



# ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

*Chapter 274 of the American Association of Woodturners*

This is the July, 2024 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. To submit an article for the newsletter, send to Angela Sun at [angela.w.sun@gmail.com](mailto:angela.w.sun@gmail.com).

**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 by 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.

**Our meeting location is Woodcraft Atlanta, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 115, Alpharetta, GA 30022 on the 3rd Wednesday every month.**

# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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**S**o we begin a new era of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild with this first edition newsletter by our new editor Angela Sun. We hope you like it and we encourage you to let us know your thoughts and suggestions. Any criticism will earn you the title of New Editor of Newsletter.

Our club continues to grow with new paid member number 80: Steven Kleeberg. Please be sure and speak to him at the club meeting and welcome him in. We have some great live demonstrations coming up so keep checking our website and reading the newsletter to see what's happening.

We just received notification that our members are now setup to receive a 10% discount on all online orders with WoodturningZ. Just remember to enter our discount code ATL2024 when you check out. <http://www.woodturningz.com>

Also if you buy any wood from CAG Specialty Woodbin Gainesville tell them you are a member of AWG and get 10% off. <http://www.cagspecialtywood.com>

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.

Best regards,

Wayne Johnson  
President AWG

# SCHEDULE

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**Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Hope to see y'all there!**

## MEETING AGENDA

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6:00 PM	Arrival begins at Woodcraft.
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Begin the business meeting and show and tell.
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Demonstration
8:30 – 8:45 PM	Raffle is called by Mr. Hans
8:45 – 9:00 PM	Clean Up All “hands on deck” for the cleanup please. Our agreement with Woodcraft dictates that we <b>MUST</b> leave by 9:00PM

## UPCOMING DEMOS

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Jul 17	Harvey Meyer	Long-stemmed goblet with captured rings
Aug 21	Dan Douthart	Lighted urchin ornament
Sep 18	Pat Carroll	Erosion piece
Oct 16	Mark Sillay	How to bring out the best in a piece of wood
Nov 20	Casey Wilson	TBD
Dec 6	Everyone!	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! Brimstone Restaurant and Tavern 10595 Old Alabama Rd Connector Alpharetta, GA 30022.

# HOT CLASSES

Only 10 HOT classes left in 2024! Grab your spots. Email Charlie Levan if you're interested.

Jan 3	HOT Class	Arnie Moore	Preparing a Staved Bowl
Jan 17	HOT Class II	Arnie Moore	Turning a Staved BOC Bowl
Feb 7	HOT Class	Charlie/Katie	Wig Stands
Feb 21	HOT Class II	Steve Cook	Salt Shaker & Pepper Grinder
Mar 6	HOT Class	TBD	The Challenge Bowl
Mar 20	HOT Class II	Arnie Moore	Staved Beads of Courage Box
Apr 3	HOT Class	Marcus Jones	Making Rings
Apr 17	HOT Class II	Nick Cook	Lidded Boxes
May 1	HOT Class	Alan Leeland	Turning a Sphere
May 15	HOT Class II	Alan Leeland	TBD
Jun 5	HOT Class	Seth Gamba	Spinning Tops
Jun 19	HOT Class II	Sammy Long	Creative Relief Carving
<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>HOT Class II</b>	<b>Charlie Levan</b>	<b>3-Leg Stool - Turning</b>
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>HOT Class</b>	<b>Katie Navaro</b>	<b>3-Leg Stool - Embellishments</b>
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>HOT Class II</b>	<b>Tom Biehl</b>	<b>3-Piece Vase</b>
<b>Sep 4</b>	<b>HOT Class</b>	<b>Wayne Johnson</b>	<b>Platter w/ Decorative Edge</b>
<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>HOT Class II</b>	<b>Dan Douthart</b>	<b>Multi-Axis Spindle Turning</b>
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>HOT Class</b>	<b>Harvey Meyer</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>HOT Class II</b>	<b>Mike Peace</b>	<b>Lighted Lantern Ornament</b>
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>HOT Class</b>	<b>Tim Robertson</b>	<b>Square Bowl</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>HOT Class II</b>	<b>Steve Pritchard</b>	<b>Goncks</b>
<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>HOT Class</b>	<b>Marcus Jones</b>	<b>Honey Pot with Honey Dipper</b>

# July 17 And August 7th

# 3-legged stool

with embellishments!

## Led by Charlie Levan and Katie Navaro

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 Charlie's 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. She will bring the paints she uses to color wash which she will share with the class but if you prefer your own paints bring them.

The paints she uses are Tattered Angels Color Wash paints. They can be purchased at Hobby Lobby and online. She has two burners which she 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 1/2"). 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](mailto:charlie.Levan@gmail.com) to sign up for this two part HOT class.

# Meet the turner: Katie Navaro

AWG has been growing! Each newsletter will feature a section where we'll get to learn a little more about the turners that make up our club. For our inaugural member spotlight, **Katie Navaro** has graciously volunteered to share some of her wisdom and experiences.



*Katie in her lovely home workshop*

## **How did you get into woodturning? What drew you in?**

I was at a Home Show when I saw my first Woodturner making beautiful spirals. My husband got tired of watching and wanted to move on but, before we did, I leaned over and whispered into his ear, "I want to do that." That Christmas he bought a lathe for me, a cheap set of tools and no way to sharpen them. That lathe sat in the garage for 15 years virtually untouched until I found Woodcraft of Atlanta, two woodturning lessons, this Woodturning Club and many wonderful people who would change my life for the better.

## **How long have you been turning?**

I am in my 11th year of Woodturning.

## **What is your favorite thing that you've made?**

That's a tough one because everything I turn is my favorite until it's off the lathe and I realize I could have done better.

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**What is your dream turning project?**

I am constantly scouring Pinterest for turning ideas. While I have many “dream projects” on my list, I recently found these ceramic “people” sculptures that I dream about making into either great blue herons or great white egrets. To do that will involve both turning and carving.

**What’s your favorite wood to work with and why?**

So. Many. Favorites! My all-time favorite has to be Bradford Pear because it is so fine grained and turns like soap and it burns and carves easily too. I have my eye on about 15 pear trees I pass by on my way to Mark’s shop.

**What do you think your strengths are?**

I feel like I am just starting to figure out the direction I want to go in the Woodturning world. Nothing about woodturning has come easily to me. I don’t have a background in woodworking. I thought I would never learn sharpening. I’m left-handed so switching to right-handed turning was like starting over a year in. One of my hardest struggles has been fighting for acceptance and to be taken seriously in a male dominated craft. Although I still have much to learn, I guess I would have to say my biggest strength is not giving up.

**What would you like to see more of in the world?**

More people following the Golden Rule, what a wonderful world it would be.

*If you’d like to nominate a member to be interviewed, please reach out to me at [angela.w.sun@gmail.com](mailto:angela.w.sun@gmail.com) and let me know. Questions may or may not change from week to week, you’ll just have to find out and see :) It will be fun, I promise!*



# July Demo

## Harvey Meyer *Long Stem Goblet With Rings*



*If Harvey can do it, you can, too ;)*

### A note from Harvey:

In this demo, I'll turn a long thin stemmed goblet with a few captured rings. While I'm not known as a spindle turner, this project is a great exercise in spindle work and end grain hollowing. We'll discuss the "tulip" shaped goblet portion, also known as the upside down bell and why this shape is perfect for a goblet (in my opinion). The thin stem will range in thickness from about 1/4" at the bottom and taper down to about 1/8" near the top.

A bead will separate the stem from the goblet and another bead will separate it from the base. The base will have an ogee profile to stay consistent with the tulip shaped goblet. I'll also show some sanding tricks for the captured rings. This is an ambitious project for a 90 minute demo, so to facilitate things, I may have the blank roughed to a cylinder ahead of the demo to save a few minutes.

### **VOCABULARY TRIVIA**

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goblet (n.)

large, handle-less, crater-shaped drinking vessel for wine, etc., late 14c., from Old French gobelet "goblet, cup", diminutive of gobel "cup," probably related to gobe "gulp down"





## CAG Specialty Lumber Visit



Stephen Brown founded CAG Specialty Lumber Company in 1999 and even built his house on the same location with the assistance of his children. He passed away this past year and his daughter, Laura Brown, left the automotive industry to take over the reins of the company and is working hard to keep the legend of her father's craftsmanship and most importantly his love of people alive. They just moved into a new, airconditioned office, moved the showroom to a much larger building and still in the process of labeling/tagging all wood they have for sale.

Today, Dan Douthart, Marcus Jones, Hans Meier, Dave Roselius, and I visited them and received a warm welcome from owner/manager Laura Brown and longtime employee Mr. Albert. They furnished us gifts, cold water and a tour of the facility plus set our club up for a 10% discount on all purchases anytime and all you have to do is tell them you are a member of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild. And yes, we did take advantage of that discount today with most of us taking wood home with us.





# ***Announcement!***



**We are excited to announce that the 35th annual Georgia National Fair Woodturning Competition is now open for registration!**

You will find updated information at <https://www.georgianationalfair.com/p/georgialiving/finearts> under the bold heading 'Competitions'. When you are ready to register, you will find a link to our registration site under the bold heading 'Online Entries'. Please note that the deadline for registration is August 28.

We will be receiving your entries on Saturday, September 7, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Please forward this email to your club members and anyone else that you know of who may be interested in entering in Woodturning this year. We are also attaching a copy in case you would like to print it to share with other woodturners.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

If you're looking for something or have items you're looking to sell, let us know and we will post a listing here for the community to see.

## CONSIDER JOINING AAW



As an AAW member, you'll get access to online videos, articles, and tutorials.

- 150+ issues of American Woodturner are online with a searchable index.
- 12,000+ images of member work are in AAW's Forum gallery online.
- 38+ issues of Woodturning FUNDamentals publication and the Woodturning FUNDamentals online learning portal offer one-stop basics.

## **A NOTE FROM MARK S.**

For the members that are interested in coming to my warehouse liquidation sale where all the wood is "Pennie's on the dollar" please call me and arrange a time.

## VISIT HANS AT LAKEWOOD

"I sell my work and teach. I have a number of booths at Lakewood 400 Antique Mall. Which happens the first weekend of every month; Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I am in Hall H on the back wall."

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Southern Live Oak, scientifically named *Quercus virginiana*, is Georgia's official state tree. It is an evergreen oak tree that can grow up to 80 feet tall and 100 feet wide. This tree can live for up to 400 years. This type of wood is very hard and heavy so it is a bit hard to work with. When wooden ships were still a thing, manufacturers used this type of wood because of how strong it is. Many ships that were well known were made out of this species of wood, including the USS Constitution. The bark on this tree was used for dyes and the leaves were used for medicinal purposes but also for rugs.

## **MIKE PEACE**



Mike Peace has more than 700 woodturning videos on his Youtube channel

[www.youtube.com/MikePeaceWoodturning](http://www.youtube.com/MikePeaceWoodturning)

Mike also offers one-on-one lessons in his shop in Suwanee. Copies of his published articles and project handouts are available for download on his website

[www.mikepeacewoodturning.com](http://www.mikepeacewoodturning.com)

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**WOODCRAFT**

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.**

### **NEED TIPS?**

Would you like some help with some aspect in your woodturning? If so call, text or email Wayne and he will attempt to match you up with someone to help. It could be a visit to a member's shop or possibly even yours. It's free so just ask.

### **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!

### **BEADS OF COURAGE**

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. Beads of Courage 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.**

### **AWG LIBRARY**

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 is available on our website: [www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org](http://www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org)

### **STAY IN TOUCH**

Don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#) page for any updates and member discussions!

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