

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

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)

REMEMBER OUR WEBSITE

Please see our Event Calendar and Show and Tell Photos

(<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 3rd Wednesday every month.**

President's Message

June 2024 Newsletter

As the AWG was coming out of the pandemic with 42 members and returning to Woodcraft for our meetings in January 2023, we were in much need of a newsletter editor and only one person stepped up, Tom Biehl. Tom only agreed to take the job for one year but caving to my constant begging he stayed on for a six-month extension in 2024, so this will be his last newsletter for the club. Tom has done a great job with our newsletter and instrumental in helping our club grow to a current membership of 80.

New member and new turner Angela Sun has agreed to take over the Newsletter beginning with the July edition. So, when you see Tom and Angela at the next meeting please take a moment and thank them both.

We have some great live demonstrations coming up so keep checking our website and reading the newsletter to see what's happening.

Because we have a lot of people involved in various activities of the AWG, we seem to have a strong interest in what we are doing. If you have any ideas, complaints, suggestions or think you would like to be more involved please call or email me to discuss.

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 turn something square challenge for a chance to win \$50 Woodcraft Gift Card at the August meeting and have fun making something round on the lathe.

Keep up with us on Facebook and checking our webpage. Keep up with us on Facebook and checking our webpage.

Best Regards,

Wayne Johnson

President AWG

Meeting Agenda

6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft.

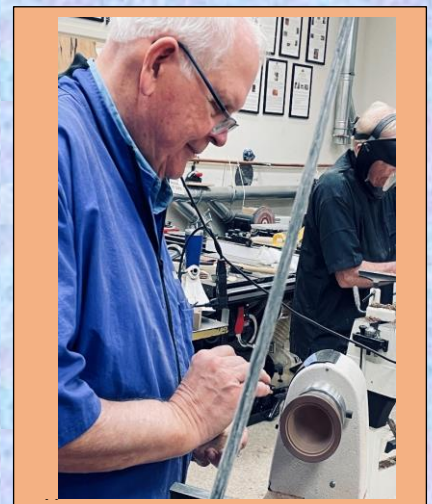
6:30 – 7:00PM Begin the business meeting and show and tell.

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

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

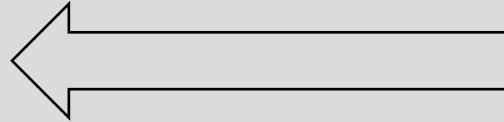
8:45 - 9:00PM Clean Up

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





Check out the graduates from Allen Leland's Sphere turning class. I hear they all had a ball when they were finished.



June 19, 2024 HOT Class. 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

July 17 And August 7th 2-part HOT class. Charlie Levan and Katie Navaro

3-legged stool with embellishments. Well, this is too small to be a real stool, but it would serve quite well as a plant stand and the process could be scaled up to make a real stool.

Charlie will lead the July 17 HOT class in making the seat and legs. He will demonstrate how to drill the holes for the leg mortices and have prepared blanks with the holes drilled for the class. He will demonstrate turning a leg, duplicating a design he provides. The class can use one of Charlies designs or create your own. You can even have 3 different legs if you want. As usual, there will be a \$20 charge for the class which starts at 10 am and finishes at 4 pm.

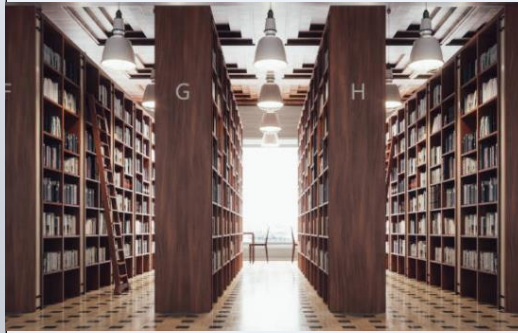
Katie will use the August 7th HOT class to show us how to add embellishments to the stool.

In this class we will draw or trace a picture on the top of the stool, burn over the traced picture and color the picture with color wash paint. I will also show you how I textured Charlie's stool top with a micro carver. I will bring the paints I use to color wash which I will share with the class but if you prefer your own paints bring them. The paints I use are Tattered Angels Color Wash paints. They can be purchased at Hobby Lobby and online. I have two burners which I will bring to share. If you have a Colwood type burner, please bring it. You will need to bring your own decorative paint brushes, an angle brush, a liner and a wide flat brush (no more than ½"). You will need a cup for water to wash your brushes and some paper towels.

The cost of the August Class is \$20. Please email charlie.Levan@gmail.com to sign up for this 2-part HOT class.

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

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.

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@bellsouth.net 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.

June HOT Class 1

Our June Hot 1 class was led by Seth Gamba. The topic was making tops and shallow dishes to spin them in. Together, these two items make a great desk set.

The tops were made from maple. Seth discussed a variety of concepts related to top design and geometry. The goal was to turn a top that is easy to spin and will spin for a long time. Tops are a great vehicle to experiment and refine your spindle turning.

The dishes were made from 'Satin Walnut' sweet gum.

Seth showed his CA finishing method on the dishes. They need to be very smooth and resilient against scratching. CA provides a very hard finish that can stand up to some abuse

If you attended the class, please remember to bring your top and dish for show and tell at the June AWG meeting. I would like to thank Hans Meier for assisting with the class.

Marcus Jones

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.

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

There will not be a HOT 1 in July due to the holiday on the next day. July 4th. Better known and celebrated as Independence Day. Celebrate out independence.

The August HOT 1 session (August 7) will be led by Charlie Levan and Katie Navaro and will decorate the 3-legged stool made in the July HOT 2 session.

The September HOT 1 session (September 4) will be led by Wayne Johnson and cover a 10" platter with a decorative edge

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

Atlanta Woodturners Guild member Ken Rizza won our club's Katie Challenge to turn a birdhouse. All entries were submitted in the May meeting with judging by the Woodcraft Store Employees Ken was presented a \$50 Woodcraft Gift Card for winning.

Next up is a simple "Turn Something Square" idea submitted by Hans Meier



[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.](#)

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 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 H	Arnie Moore	Turning a staved BOC Bowl
January 17	Club Demo/Demo	Arnie Moore	Creating Staves
February 7	HOT Class		
February 21	HOT Class H	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 H	Arnie Moore	Staved BOC Box
March 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Leslie Ballard	Resin in Woodturning
April 3	HOT	Marcus Jones	Rings
April 17	HOT H	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 H	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



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.

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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.

Ken Rizza is selling many storage items. Please contact Ken if you have a need for this type of items and many others.



In Closing

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