



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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Association of Woodturners



This is your January 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

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 January 17th. I will be the good looking one. (13 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 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. 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**

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President's Message

January 2024 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a great Holidays and a Happy New Year and already trying out all those new woodturning tools in the shop. As you crank back up in the shop, remind yourself to wear that face shield every time, as well as a dust mask and ear protection, sharpen your tools often and if you do not know how ask, practice the woodturners dance, take time to do maintenance on your lathe and all mechanical tools in your shop, and use a safe lathe speed based on what you are doing. Check out www.woodturner.org for information on all of these or just ask a member of our club.

For the beginners and even intermediate turners, check out a Facebook page called "Bowls Turning and Learning", Tom Biehl put me onto this page and there are lots of posts by beginners and great answers.

Vice President Katie Navarro already has our club off to a great start with our first HOT (Hands on Turning) session at Woodcraft on January 3rd. What's new this year is every month we will have two HOT Classes on the first and third Wednesday. Watch for details and sign up early as classes fill up fast.

Our other big change this year is we have moved our regular meeting starting time to 6:30 so we can be sure and allow one and a half hours for all of our demonstrators.

Finally, we will be having our fourth quarter new member and new member sponsor drawing at the January meeting for a Peggy Schmid Polymer Clay lidded box demo piece.

Keep up with us on Facebook and checking our webpage.

Best Regards,

Wayne Johnson

President AWG

Meeting Agenda

6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft.

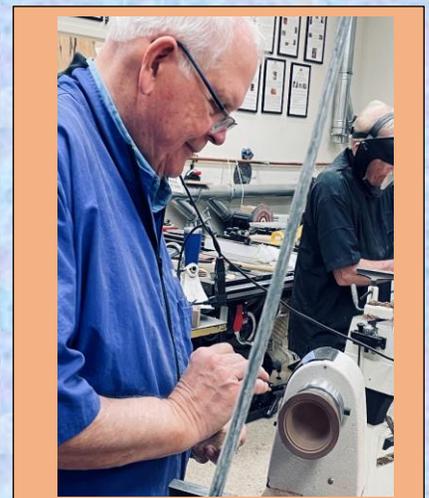
6:30 – 7:00PM Begin the business meeting and show and tell.

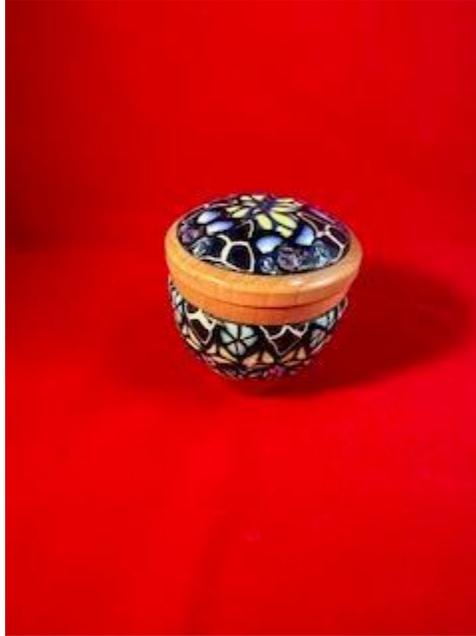
7:00 – 8:30 PM Demonstration. See info on Demonstration below.

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!





During our January monthly meeting we will have a drawing for a Peggy Schmid Polymer Clay lidded box demo piece from the following list of members that joined the AWG between 9/1/2023 and 12/31/2023 and anyone that sponsored a new member. Following is a list of names of that will be in the drawing. If your name should be on the list, please contact Wayne Johnson before the meeting at 404-844-9295

Welcome to Our New Members: Leslie Ballard, Phillip Buzzetta, Marty Cuellar, Carl Deloney, Cathy Dent, David Feldman, Al Hickey, Jim Hoben, Danny Naturus, Angela Young, Walt Wager, Judy Yoon

Sponsors: Tom Biehl, Katie Navarro

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.

January 2024 Meeting Demonstration

Our January 17th demo will be presented by our very own Arnie Moore. Arnie will be demonstrating how to create a Staved Bowl. On the evening of January 17th Arnie will present "An introduction to staved turning projects". This presentation will cover how to cut staves on a table saw, how to glue and clamp these staves and how to mount on the lathe for turning, several examples will be presented. Using staves of different types of wood and using veneers to separate staves can produce interesting projects.

In addition, Arnie will be presenting two HOT classes in January where the attendees will learn the process and complete a bowl to be given to our BOC representative, Glen Withrow. The HOT class will be a staved BOC box. The plan is to have two HOT sessions in January. On January 3 we plan to cut and glue the boxes and finish them on January 17.

Now a little bit about Arnie:

Arnie spent 15 years on active duty in the Navy followed by 15 years in the Navy Reserve. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain (O6) in 1994. In civilian life Arnie worked for Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, designing Navy Destroyers, Cruisers and Amphibious ships for 24 years. He retired as the Vice President of Engineering in 2007.

Arnie was an active member of AWG for about 6 years between about 2008 and 2014. He served in several positions including as Vice President for 2 years and President for 1 year. For about the past 6 years Arnie has been the Chair of the local Peach State Chapter of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM).

Arnie likes to make "laminated" lathe projects using contrasting wood species. Often these pieces come from cutoffs of furniture projects. Arnie is happy to assist any AWG members interested in this form of turning. He taught an AWG Hands-On Training (HOT) class in September, demonstrated in October and will teach two HOT Classes and demonstrate again in January, 2024.



LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY

Steve Cook will be visiting us on February. Steve will host a one-day HOT Class on February 21st. That one day class will be followed with a demonstration. The topic will be Saltshaker and Pepper Grinder. Look for information from Charlie Levan regarding how to register for the HOT Class. The cost the student for this class is \$50.00. It is partially being subsidized by AWG. There is room for 10 participants. Hurry, spots are filling up quickly.

Steve Cook discovered woodturning after moving to Savannah, Georgia 25 years ago. He became passionate about this art which lead him to become an integral member of the Low Country Turners. The past six years he has held the leadership role of president of this club.

Steve shares his talent with the community in hopes to inspire future wood turners. He does this through hands on demonstrations as well as instructing at his shop.

Steve has a continuing relationship with Savannah College of Art and Design. He helps students develop their turning skills for their industrial design and furniture projects. Steve teaches at John C. Campbell folk school. Steve really enjoys the teaching process of working with beginners and younger students.

Steve owns and runs Coastal Wood Design, a wood shop specializing in architectural turnings, turned gift items, cutting boards and custom projects such as furniture, historic windows and custom kitchens. Steve sells his work through local stores, online and designers.

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KATIE'S CHALLENGE 1

January 17 – March 20, 2024

TURN A BOWL

Our first Club Challenge of 2024! Turn a bowl, but not just any bowl. Winner gets a \$50 Woodcraft Gift Card. The prize-winning bowl will be chosen by an impartial judging panel.

Here are the criteria:

- Your bowl entry can be turned from the wood/s or materials of your choice
- Your bowl must be 5 1/2" wide from outer rim to outer rim
- Your bowl must be 3" tall
- The wall thickness of your bowl must be consistent and no more than 1/4"
- Your bowl can be embellished in any way you like or not embellished at all
- Your bowl must be finished to perfection and have a food grade finish
- Your bowl must not be signed
- You can have more than one entry
- Bring your bowl/s to the March 20th Club meeting in a brown paper bag

The winning bowl will be retained by the Club to be auctioned at the Holiday Party. We are investigating if all other entries will be donated to the Empty Bowls project.

Now, get turning!!

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

Hands on Turning by Katie Navarro

Are you new to turning? Have you been turning for some time, and feel you could do better? Do you enjoy learning from a variety of people? When was the last time you attended a structured, yet friendly and social environment educational session? 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. The session will help answer those questions above. In the sessions, we have an opportunity to work on a specific projects with lessons provided by one of our club experts. We learn, we meet new turners, and we leave with something that we made to take home and show to our families. And we have the newly developed skill and knowledge to go to our shop and create more items. "Everyone knows lunch time is my favorite" (says Katie Navarro) 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.

THANK YOU KATIE NAVARRO!

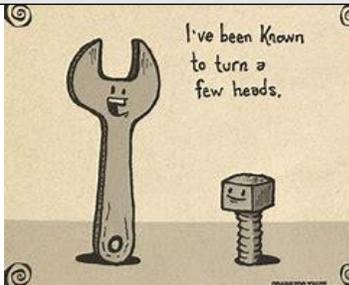
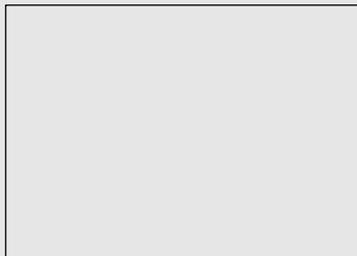
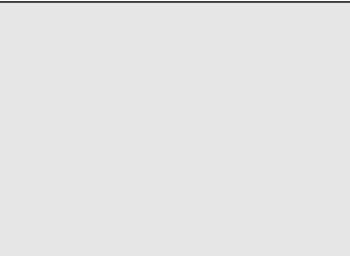
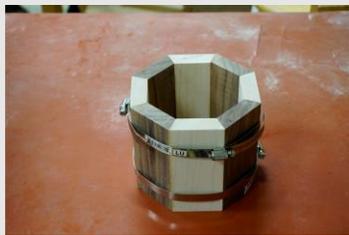
The monthly HOT classes have been so well received that your Board has added a second monthly session beginning 2024. The second session will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. The topics for both sessions will not necessarily be the same. (Variety is the spice of life.) Katie Navarro and Marcus Jones will organize the first session and Charlie Levan will organize the second session. There may be instances when there is only one HOT class in a month. Those will be times when a visiting demonstrator agrees to hold a class for the membership. So, kind of HOT but not HOT. We will be establishing a make/break number for each class. Saying if not enough members want to sign up, the class will be cancelled. Those numbers will be published when the announcement for a particular HOT session is made. Look for more information to come.

January 3, 2024, HOT Class Picture

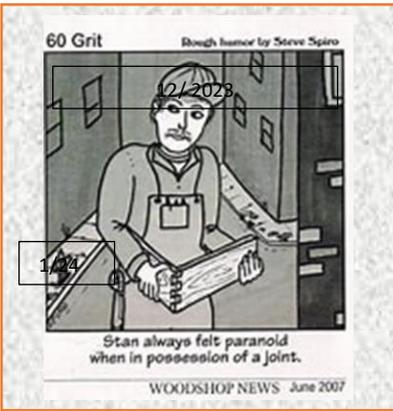


Charlie Levan	Bruce Fairchild	Arnie Moore	Tom Biehl	Ken Rizza	Tony Campbell	Katie Navarro	Glen Withrow	Dan Douthart
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Our first 2024 HOT class was led by Arnie Moore on January 3rd. The topic was Staved BOC Bowls. This is a two session process. On January 3rd we learned how to cut the staves and then how to glue them up in preparation for turning. Our January 17th class will finish the process. We will put bottoms on the portion we did on January 3rd and turn the bowl with a lid. I am looking forward to that session.



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NOTE: Some members like to meet at Hooligans restaurant for dinner and socializing before the meeting. This gives 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)



Just Call Tim

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.

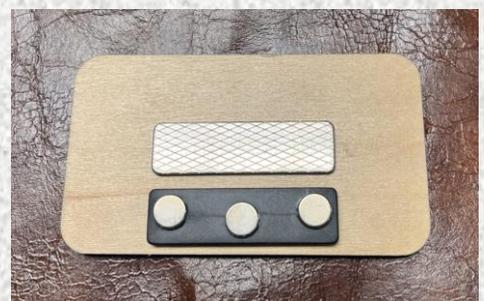
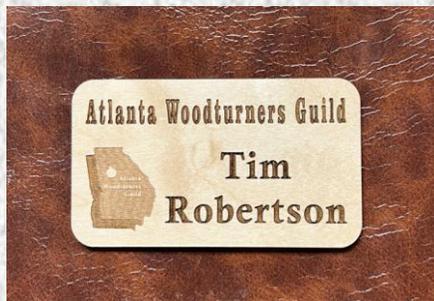
Here are the details of the name badges:

- 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 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		
March 20	HOT II		
March 20	Club Meeting/Demo		
April 3	HOT		
April 17	HOT II	Nick Cook	Lidded Box
April 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Nick Cook	Lidded Box
May 1	HOT Class		
May 15	HOT Class II		
May 15	Club Meeting/Demo		
June 5	HOT Class		
June 19	HOT Class		
June 19	Club Meeting/Demo		
July 3	HOT Class		
July 17	HOT Class II		
July 17	Club Meeting/Demo		
August 7	HOT Class		
August 21	HOT Class II	Tom Biehl	Three Piece Vase
August 21	Club Meeting/Demo		
September 4	HOT Class	Tom Biehl	Three Piece Vase
September 18	HOT Class II		
September 18	Club Meeting/Demo		
October 2	HOT Class		
October 16	HOT Class II		
October 16	Club Meeting/Demo	Mark Sillay	
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
TBD	Christmas/Holiday Celebration		

I once saw a woodworker throw a long, pointed tool into another long, pointed tool.

Awl in awl, it was a cool experience.

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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 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 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



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

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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.



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 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.



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.

In Closing

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