



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER



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Chapter 274 of the American
Association of Woodturners

This is your April 2023 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, send to Tom Biehl at newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org

Please submit your items **no later than the Wednesday before our meeting** if you would like to have your article included in that month's newsletter. (4 of 12)

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. Or sometimes one of our own accomplished members. It is a great opportunity to see a professional in action, ask questions and learn techniques. The AWG has a comprehensive library stocked with wood-turning 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 newsletter and our web site.

Anyone interested in learning about woodturning is welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

A carpenter ant walked into a
saloon and asked: "Where is the bar
tender?"

President's Message

April, 2023 Newsletter

Rudy Lopez's three local club demos and two all day hands on turning classes were all excellent. Our AWG Demo was not available to the 18 people that tried to log on due to technical difficulties but Rudy furnished us a YouTube Video of the exact same demo he had done for another club. We think we have those technical issues resolved and thank you for your patience.

We continue to have good participation in our Show and Tell as well as our Raffle and one new member signed up to join our club. So, we will have thirteen new members and one sponsor in our drawing at the meeting in April.

Please contact Glen for any questions about Beads of Courage and try to get your bowls completed soon.

Katie Navarro still needs some facilitators for our Hands On Turning (HOT) Classes but that program is thriving with a full class booked on March 1st. Also she is finalizing plans for our May 20th Tool Exchange and Wood Sale to be held in the parking lot at Woodcraft. See information below.

Do not forget to follow us on Facebook and post pictures of your work there. Also check out our website and see all things going on with our club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, 5-5:30 pm dinner and socialize at Hooligans, 8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA (directly behind CVS on corner of Holcomb Bridge and Barnwell Rd.) Weather permitting park at Woodcraft and walk over. Meeting starts at 6:45PM.

Wayne Johnson
President AWG

Meeting Agenda

6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft

6:45PM Meeting begins at Woodcraft and on the Zoom

6:45 to 7:00PM will be a business meeting, show and tell.

7:00PM to 8:30PM Demonstration. See info on Demo below.

8:30pm to 8:45PM Raffle is called by Mr. Hans

8:45PM to 9:00PM Clean up

All hands-on deck for the cleanup, please. We MUST leave by 9:00PM

Don't forget Show and Tell. Please bring your articles to the meeting for Hans and Katie to arrange for the Show and Tell Demonstration. Also, if you have any items to contribute for the Raffle, please bring them and give to Hans. As Hans has said, everyone likes to win something. But we must have items to Raffle. Thank everyone for bringing the raffle items and wood. Starting this month April, the raffle person (Hans) will be giving raffle tickets to those people who bring raffle items to the meeting. Thank you for helping to support the raffle event.



Harvey Meyer's April Meeting Demo

*In this demo, I'll turn a natural edge (sometimes called bark edge) bowl. I'll explain how to cut the log section to get the best grain pattern. Then I'll mount the blank between centers and explain how to orient the piece to achieve the best balance possible. Moving on, I'll shape the outside of the bowl and prepare a proper tenon for mounting when turning the other side. Once the outside is turned, I'll reverse the piece and hold it in the chuck using the tenon. Then I'll remove the wood from the inside and turn to final thickness. In general, natural edge bowls are turned in one session and allowed to dry before sanding. I'll explain the sanding and finishing processes. *



Unbalanced Bowl Blank – Wayne Johnson

So your bowl Blank is round but it still does not spin smoothly and is causing your lathe to jump all around. What causes this and what can I do to fix it.

The cause according to Harvey Meyer can be more moisture in one side of the blank than the other, different density of the wood like a section of punk wood, or bark inclusion or hidden void in the wood, or even nails, screws or metal fencing that has been grown over and not visible to your initial inspection.

A solution could be to slow the lathe down until the blank no longer causes the lathe to vibrate. This could be as slow as 200 to 300 rpms and that makes very slow turning. Increase the speed as you continue to turn, and lathe is running smooth.

You may also try slowly speeding the lathe up until you get past the jumping lathe.

Member John Votaw had a round bowl blank that had the moisture issue and could not get the lathe to settle down. Moisture meter said 23% on one side, 17% on the other.

So with the help of Blake Cherrington, they discovered you can balance it just like a tire with weight on the outside and drilling holes in the heavy side. He did not notice any great difference in the wood from side to side as he was hollowing.

John will be at our May meeting to discuss how they did this.



AWG Library



Look! We are back in business at Woodcraft. And so is our club librarian. We may not have a fancy library, but the knowledge that is within our selection is invaluable. Each month Jim Hardy, our librarian, will have our extensive Library available at the meeting. Each item is available for checkout - \$2/item/month. A list of books and DVDs available is on our website, <https://www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org> Our brand-new Members are eligible for up to 5 free monthly rentals in their first year of membership. Bonus to membership!

If you arrive a bit early there is time for some socialization and “catching” up with friends, you may not have seen in a while. It is also a good time to review what is in the library and available for check-out. And you can purchase raffle tickets for whatever prizes will be raffled at the end of the meeting. See Hans Meier.

HOT Sessions– A Club Favorite!

Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Leaders of the sessions mostly come from within the club. The leaders teach subjects meant to develop skills. And the goal is for each attendee to take something home to show off. To enroll in a session, contact Katie Navarro hotclassesatlantawoodturnersguild.org. The planned schedule to date is below.



Turn it on, Turn it up, and Turn Me Loose!

Unfortunately, our April HOT Class was cancelled due to a family emergency. Look forward to our May HOT class which will

Katie Navaro Says.....

Hands on Turning

If you haven't attended one of our HOT (hands on turning) sessions, you are missing out on one of the best perks (in my opinion) of our Club. Everyone knows lunch time is my favorite because we get to eat together and tell tall turning tales at the table, as well as getting to know each other better. Of course, there is the learning part too and the part where you can turn all day with like-minded friends for very little money.

Wayne Johnson facilitated our March HOT with Blake Cherrington as his helper. Thanks Wayne and Blake. There was standing room only in the classroom. *Hee Hee!* No, seriously, there was a wait list for Wayne's platter embellishing class.

The turners added beads, chatter, burn lines and texture to their platters. Wayne would demonstrate a technique and the turners would execute that technique, then they would turn that away and go on to the next cool thing. We enjoyed each other's company, enjoyed a visit from Harvey and went home with something cool.

April's HOT promises to be just as much fun so sign up now because our classes fill up fast. Arnie Moore will be facilitating. We will turn a small bowl laminated from several wood species.

To sign up for any or all of the 2023 HOT classes, text me at 404-447-4799 or email katiepnavarro@gmail.com. Or you may go to the website and click on Book Online.

Katie still has opportunities for some lucky member to share his/her knowledge and talents with other club members. Don't pass up the opportunity. Call Katie to claim your spot.

2023 HOT Schedule

May – Glen Withrow – Beads of Courage Bowls

June – Open – Your opportunity to teach one of your favorite projects to a gang of eight

July – natural Edge Bowl – Glen Withrow

August – Lidded Box – Harvey Meyer

September – Acorn Box – Katie Navaro

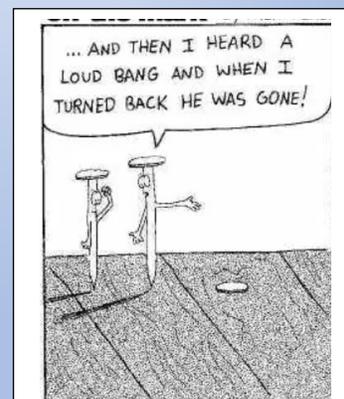
October – Thread Chasing – Mike Peace

November – Available to anyone who would like to share their knowledge with others.

December – Available to anyone who would like to share their knowledge with others.

*Have you heard the
"under construction
joke?"*

It's not done yet.



Do you know why woodworkers always get so upset at the Airport?

Because they can never find the right plane!

NOTE: Some members like to meet at a restaurant (Hooligans) for dinner before the meeting. This gives them a chance to arrive in the area a bit early and beat the traffic. Hooligans is located just a short walk east of Woodcraft. (8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Alpharetta, Ga, 678-367-2841)

DEPENDING ON YOUR PERSONALITY, MAKING HOLES IS EITHER DRILLING OR BORING...

Looking ahead to June's Meeting and Demo

May's Featured Demonstrator – Ken Rizza

Ken will demonstrate and discuss sharpening and sanding. Ken will provide information and methods and cover various available tools and jigs to help the turner with sharpening and sanding.

Welcome to all of our new member who joined in March. We appreciate you being with us and look forward to a long relationship.

Tony Campbell

Beads of Courage

Glen Withrow hopes to get two beads of courage bowls from each member by the end of the year. Please do all you can to meet this request. Glen may be contacted with questions at beadsofcourageatlantawoodturnersguild.org

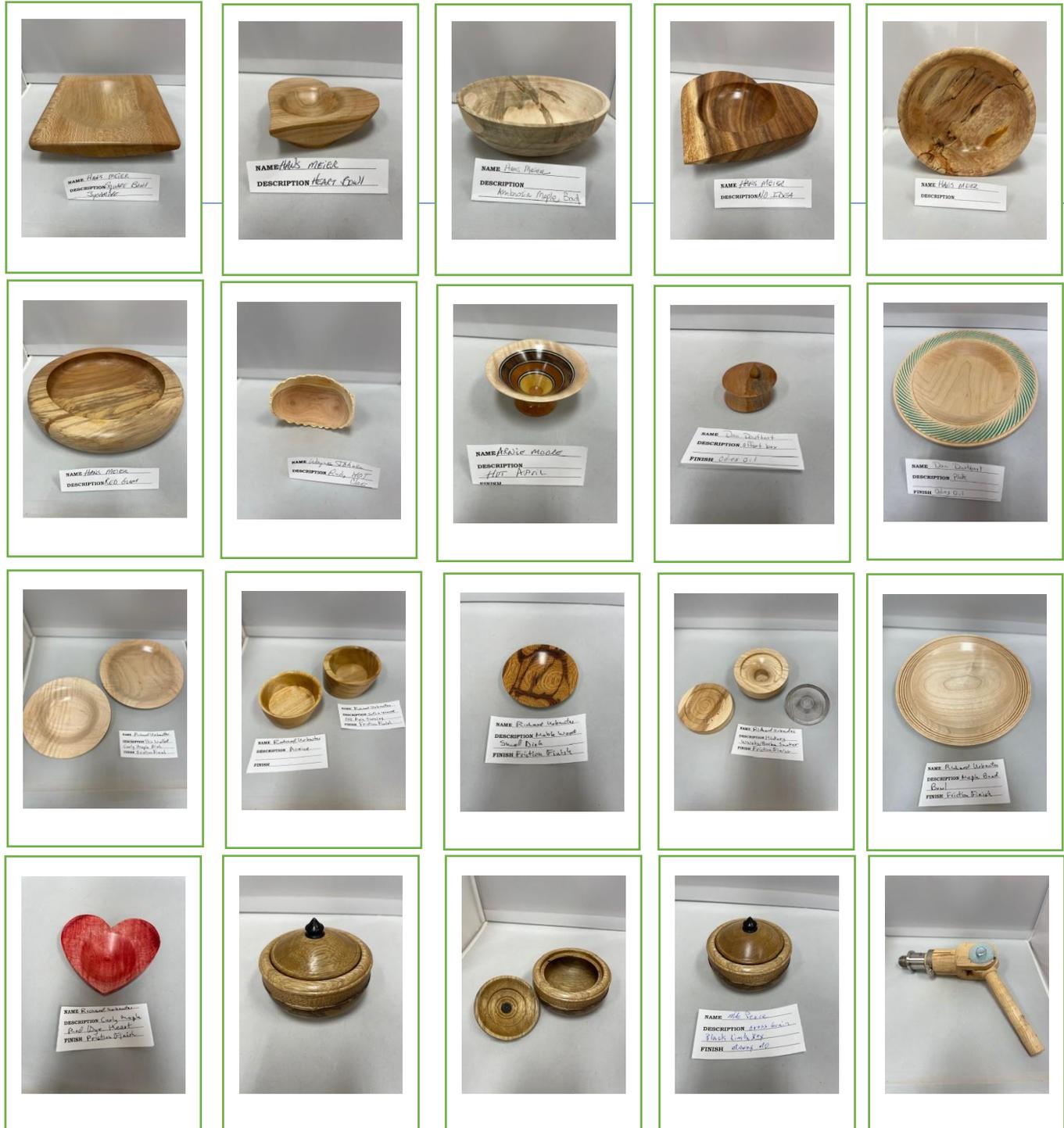
Together, we can meet this goal. Can Do!

Glen will be hosting a HOT Session on Beads of Courage in May.



March Show & Tell

During our March meeting we were blessed with many member show and tell items for our viewing pleasure. Our Superb turner's have shared their works. We look forward to another great show and tell during our April meeting. So let's Create, Show, and Tell (about it)!





Calendar of AWG Meeting and Events and Schedule

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTER	TOPIC
January 4	HOT Class	Hans Meier	Rolling Pins
January 18	Club Demo/Demo	Mark Sillay	Shaping Specialty Tools and their application
February 1	HOT Class	Katie Navarro	Acorn Boxes
February 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage Bowl
March 1	HOT	Wayne Johnson	Platter with embellished rim. Embellished in several ways.
March 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Rudy Lopez	Natural edge goblet from a limb
April 5	HOT	Arnie Moore	Turning a small bowl laminated from several w species.
April 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Harvey Meyer	Natural Edge Bowls
May 3	HOT Class	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage Segmented Bowl
May 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Ken Rizza	Product Showcase: Sharpening and Sanding
June 7	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.
June 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Michael Gibson	Thin-walled Asian Rice Bowl
July 5	HOT Class	Glen Withrow	Natural Edge Bowl
July 19	Club Meeting/Demo	Peggy Schmid	Polymer Clay Canes
August 2	HOT Class	Harvey	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.
August 16	Club Meeting/Demo	All Club Members	Hot Dogs, Tools, and Gadgets
September 6	HOT Class	Katie Navarro	Acorn Boxes
September 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Mike Peace	Thread Chasing
October 4	HOT Class	Mike Peace	Thread Chasing
October 18	Club Meeting/Demo	Dan Douthart	Lighted Sea Urchin Ornaments
November 1	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.
November 15	Club Meeting/Demo	TBD	
December 6	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.

I'M READING A
BOOK ABOUT
SANDPAPER
IT'S A WORK
OF FRICTION

Advertisements

Support those who support us.

Woodcraft has been gracious enough to allow us to resume our meetings in its facility. When looking to purchase tools and materials, please consider purchasing them from Woodcraft. On meeting nights, Woodcraft offers a 10% discount on non-sale items excluding mechanical items.

Please support our members that have provided free demonstrations for our club in 2022.



Harvey Meyer www.harveymeyer.com available for IRDs on a broad list of demos nationally or internationally. him@harveymeyer.com. Started woodturning in 2000 and turns bowls, platters, hollow vessels, goblets, boxes and of course mostly known for his Basket Illusions and for teaching many of us about “Harvey Oil” finish



Dan Douthart Has various YouTube videos posted by the Gwinnett Woodworkers Club but is now setup at home to be able to create his own YouTube Channel as well as do IRD’s for woodturning clubs. In fact, when he does our February Demo it will be his first from home IRD. He can also teach turning classes to individuals douthd@live.com.



Ken Rizza, owner of Woodturners Wonders located at 5230 Clarks Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506 Open M-F 9am-5pm.

678-400-8181

We provide Innovative and competitively priced products for woodturners. Check out our website: www.woodturnerswonders.com



Mike Peace www.mikepeacewoodturning.com I do demonstrations and workshops for clubs locally and Interactive Remote Demonstration over the internet to far away clubs. I enjoy teaching new woodturners one-on-one in my shop. I have demonstrated at the AAW symposium in Atlanta in 2015 and Portland 2018 as well as Southern States Woodturning and Turning Southern Style. Published in multiple magazines with copies of my articles on my website. I recently hit a couple of YouTube milestones: 50,000 subscribers and 8,000,000 million views.



Frank Bowers Frank is a fulltime woodturning instructor and demonstrator and may be contacted at fbowrs@aol.com He has taught more people to turn bowls than anyone else in Georgia.



Michael Gibson www.michaelgibsonwoodturner.com Known worldwide for his exquisite pieces, he is available to provide IRDs from his shop. When the pandemic is over he will begin accepting individual students.

New Member Drawing Announced

You could be a Winner!

Everyone that joins the AWG as a new member or sponsors a new member between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023, will be eligible for a drawing for a signed wood turned piece during our April 2023 meeting.

Proposed AWG New Tutor Program Mentoring Program Update

Due to the lack of interest of members to volunteer as tutors, the board has decided to table the program until further notice.

Craft Supplies USA – club discounts Club Orders-

Club members are welcome to pool their orders together and place a club order to receive a 10% discount off our published prices. With our new Reward Cash program, club orders earn Reward Cash that can be used at any time. The Reward Cash program is roughly the equivalent of a 3% rebate on purchases. In addition, we cover the shipping charges for club orders shipped within the contiguous 48 states. Actual shipping cost is added to orders shipped to Hawaii and Alaska. To receive these discounts, all club orders must meet the following requirements:

- Order must reach \$1,000.00 minimum total after quantity discounts are applied.
- Order must be shipped to a single address.
- Order must only use one form of payment.
- Reward Cash under the club account can be used as payment
- Only 2 gift certificates may be applied per club order.
- Freight added items (lathes, grinders, etc.) do not qualify for this special offer.
- Please submit all club orders by email at service@woodturnerscatalog.com or by calling our customer service department at 1-800-551-8876

Individual Orders- If a club member is ordering as an individual *we offer 10% off abrasive discs and finishes.* To receive these discounts, the club member needs to call in his or her order to 1-800-551-8876 and just mention they are a member of the woodturning club

This message announces the inauguration of some long-awaited updates to our Atlanta Woodworkers Guild web site (atlantawoodturnersguild.org). Our site retains the same hosting company (WIX.com) but now takes advantage of their recent service enhancements, including better support for various types of media (databases, graphics, videos and .PDF files). The color scheme and layout may be a little different, but you will recognize our club information and it should be easier to find and review.

Featured is a new **Event Calendar** (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/event-calendar), showing a schedule for our regular monthly meetings, our popular Hands On Turning (H.O.T.) sessions, and other upcoming events. The **Newsletter** archive (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/newsletters) is on-line again and will be kept current. A **Contact Us** page (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/contact-us) gives names and contact information for our current Officers and Board of Directors. An **About the AWG** page (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/about-the-awg) welcomes new members. A Members Only section provides access to our latest **Member List** (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/member-list) so you can stay in contact with your fellow members. The password is being updated and will be distributed in the not-too-distant future via email to members. Shortly I hope to add a page of public Forums, starting with a new Trading Post and one for Tips & Techniques.

Our meeting location is **Woodcraft of Atlanta, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 115, Alpharetta, GA 30022**
Phone: 770-587-3372 FAX: 770-587-906 Email: atlanta-retail@woodcraft.com

I hope you find the new site design practical and convenient. Please keep an eye on our **Event Calendar** for events currently planned for the remainder of the summer, fall and winter season!

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Did you know that your local chapter could save at least \$400 on registration for the 2023 AAW International Symposium? If you register 10 or more of your local chapter members, you are eligible for the group discount. New this year, AAW is offering a “Plus One” discount to chapter leaders as well. Click here to learn more: https://www.woodturner.org/woodturner/2023louisville/aaw-chapter-discounts.aspx?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook%20post&utm_campaign=23%20symposium&utm_content=chapter%20discount

Not interested in the chapter discount, but still want to attend. AAW members and non-members can save \$55 if you register by May 1. Click here to learn more: https://woodturner.org/woodturner/woodturner/2023louisville/2023-louisville---landing-page.aspx?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook%20post&utm_campaign=23%20symposium&utm_content=registration

See Wayne Johnson if you are interested in the discount.

And in closing, don't forget the upcoming Tool Exchange –

From Miss Katie:

The website link for the Tool Exchange is up and you are now able to reserve one or more booths by clicking on the Book Online button.

There will be a Tool Exchange Zoom meeting later in the week (date and time to be announced) and all members are invited to join.

See the flyer included below. You may print it and share it with your friends.

In Closing

This newsletter is published monthly by the Atlanta Woodturners Guild, (AWG). All opinions expressed by contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the Editor, Officers, or the AWG. Your AWG questions, comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact any officer through the contact information in this newsletter, or our website's contact webpage: www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org.



You're invited to join us for a
TOOL EXCHANGE and WOOD SALE

Sponsored by Atlanta Woodturners' Guild
Saturday, MAY 20, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At **WOODCRAFT OF ATLANTA's** Outside Parking Lot
8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., #115
Alpharetta, GA 30022



Our main purpose for this Tool Exchange is to bring area Clubs together while promoting Woodturning and to mark and celebrate our return to in-person demonstrations.

Gather your Club Members together and bring all those tools you do not use. Bring any kind of tools (no, they do not have to be woodturning tools), finished pieces, wood products, raw wood. Pull in your vehicle and sell from your trunk or the bed of your pickup `or set up table and chairs and park your vehicle in the vendor parking lot.

There will be woodturning demos by our own Mark Sillay and Harvey Meyer on the sidewalk outside the store. Ken Rizza from Woodturners Wonders will be there with his woodturning products and Woodcraft of Atlanta has all manner of woodworking/turning tools to choose from. Used tools! New tools! Demos! It's a Woodturner's dream!

Booth fees are \$20 for one parking size space roughly 10' X 18'. Reserve in advance at www://atlantawoodturnersguild.org. Need commitments on or before April 28th.

Admission for the general public is free.

*For additional information contact Katie Navarro @ 404-557-4799.