



Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter

President's Message

Well it's July and the summer heat has definitely set in. I hope you are finding this heat as an excuse to get and stay in your shops! I would like to remind everyone again that if you have a friend that may be interested in woodturning, please try to talk him or her into tagging along with you for one of our meetings. Hopefully after one meeting they will want to come back for more fun!

Don't forget about our new show and tell incentive. Those who participate are eligible at a chance to win a gift card. Remember, one of our monthly gift cards is set aside for only show and tell participants. So if the turnout is not good, then those that do participate have a good opportunity to win.

At our June meeting we mentioned about the possibility of scheduling some hands on sessions in the future and asked for a show of hands of those interested. From the show and tell participation I have seen, it's obvious that our club is made up of members with a wide range of skill levels. Those who have been turning for a little while can look back and remember those difficulties and frustrations we all experienced when trying to become a woodturner. We can recall that initial fear of the lathe and feelings we had when we encountered a catch. During that initial phase at trying to figure out how to use a lathe, we were all amazed at the things we saw brought in by other members for show and tell. I often wondered when I would be able to bring in something good enough to show off.

Our goal and intention with these hands on sessions is to help our beginning and intermediate turners at enhancing and furthering their turning skills. Since most of us have full time jobs and can only turn when we have some spare time on the weekends, hopefully these sessions will help our newer turners become more productive with their limited shop time. We are currently in the process of working out the details and getting these sessions setup and we will provide more information very soon. I hope any of you who looking to improving your skills will take advantage of these sessions.

I want to thank those who have been bringing in Beads of Courage boxes. As a reminder, if you bring in a Beads of Courage box you will receive a voucher for a free club DVD rental. For those still planning on making a Beads of Courage box and need help on getting started, the video of Harvey's Beads of Courage Demo can be viewed to help assist you. Use either of the following url's to view the Beads of Courage Demo:

View from Harvey Meyer's Website <http://www.harveymeyer.com/index.php/youtube>

or via youTube

Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G7j6KikTV4>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwPofNfkW50>

Part 3 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZJEIKZIMw>

Last month, the AAW Symposium was held in Pittsburgh, PA. I would like to say "if you were not able to attend, you missed a great symposium" but I did not attend myself. I look forward to hearing about it from those that did attend. If you missed out on attending the Southern States Symposium back in May and the AAW symposium last month, you are still in luck. The next symposium coming up is GAW's Turning Southern Style, which will be held in Dalton, GA the weekend of September 18 – 20. Featured demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes, Benoit Averly, and Nick Agar. Also among those featured demonstrators will be our own Harvey Meyer. Along with Harvey will be Nick Cook and John Lucas. This is definitely a symposium you will not want to miss. For more information on the symposium and the venue, please visit GAW's website <http://gawoodturner.org/>.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to support our local woodworking stores.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their recently turned items at our July meeting. I hope each month finds you at some point, knee deep..... in a pile of shavings!

Kevin Wood

Next Meeting – July 15, 2015

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Our guest demonstrator will be Sharon Doughtie from Hawaii.

Sharon's demo will be Drop Box - Turn a box in the shape of a drop which will include some simple carving to change the shape and how it rests.

Guests are always welcome. The meeting location is:

Woodcraft
8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd
Suite 115
Alpharetta GA, 30022
(770) 587-3372
www.woodcraftatl.com



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

AWG Facebook Page Updated!

Jonathan Tanner our webmaster has changed our facebook page to a group page. Go to our page "Atlanta Woodturners Guild" public group. Once you are at the page click join to join the group. It will now be available for posting your work and announcing Guild events. This will be a great tool to communicate and share between meetings. Here is the link if you want to go straight to our page.

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If you are not on Facebook this is a great time to start so you can use the club page to display your work and see work of others.

Previous Meeting – June 2015

The June meeting featured demonstrator Jim Creel. Jim gave a presentation on making custom chucks and attachments for your lathe.



June 2015 Instant Gallery Photos

Arnold Abelman



Bob Greenberg

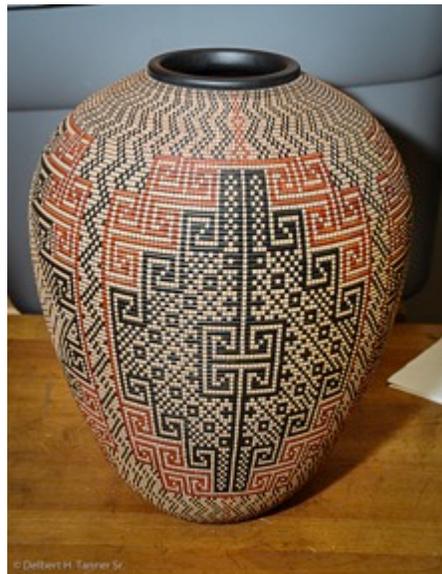


Dan Douthart



Keith Muthersbough





Ken Rizza



Kevin Wood



Rex Letner



Steve Falwell



Beads of Courage Project Update

Our club has now produced 9 Beads of Courage Boxes for seriously ill children going through medical treatments for these illnesses. Thanks to the following members that have displayed boxes at our meetings

Harvey Meyer (4 boxes)
Del Tanner

Bob Greenberg
Rex Letner

Ken Rizza
Steve Falwell

These boxes will be displayed at the "Turning Southern Style" symposium in September. You still have time to make a box or two! Contact Del Tanner at Delbert.tanner@me.com or 404-217-3485 for a Beads of Courage logo tile to incorporate in your box. Lets see if we can get to 30 boxes by the end of the summer. See the pictures of the boxes built so far.



Sharon Doughtie started turning in 1993, quickly found that she absolutely love it, and became a full-time turner in 1998. Though she is mostly self-taught, she has had several hands-on classes with such people as John Jordan, Mike Lee and Jacques Vesery, which have helped her to build her skills. Sharon has also been inspired and influenced by many other turners and wood artists who either live in or have passed through Hawaii.

Artist Statement

My current work incorporates designs based on freeform Celtic knots and explores how the curving, undulating patterns can cross cultures, look like something from nature or illustrate an emotion.

I wanted to explore something from my own Scottish Irish culture and to take knotwork in a new direction; so rather than just drawing, then burning, the knot around the rim of a platter, I allow my designs to drift across the pieces and flow over the edges. I use simple bowl shapes, which have been dyed and textured, as back drops on which to weave the designs.



I love the idea of hidden things and am also making a series of boxes that don't appear to be boxes at first glance. They also have the Celtic based designs on them and the graphics flow into the insides of the pieces also.



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:

Turning Southern Style

When: September 18 - 20, 2015

Where: Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, Dalton, GA

Featuring: Jimmy Clewes, Nick Agar, and Benoît Averly

AWG Meeting Schedule

January 21, 2015 – Mark Sillay (GA)

February 18, 2015 – Mark Waninger (IN)

March 18, 2015 – Richard Morris (KY)

April 15, 2015 – Derek Weidman (PA)

May 20, 2015 – Robert Lyons (SC)

June 17, 2015 – Jim Creel (LA)

July 15, 2015 – Sharon Doughtie (HI)

August 19, 2015 – John Jordan (TN)

September 16, 2015 – Jimmy Clewes (NV)

October 21, 2015 – TBD

November 18, 2015 – Tania Radda (AZ)

December 16, 2015 – Holiday social

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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