring your work to the Aug 18th meeting and Steve can deliver to the CAC, or you can deliver it to the CAC in Douglasville on Sunday afternoon, August 20 from 1-5 pm. Linda or Steve can meet you at the CAC if you need to arrange another delivery time. Work can be picked up at the CAC on Sunday, October 2nd, between 1 and 5 pm. If unable to pickup your work that day, other arrangements can be made.

This exhibit is an opportunity to share your love of woodturning with others. Several thousand people will have the chance to see woodturning as an art form. If you wish to sell your work, be sure you include a price with the information about your work. The CAC takes a 25% commission for any work sold during the exhibit.

Please call Linda Britt at 770-947-3457 if you have any questions about the exhibit.

Upcoming Wes Jones Class at Campbell

Have you attended a woodturning course at the John Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina? If not, why not plan to go for a week or weekend in the near future. The school is only a 2-hour drive away.

The school is famous for its woodturning courses and other arts and craft offerings. In fact, the Folk School trains more woodturners than any other facility in the country. Courses are offered every week and sometimes on weekends. The new Willard Baxter woodturning studio is modern and well equipped. The instructors come from all over the country and are selected for their teaching skills. Click [here](#) to look at the woodturning course offerings. Complete course descriptions are listed.

Wes Jones' Creative Woodturning course on September 4-10 still has some openings. It will cover all aspects of woodturning and is intended for beginners

and intermediate woodturners.

Woodturning Information from Steven D. Russell By Wes Jones

Steve Russell is a well known Texas woodturner, author, and lecturer on a wide range of woodturning subjects. He has written a large number of very interesting and informative articles and made them available for free on the internet. Check out the 2 webpages below. I'm sure you will find several articles of interest to you.

[Woodturning Tips](#)
[Woodturning Education](#)

Steve also publishes on the web a free monthly newsletter called Lathe Talk that is chock full of useful information. Check out the current issue at the webpage [here](#).

Back issues of the newsletter can be found [here](#).

If you like the newsletter, you can request that it be sent to you free by email each month by signing up [here](#).

2011 Georgia National Fair

The fair will be in early October, just after the Douglasville CAC show, with the dates for entry and delivering work overlapping the CAC event, so now is the time to be thinking about which pieces you want to exhibit in each show, and to finish more pieces so you can participate in both. More information in the Demonstrations and Events section of the newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for the Club

We are still looking for a new Symposium Committee Chair to replace Harvey Meyer after this years Symposium. Harvey has done a great job for several years now and would like to transition this rewarding role to another member who is willing to step up.

Newsletter input request

We are always soliciting members input (articles, news items, tips, suggestions, links to relevant web sites, or any other content that you have to share) to make this newsletter better serve GAW members. Send ideas / content to: editor@gawoodturner.org

Tips & Hints

Tool Tips—AAW Magazine

Every issue of the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners has a section on tips and hints sent in by members. If you get the publication, don't forget to read this section, or if you would like to receive the magazine for this and many other good informational and instructional articles, then become an AAW member.

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

Demonstrations, Events

Upcoming GAW Demonstrators:

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

- July 21st 2011—Mark St. Leger—topics “Rock-A-Bye” box. This is a box turned on the bias and will include lathe made jigs to complete the lid and eccentric finial. Also hands on 21st at Peachtree Woodworking.
- August 18th 2011—Sharon Doughtie—topics TBD also hands on 18th also at Peachtree Woodworking.
- September 15th 2011—Ernie Newman topics TBD
- October 20th 2011—Wes Jones Beal Buffing System
- November 17th 2011—Mark Sillay topic TBD
- December 15th 2011—GAW Christmas Party!!

GAW Club Picnic

The GAW club picnic has been scheduled for August 6th at Danny and Jane McCravy's. Food will be catered. It will be similar to previous years and should be fun.

Douglasville Cultural Arts Council—GAW Show Sept 2011

The Douglasville Cultural Arts Council will host an exhibit of GAW member's work in September. The exhibit opens on September 1st at the Cultural Arts Center located at 8652 Campbellton St, Douglasville, GA. All members are encouraged to exhibit their work. See Items of Interest on previous page for more information.

Important Dates for the CAC Show

August 18th: Bring completed pieces to the August

GAW meeting for Steve Pritchard to deliver to the show for you. Thanks Steve!

August 20th: Hand deliver work to the Douglasville Cultural Arts Center

September 1st: Reception at the Douglasville Cultural Arts Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 2nd: Pick up work at the Douglasville Cultural Arts Center

2011 Georgia National Fair—Oct 6th-16th

The fair is always a big event for the club. We usually have good participation and several award winners in the woodturning category. There are also opportunities to volunteer your time at the display area helping educate fairgoers about what we do. If you would like to exhibit your work, the deadline for postmarking your entry form is August 12th. The entry form will be available in July on the web site under Competitions > Georgia Living Competitions > Home Arts and Fine Arts. \$5 entry fee for each piece submitted, no commission. More information is at the fair web site. www.georgianationalfair.com.

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium

November 4-6, Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. Featured demonstrators: Marilyn Campbell, Emmet Kane, Mike Mahoney, Pascal Oudet, Richard Raffan and Les Thorne.

Tennessee Woodturning Symposium

Tennessee Association of Turners, 24th annual Symposium—January 27-28, 2012, Radisson Hotel at Opryland in Nashville. Featured demonstrators: Al Stirt, Dale Larson, Mark Gardner and Jennifer Shirley.

Instant Gallery Photos, June Meeting

June Instant Gallery, Nick Cook Demonstration

The Newsletter Editor was not in attendance at the June meeting so no pictures were taken of the Instant Gallery pieces or the demonstration. We apologize for this, but occasionally it can happen.

If you would like to volunteer to take pictures of the Instant Gallery and record the information about the pieces when the editor is absent, please contact Steve Pritchard or the editor and let them know. This would be much appreciated by the board and the members. A good camera would be desirable for this activity.

Thank you—The Editor

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-

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

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

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

Woodcraft www.woodcraft.com

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

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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.

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) 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.woodturnerscatalog.com

800-551-8876

Woodturning Supplies

Packard

www.packardwoodworks.com

800-683-8876

Woodturning Supplies

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Woodturning Association

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www.woodworkingshop.com

800-228-0000

Abrasives and woodturning supplies

Highland Woodworking

www.highlandhardware.com

800-241-6748

Woodworking tools, supplies

The Cutting Edge

www.cuttingedgetools.com

800-790-7980

Turning and carving tools, supplies

Penn State

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Woodturning tools, supplies

Hut Products

www.hutproducts.com

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Specialty Hardwoods

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www.gawoodturner.org/contact.shtml