



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

July 2023

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Association of Woodturners



This is your July 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** (second Wednesday of the month) if you would like to have your article included in that month's newsletter. (7 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.

President's Message

July, 2023 Newsletter

It is hard for me to believe that July is here and we are already halfway through our first-year meeting back in Woodcraft. The Pandemic was a struggle for all of us personally and for our club but we came out of that and our membership continues to grow, we are having great participation in all the programs we have going on and interest in turning seems great. Please keep the enthusiasm and let me know of anything you think will help our club going forth.

I always enjoy visiting Katie's HOT Classes on the first Wednesday of every month but this month's class visit was especially gratifying. The class was full including a student sharing Glen Withrow the facilitator's lathe and Katie had to turn away a couple of students. As I looked around the room it was interesting to see such a wide variety of turners' experience from the beginner to the gifted veteran, and all producing their version of a natural edge bowl and enjoying this craft we call "Turning." If you would like to sign up for one of these classes you need to check the schedule on our website and send Katie an email sooner than later.

June brought us yet another vendor, Ken Rizza/Woodturners Wonders offering us a club membership discount. If you did not get that email describing how to take advantage of it please drop me an email.

What great work we are seeing in our Show and Tell and our goal is for everyone to participate. So make the effort to bring one of your pieces in.

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, 5:00 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 Zoom

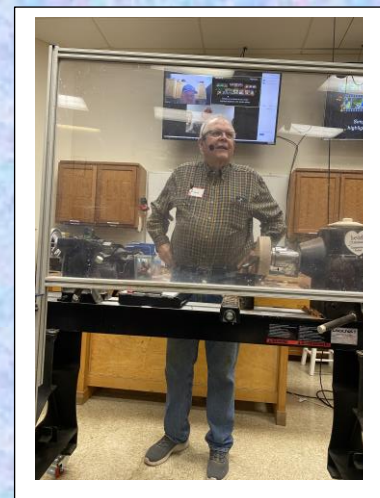
6:45 - 7:00PM Will be a business meeting and show and tell.

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. We MUST leave by 9:00PM



From our Vice President and Raffle Master ...

Raffle Master

June we will be having a raffle as normal and if you can donate some wood or other items to the raffle they would be greatly appreciated and for donations the raffle master will give you free tickets for the raffle.

Also, this month by request I have been asked to do a half pot raffle. For all tickets sold one ticket will be drawn for half of whatever was sold that night as a test.

Vice President

For August, I will need everyone's help. Our meeting will be a jig and fixture presentation by all of us. So start thinking about what you might bring to this meeting. If the item is too big or too hard to bring in take some good pictures that we can put in a presentation for that evening. Thank you in advance for your help with the August meeting.

Holiday Party - December 5th we will be doing a Holiday Party Jointly with GAW. It will happen at Brimstone Restaurant and Tavern at 6:30PM. The address is 10595 Old Alabama Road Connector, Alpharetta Georgia We will need to know numbers and we will be ordering off a short menu. I will try to have sign up online soon and more info to follow.

Please don't forget our show and tell. Please bring your items to the meeting for Katie and I to arrange for the show and tell presentation. Also, if you have any items to contribute for the raffle, please bring them to me at 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. As of April, raffle tickets will be given to those who bring items for the raffle. Thank you for supporting the raffle event.

I need all members to participate and bring in you jigs and fixtures to show no matter how simple they are. I know that someone else had the same problem and you may solve their issue. If your jig or fixture is too large or attached too strongly, take pictures of your item and email them to me hans@hanspuzzles.com by August 9th so I can get them put in a presentation program. Anyone who brings an item or sends picture of item will receive a chance in a drawing. This can be a great program if everyone participates, or it can be a total bust. So I need your help and support in August.

July's Featured Demonstrator – Peggy Schmid Peggy will demonstrate Polymer Clay Canes

Peggy Elise Schmid
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As a native Atlantan, Peggy watched the city grow from a small town into a thriving metropolis. Most of her life has been spent in and around the Atlanta area. After working in the private sector for many years, she returned to college, and at age 35, obtained a Fine Arts degree from the Atlanta College of Art (SCAD), with a major in Sculpture in 1990. It was her lifelong dream to become an artist. She also trained as an Art Educator at Georgia State University where she was an Honors Society student.

In 1998, she became a member of the Georgia Association of Woodturners and began her passion for Woodturning.

She is a member of the AAW and is an active member of the Etowah River Woodturners. She served as the President of The Georgia Association of Woodturners and has held several positions on the board of the Apple Ridge Woodturners. She helped establish and served as the President of the Friends of the Florida School of Woodwork, a non-profit dedicated to promoting woodworking education. Peggy demonstrates woodturning for many of the chapters in and around Georgia and is a frequent demonstrator at the tradeshow for woodworking and turning. Her work is found in private and corporate collections throughout the country.

“Artists are drawn to what they love about the art they make. I was always fascinated by the smell of fresh cut lumber in my papa’s shop. Those days spent learning how to use tools and appreciating the materials were the most gratifying in my life. To this day, each time I turn a piece of pine, I am reminded of his kind and patient guidance in teaching me to work with wood. It is no wonder that I have grown into a woodturner as an artist. Each piece of wood is a new present to be opened and cherished. I am always fascinated by the surprises I find.



Please see the photos below of a tool that has been donated to the AWG. It will be raffled beginning with this newsletter. The bidding will be closed at the Club meeting on July 19, 2023. It will be somewhat of a silent auction. Please send your bid to Hans Meier at hans@hanspuzzles.com. Or wait until the meeting and give your bid to Hans. The opening bid is \$35.00. Good luck to all bidders.



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!

And turn the page for more about HOT!

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.

Our July session was facilitated by Glen Withrow. Glen taught us how to turn a natural edge bowl. Glen brought plenty of blanks for us to turn in class and enough for us to take some home. It was a great day full of learning, some frustration and a lot of fun.



Rob Austin Charlie Levan Glen Withrow Tom Biehl Bruce Fairchild Dan Douthart Kurt Sands Tony Campbell
Hans Meier

After making so many wood puns, I think I ought to branch off into another topic.

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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)

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Looking ahead to August's Meeting and Demo

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At last month's meeting, Mike "Doc" Perpall presented our club with a special plaque he had created in his basement studio to show how much he liked our club. Mike is a long-time member of the AWG and employee of Woodcraft and along with Dennis works late on our meeting nights so we can stay until 9:00. Doc agreed to find an appropriate place to display the plaque at Woodcraft, so see if you can find it and take a minute to give a shout out to Doc to thank him.



Welcome to our new member, Gary Shead who joined in June. We appreciate you being with us and look forward to a long relationship.

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 hosted a HOT Session on turning a Beads of Courage Bowl in May.

June Show & Tell

During our May 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 June meeting. So let's Create, Show, and Tell (about it)!



Dan Douthart



John Votaw



Mike Peace



Marcus Jones



Tom Biehl



Bob Drake



Blake Cherington



Joe Metzger



Donated Wands

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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 21	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 Meyer	Lidded Box.
August 16	Club Meeting/Demo	All Club Members	Hot Dogs, Tools, and Gadgets
September 6	HOT Class	Arnie Moore	Layered Bowl Laminated from several species
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	Charlie Levan	Ornaments
November 15	Club Meeting/Demo	TBD	
December 6	HOT Class	Katie Navarro	Acorn Boxes

When is a piece of wood made king?

When it becomes a ruler!

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**Laughing at
your mistakes can
lengthen your life.
Laughing at your
wife's mistakes
can shorten it.**

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 fcbowrs@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.

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**

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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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Webmaster for Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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