

Atlanta Woodturners Guild

May 2024 Newsletter

Wishing all of our member Mothers and member spouse Mothers a very
Happy Mother's Day



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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Association of Woodturners



May 2024

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

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 May 15th. I will be the good looking one. (17 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)

From our Raffle Master ... *Hans*

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Our meeting location is Woodcraft Atlanta, 6300 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 113, Alpharetta, GA 30022 on 3rd Wednesday every month.

President's Message

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What a treat to have Nick Cook last month teach a full all-day Hands On Turning class and a demo that night at our regular meeting on lidded boxes. This month Katies has lined up Alan Leland for an all-day presentation, more info on this further down in the newsletter.

At the last meeting, AWG founding member Bob Greenberg announced a return of an old project where we would spend one day at Woodcraft making toys for Children's Hospital and initially there was a show of 10 hands, so look for a lot more about this in the coming months.

We also received our first notice about participating in the Georgia State Fair in the early Fall. We had an excellent participation last year with many members winning ribbons and money and Harvey Meyer won 2023 Best of Show worth \$300 in prize money. It's not too early to start planning for that.

There are still a lot of trials going on looking for a replacement for Harvey Oil so stay tuned for a recommendation.

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.

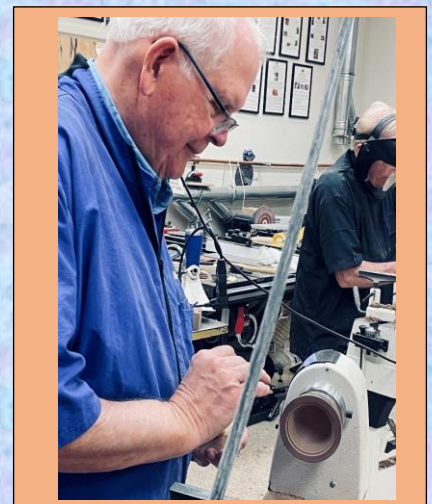
6:30 – 7:00PM Begin the business meeting and show and tell.

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!



COMING SOON TO A MEETING NEAR YOU

(At Woodcraft)

May 15, 2024 - Alan Leland 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.



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June 19, 2024. Sammy Long 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

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.

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!

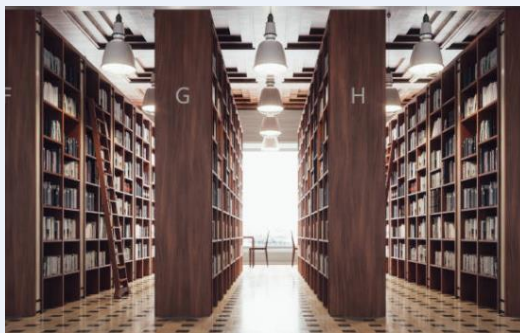


If you have something that you would like to have published, please send a message to htbiehl@at.t.net by the second Wednesday of the month.

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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 or 404-626-4469.

To register for the month’s second HOT session please contact Charlie Levan at 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.

May HOT Class 1

Our May Hot 1 class on May 1st was led by Richard Urbantas. The topic was making ornaments with finials. There were five attendees. Richard did a great job, and the students did great. The finials were amazing. Arnie said he was really out of his element and his end was like a toothpick 6 plus inches long. He said he had never turned finial like this before. IF you attended the class, please remember to bring your ornament for show and tell at the May AWG meeting. I would like to thank Hans Meier for coordinating the class in my absence and Wayne Johnson for bringing the snacks.

Upcoming HOT 1 Sessions

Woodcraft has 8 new lathes to use in the classroom now. There are four Jet 12/21 lathes and four Ricon lathes.

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 4th 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.

To register for a HOT 1 session, send an email to Marcus Jones at w2marcus@bellsouth.net.

The HOT 2 class on April 17 with Nick Cook was a great experience for all of those that attended the class. Nick showed us how to turn several types of boxes. He challenged us by giving us 20 minutes for each. While the students didn't meet that part of the goal, they all achieved remarkable results on the finished pieces. Nick is a great teacher and is fun to have in the class.



If you would like to have your very own engraved name tag, please contact Tim Robertson:

- Direct Ordering: Alternatively, club members can also reach out to Tim directly via text (C) 770-634-6604 or email tb.robertson@gmail.com, specifying the name you want on the badge, and he will be more than happy to personalize it accordingly.
- 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.



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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	Riek Urbantas	Pine Ornaments with a finial
May 15	HOT Class II	Alan Leland	Turning a sphere
May 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Alan Leland	Natural Edge Goblet
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	TBD
August 7	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	Ornaments
August 21	HOT Class II	Tom Biehl	Three Piece Vase
August 21	Club Meeting/Demo	Dan Douthart	Lighted Urchin Ornament
September 4	HOT Class	Wayne Johnson	10" platter with a decorative edge
September 18	HOT Class II		
September 18	Club Meeting/Demo	Pat Carroll	Erosion
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	Casey Wilson	TBA
December 6, 23	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	Ornaments

Why did Johnny fail as a carpenter?

He was always cutting corners.

5/2024



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.

Advertisements

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.

**DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WOODTURNER,
WHO PARTED WITH HIS WIFE BECAUSE OF
HIS SKEWED TOOL?**

HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS FROM WOODCRAFT!

Thanks to Wayne Johnson's hard work.....

Craft Supply USA (woodturnerscatalog.com) Discount Program

Craft Supply USA has reintroduced their Club Support Program and hope that will be beneficial for the AWG and your club members to be aware of.

1. Each club will receive 1- \$10.00 gift certificate for every 10 club members each quarter. We hope these gift cards will be helpful with your club operations and activities. We understand the time and effort that keeping a club requires, and we want to assist you in your efforts. How you decide to use the gift cards to benefit your club members is entirely up to you. We have seen clubs use these cards as prizes in turning competitions, use as raffle prizes to raise money for club operations, etc. If you decide to hold a special event or need assistance with a special project, please let us know, and we'll do our best to provide support for that as well. With a current membership of 79 members, we will get \$70 of gift certificates to be include in our meeting raffles.

2 We are happy to be providing copies of our Craft Supplies USA catalog to hand out at the meeting.

3. Club Orders- Club members are welcome to pool their orders into a single club order to receive an additional 13% discount off current retail prices. Also, we cover the shipping charges on orders shipped within the contiguous 48 states. For orders shipped to Alaska and Hawaii, actual shipping charges will be added.

Club orders must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum order value of \$1,000.00 after all discounts are applied
- Order must ship to a single address
- One form of payment
- Maximum of 2 gift certificates per club order

Please note the following:

- Freight added items, ie., lathes, grinders, etc, do not qualify for club discounts/free shipping.
- Please submit all club orders by email to: service@woodturnerscatalog.com or by calling our Customer Service Department at 1-800-551-8876
- All Club Orders that total \$1,000 or more will be coordinated by Wayne Johnson, AWG President

In Closing

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