



# ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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This is your April 2024 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, send to Tom Biehl for consideration at [newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org](mailto:newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org)

Please submit your items **no later than the Wednesday before our meeting** (second Wednesday of the month) if you would like to have your article included in that month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing you April 17th. I will be the good looking one. (16 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. All turners can 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. In addition, the AWG has a comprehensive library stocked with wood-turning DVDs, and books. (see below)

### REMEMBER OUR WEBSITE

**Please see our Event Calendar (<https://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/events>)** for all the information about your club. Events, schedules, newsletter and contact list are just a few of the valuable items covered. It is worth a good look and many returns to see what has been updated.

Visit our members only section here; (<https://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/memberlist>) to stay in contact with fellow members (the password will be distributed to members via email).

Our meeting location is **Woodcraft Atlanta, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 115, Alpharetta, GA 30022 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month.**

## *President's Message*

### *April 2024 Newsletter*

Once again, we had a club member, Leslie Ballard, present an excellent demonstration on Epoxy Pouring and Turning at our March meeting. There is a lot of talent in our club and make sure you are taking advantage of by seeking help from other members.

Vice President and Program Chair Katie Navarro has done a wonderful job of lining up a great series of well-known demonstrators starting with Nick Cook at this month's meeting. Check our schedule on our webpage.

Our HOT Classes continue to be full twice a month thanks again to the HOT Coordinators Charlie Levan and Marcus Jones.

Be sure and email me if you have a wish list of woodturning tools you are interested in buying or selling. I will share with all of our members.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting this month and remember to bring your work for Show and Tell, buy raffle tickets from Hans, start working on your Katie's Birdhouse challenge for a chance to win \$50 Woodcraft Gift Card at the May meeting.

Keep up with us on Facebook and checking our webpage.

Best Regards,

Wayne Johnson

President AWG

#### *Meeting Agenda*

*6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft.*

*6:30 – 7:00PM Begin the business meeting and show and tell.*

*7:00 – 8:30 PM Demonstration. See info on Demonstration below.*

*8:30 – 8:45PM Raffle is called by Mr. Hans*

*8:45 - 9:00PM Clean Up*

*All "hands on deck" for the cleanup please. Our agreement with Woodcraft dictates that we MUST leave by 9:00PM CAN DO!*



**April 17, 2024 - Nick Cook** [nickcookwoodturner.com](http://nickcookwoodturner.com).

Nick Cook will be teaching us how to make lidded boxes. Nick is a legend in the world of woodturning. You should not pass up the chance spend time with Nick. We still have some spaces available.

Nick Cook is a full-time production turner producing a wide variety of gift items, one-of-a-kind bowls & vessels as well as work for furniture makers and millwork contractors. He spends much of his time teaching both individuals and groups throughout the country. He has done workshops for woodturning groups in Australia and has also participated in the national woodturning symposiums in New Zealand. He is a founding member of the American Association of Woodturners and has served as vice president and conference coordinator. Nick was named the twelfth honorary lifetime member of the AAW. He has written numerous articles for various woodturning publications including *American Woodturner*, *Woodworkers Journal* and *American Woodworker*. He also has produced two videos: *“Turning for Food”* & *“Turning for Fun and Profit”*.

Nick started woodworking in his father’s shop when he very young. In 1988, he quit his real job and started turning for a living. He has now been in the same shop for more than 30 years. As a production turner, he produces furniture and architectural elements along with a wide variety of gift items.

**May15, 2024 - Alan Leland** [alanleland.com](http://alanleland.com)

Alan literally wrote the book on wood turning instruction. Alan will be showing us how to turn a sphere, the instruction should be first rate. You can sign up any time by emailing me. Here is some more information on Allan from his web site.

Alan Leland is an internationally recognized woodturning instructor and demonstrator. He has won accolades from his students and his fellow woodturners for his exceptional handouts, his ability to teach and explain the various skills and techniques required to truly enjoy woodturning and most importantly his patient and thorough teaching style. The six plus session woodturning curriculum with its’ companion woodturning lab manual, which was developed to compliment his weeklong turning classes at the John C. Campbell Folk School, has garnered high praise. His work is primarily functional in nature due to his furniture background, but with an artistic flair due to his keen eye for shape and form. He has demonstrated at many national and regional woodturning symposia and done demonstrations and workshops for many woodturning clubs across the U.S. and Canada.



**June 19, 2024. Sammy Long [sammylong.com](http://sammylong.com)**

Sammy will be instructing us on creative relief carving. This should be a great class, here is some more details on Sammy.

Sammy Long is a native of Greenville, Mississippi and a resident of Brandon, Mississippi. He is happily retired from many years of work in the gas pipeline industry. He began his career as a machinist and first learned to turn on a metal lathe as a young adult.

Sammy has been an avid student of the art for the past 16 years. When he returns from a class, symposium, or demonstration, he continues to study and practice what he has learned. Whether the demonstrator is a well-known artist or a local craftsman, Sammy is open to exploring new ideas or techniques. He comes back excited and enthusiastic about the next project. Once he has practiced what he has learned, he is always eager to share with his fellow turners. Those who have directly influenced Sammy's work have been John Jordon, Binh Pho and Dixie Biggs.

The second monthly Hands-On-Turning (HOT) is held on the third Thursday of each month, which is also our meeting night. For the next several months we are pleased to have the demonstrator for the meeting conducting these HOT classes. You can sign up for these classes by sending me an email. The following is a brief description. You might want to sign up early as they will likely fill up.

The cost for these special sessions will be \$50.00 each. - Charlie Levan

From our Raffle Master ... *Hans*

*Please don't forget our show and tell. Please bring your items to the meeting early to be arranged for the show and tell presentation. Additionally, if you have any items to contribute for the raffle, please bring them to me at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone likes to win something, but we must have items to raffle. Thank you to everyone who has brought items for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be given to those who bring items for the raffle. Thank you for supporting the raffle event.*

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*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>*

### AWG Library



***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. See Jim Hardy. He’ll be the good looking one in the back*

### Let’s talk about HOT!

Looking for helpers for the HOT classes

Charlie Levan, Mark Sillay, and Marcus Jones were present at the First February HOT class to provide assistance or encouragement to the attendees as needed. If you would like to participate in the HOT classes but do not feel comfortable teaching, you could be a helper. Contact Marcus Jones for HOT classes on the first Wednesday of the month or Charlie Levan for the HOT II classes on the third Wednesday of the month.

To register for the month’s first HOT session please contact Marcus Jones at [w2marcus@bellsouthnet](mailto:w2marcus@bellsouthnet) or 404-626-4469.

To register for the month’s second HOT session please contact Charlie Levan at [Charlie.levan@gmail.com](mailto:Charlie.levan@gmail.com) or 612-310-6403.

HOT sessions are an excellent opportunity for the turner at whatever level to improve their skills. It is a fun packed six hours spent with people of similar interest. Challenging, yet achievable projects are on the menu. The goal is for each participant to learn. And, as Katie likes to remind us we get to have lunch at the big table together and tell turning stories. Give it a try.

Look what we did at the two most recent HOT sessions.

For our March 20<sup>th</sup> HOT class, Arnie Moore led us to turn a Staved Lidded Box. It was made from walnut and curly maple with veneers between the staves. Everyone worked hard and learned from Arnie. We were all able to substantially complete our project. Some needed to take theirs home to complete.



Our April HOT 1 class on April 3<sup>rd</sup> was led by Marcus Jones. The topic was making rings with leftover wood. Marcus demonstrated techniques for determining ring size and creating a wooden morse taper jig to catch and then do final finishing on the ring. We had 7 attendees with a range of experience from very experienced to first time turners.

#### Upcoming HOT 1 Sessions

- The May Hot 1 session (May 1) will be led by Rick Urbantas and will cover making Pine Ornaments with finials.
- The June HOT 1 session (June 5) will be led by Seth Gamba and will cover making spinning tops with small shallow bowls to spin the top in. These make great desk items.
- There will be NO July HOT 1 session (July 3) as it falls too close to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday,
- The August HOT 1 session (August 7) will be led by Charlie Levan and cover ornaments
- The September HOT 1 session (September 4) will be led by Wayne Johnson and cover a 10" platter with a decorative edge
- The October HOT 1 session (October 2) will be led by Marcus Jones and feature a Honey Pot with lid and Honey Dipper.



AWG Member Tim Robertson has AWG name badges that you may purchase. Badges are laser cut and engraved on 1/8" thick prefinished maple plywood made for laser engraving. They are held in place using magnetic badge attachments. Replacing traditional badge pins, badge magnets are clothes-friendly: no more pin holes or possible tears on your clothes.

Here are the details of the name badges:

- Material: 1/8" thick maple plywood which is finished with a furniture-grade semi-gloss finish.
- Size: 3-1/2" x 2".
- Engraving: Laser cut and engraved.
- The cost for each badge is just \$10.00 in cash. To make the process as smooth as possible, you have two convenient options to order your badge:

Contact Tim at [tb.robertson@gmail.com](mailto:tb.robertson@gmail.com) to place your order. They are \$10.00 each.

Note: Tim does not accept verbal or handwritten names, He copies directly from text or email and paste them into the program so there are no errors in spelling of names.

If you purchase the name badge, you will keep it and bring back and forth to our meetings. If you forget your badge or choose not to buy a badge, please continue to fill out a disposable name tag at each meeting.



## Calendar of AWG Meeting and Events and Schedule

As events are scheduled for 2024 this chart will be updated.

DATE 2024	EVENT	PRESENTER	TOPIC
January 3	HOT Class	Arnie Moore	Preparing a staved Bowl
January 17	HOT Class II	Arnie Moore	Turning a staved BOC Bowl
January 17	Club Demo/Demo	Arnie Moore	Creating Staves
February 7	HOT Class		
February 21	HOT Class II	Steve Cook	Salt Shaker and Pepper Grinder
February 21	Club Meeting/Demo	Steve Cook	Salt Shaker and Pepper Grinder
March 6	HOT	Harvey Meyer et al	A day to provided turners with help to turn Katie Navarro's Bowl Challenge
March 20	HOT II	Arnie Moore	Staved BOC Box
March 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Leslie Ballard	Resin in Woodturning
April 3	HOT	Marcus Jones	Rings
April 17	HOT II	Nick Cook	Lidded Box
April 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Nick Cook	4 Lidded Boxes
May 1	HOT Class	Rick Urbantas	Pine Ornaments with a finial
May 15	HOT Class II	Alan Leland	Turning a sphere
May 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Alan Leland	TBD
June 5	HOT Class	Seth Gamba	spinning tops with small shallow bowls to s the top in
June 19	HOT Class	Sammy Long	
June 19	Club Meeting/Demo	Sammy Long	Carving on Woodturning
July 3	HOT Class	CANCELLED	Holiday tomorrow
July 17	HOT Class II		
July 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Harvey Meyer	
August 7	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	Ornaments
August 21	HOT Class II	Tom Biehl	Three Piece Vase
August 21	Club Meeting/Demo	TBD	
September 4	HOT Class	Wayne Johnson	10" platter with a decorative edge
September 18	HOT Class II		
September 18	Club Meeting/Demo	Pat Carroll	TBD
October 2	HOT Class	Marcus Jones	Honey Pot with lid and Honey Dipper
October 16	HOT Class II		
October 16	Club Meeting/Demo	Mark Sillay	Bringing out the best in a piece of wood
November 6	HOT Class		
November 20	HOT Class		
November 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Dan Douthart	Lighted Urchin Ornament
December 6, 23	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	Ornaments

The best way to carve wood is whittle by whittle.

### Beads of Courage

Glen Withrow had hoped to get **two beads of courage bowls from each member** by the end of the 2023. We did not make that goal. [beadsofcourageatlantawoodturnersguild.org](http://beadsofcourageatlantawoodturnersguild.org) needs our help.

**In 2023, AWG only provided ten bowls. We can do better. Please commit to turning a Beads of Courage Bowl by the end of 2024.**

The AWG 2024 goal is 73 BOC bowls.

Together, we can meet this goal. Can Do!

If you have something that you would like to have published, please send a message to [htbiehl@att.net](mailto:htbiehl@att.net) by the second Wednesday of the month.

**Editor's Note:** Would you like to contribute some of your time and talent to a worthwhile cause? Helping Needy Veterans is our mission. Gwinnett Woodworkers gather at Rob's Daycare for Adults every other Tuesday (well most of them) to build sturdy wooden canes that are donated to the Atlanta VA for distribution to needy Veterans. You will leave with a feeling of accomplishment and have pride for what you've just done. Contact Glen, Hans, Katie, Marcus Jones, or me, Tom Biehl, for more detailed information. You too can help our Veterans!



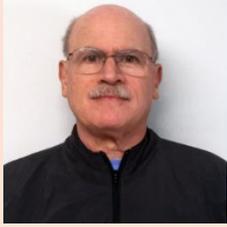
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**Please support our members who work hard to keep the club going and provide instruction and/or advice to newer, and older turners.**



**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

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**Support those who support us.**

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



**Ken Rizza**, owner of Woodturners Wonders located at 5230 Clarks Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506 Open M-F 9am-5pm. 678-400-8181

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**Mike Peace** [www.mikepeacewoodturning.com](http://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 2016 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 views.

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