



Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter

I look forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting and my first meeting as President. I am honored to serve as President and I hope I can maintain the standards from the past presidents. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and with everything going on you might have turned some items, if so please bring them to the meeting and show us what you have created.

Everyone you might want to look at the Southern States Woodworking Symposium, Clarence Brown Conference Center, Cartersville March 10-12, 2017 visit southernstatessymposium.org or call Nick Cook at 770-421-1212.

Another one in 2017 local is Turning Southern Style Symposium Sept 15-17 2017.

I will see you all on Wednesday.

Thank you

Hans Meier

Next Meeting – January 20, 2017

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday, January 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Our January demonstrator will be Mike Sorge. Mike will be demoing Turning Large Geometry.

Guests are always welcome. The meeting location is:

Woodcraft
8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd
Suite 115
Alpharetta GA, 30022
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www.woodcraftatl.com



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/atlantawtg/>

2017 Membership Renewal

It is that time again...time to renew your membership. The yearly dues are \$50. Please see Pat Walker to make your payment for the year.

January Meeting – Mike Sorge mikesorge.com

Artisan Statement: I enjoy rescuing, revealing, and preserving the incredibly diverse inherent natural beauty of the fallen tree through the art of high speed wood sculpting, creating elegant signature sculptures for art and utilitarian use; heirlooms for generations of enjoyment.

About Mike: Growing up in the foothills of the California Sierras, Mike, along with his three brothers and parents, explored the mountains, deserts, forests, and spent countless glorious days on, in and under the pacific waves. This foundation, along with Mike's Dad's influence as an industrial arts teacher, led to his appreciation of trees and their incredibly beautiful and diverse timber. Mike has been turning since November, 2009, and is a current member of the American Association of Woodturners, Blue Ridge Woodturners and Central Virginia Woodturners. Mike lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia with is wife, Cindy. In addition to turning, his passions include architecture, constitutional history, biking, hiking & snowboarding. Together, Mike and Cindy run their national sales & marketing business.



Material and Medium: Every year, storms across the US and around the world force down hundreds of thousands of trees. How wonderful for mankind to wisely utilize this incredibly beautiful and diverse natural resource. In 2009, Mike discovered rescuing, revealing and preserving beautiful timber through the art of high speed sculpting (woodturning) to be exhilarating and honorable. Committed and determined, Mike studied books and videos from professional turners and set upon a path of experimentation, of trial and error, with the goal of developing a style of his own. Through persistent effort his signature Geometrics and Winged Natural Edge emerged, elegantly displaying the inherent natural beauty of the fallen tree for art and utilitarian use, heirlooms for generations of enjoyment. Mike's work is sold primarily through select US galleries.

Timber sourcing: For natural edge and traditional turning, Mike rescues regional timber downed from storms and tree services. Mike also sources domestic and international kiln-dried timber for his geometric turnings.

Finishes: Mike's utilitarian bowls, platters and lidded boxes are finished with TY Finish, a custom blend of utilitarian food safe oil (100% organic, zero voc, polymerized flax seed & shea oil), which penetrates and hardens in the wood, generally drying in 1-2 hours. Mike's winged natural edge art pieces are finished with a blend of penetrating oil and varnish that seals, protects and enhances the woods' inherent natural beauty, which Mike finally buffs resulting in a rich, warm glow.

Swap Shop/For Sale

Two Tree Boyz Wood sells locally harvested wood in end grain-sealed blank and log form. We sell from our Buford location by appointment, at local turning clubs, and online through our website. Visit us for best price, best selection, and custom cutting. We have the potential to get new wood daily from my husband's tree service, so let me know if you are looking for something special.

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Upcoming Events:

January 20 - February 17	Wood Works Regional Exhibition	Watkinsville, GA
January 27-28, 2017	Tennessee Woodturning Symposium	Franklin, TN
March 10-12, 2017	Southern States Woodworking Symposium	Cartersville, GA
March 17-19, 2017	American Craft Council	Cobb Galleria
March 31 - April 2, 2017	The Wood Working Show	Cobb Galleria
September 15-17, 2017	Turning Southern Style Symposium	Dalton, GA
November 3-5, 2017	North Carolina Woodturning Symposium	Greensboro, NC

AWG Meeting Schedule

January - Mike Sorge (VA)

February - Donna Banfield

March - Rudy Lopez

April - Jamie Donaldson

May - tbd

June - tbd

July - tbd

August - Eric Lofstom

September – Glenn Lucas

October - tbd

November - tbd

About the Guild

The Atlanta Woodturners Guild (AWG) was formed to provide support, ideas, and camaraderie to fellow woodturners in the metro Atlanta area. The Guild meets once a month and members are invited to display examples of their work at the instant gallery. New and established turners have the opportunity to ask questions and solve problems with other members.

At each monthly meeting a demonstration is conducted by professional turners from all over the world. It is a great opportunity to see a professional in action, ask questions and learn techniques. The AWG has a comprehensive library stocked with woodturning DVD's, and books. These items are available to the membership for a small rental fee. Members are kept informed about upcoming events and activities through this, their web site.

All interested in learning about woodturning are welcome to attend the month meetings.

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