



# ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

*Chapter 274 of the American Association of Woodturners*

This is the **September 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 from 6:30 - 8:45 PM.**

# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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**I**t seems the club activities continue to expand as this year goes along! For the first time since well before the pandemic, we have our first international turner, Pat Carroll, who is coming from Ireland and giving us a demo at our meeting. Katie's Sammy Long class only has two slots left (so sign up if you're interested!).

I delivered thirteen pieces from five club members to the Perry National Fair and we will have ribbon results next month, and HOT Classes are still full. In short, it is a great time to be a member of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild.

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, and remember to wear something **GREEN**.

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

Best regards,

Wayne Johnson  
*President AWG*

# SCHEDULE

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**Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Hope to see y'all there!**



Join us for dinner at Hooligans before our meetings.

**Hooligans Restaurant** (behind the CVS)

8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell

5:00pm

## 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.  
We **MUST** leave by 9:00PM

## UPCOMING DEMOS

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| 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!!!<br>Brimstone Restaurant and Tavern<br>10595 Old Alabama Rd Connector<br>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
Jul 17	HOT Class II	Charlie Levan	3-Leg Stool - Turning
Aug 7	HOT Class	Katie Navaro	3-Leg Stool - Embellishments
Aug 21	HOT Class II	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage Boxes
Sep 4	HOT Class	Wayne Johnson	Platter w/ Basket Illusion
<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>Marcus Jones</b>	<b>Honey Pot</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>

# Basket Illusion

## with Wayne Johnson



The September HOT I class on September 4th was led by Wayne Johnson. The topic was turning a platter or plate. The attendees were given an 8"x 1 1/16th" round platter blank and turned a plain platter or plate to get familiar with the turning techniques. Then the attendees were given 10"x 1 7/8ths" platter blank to turn a platter with 2" wings that flow into a shallow bowl. Our focus was on turning but we also reviewed how to burn the edges or paint the edge of a platter, how to decorate the 2" wing with Basket Illusion beads that are colored, and use a weave pattern or just highlight with a single bead. We also discussed how to put an image on a platter. Wayne gave an interesting presentation and focused on using just a few tools to turn a platter or plate.

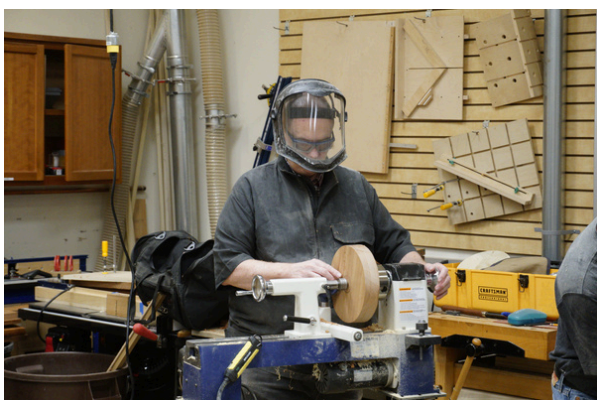




# Basket Illusion

with Wayne Johnson

September's HOT class, platter with a basket illusion, had a great turnout. Thank you to all the participants and thank you for your instruction, Wayne!



Photos by Blake Cherrington



# Holiday Party Details



The Atlanta Woodturners Guild and the Georgia Association of Woodturners are again holding a combined holiday party. It will be held on **Friday, December 6th beginning at 7:00 pm**, at the same place as the last few years:

**Brimstone Restaurant and Tavern**  
**10595 Old Alabama Rd Connector**  
**Alpharetta, GA**

There will be a gift exchange where those that want to participate bring a (preferably turned) item in a plain brown bag (so no one can cherry-pick their favorite turner's piece). There will be some Door Prize items including a drawing for three different \$30 gift cards for Carter and Son Toolworks.

If you plan to come, [please RSVP](#) here. This link will take you to the GAW Website for registration purposes only. HOWEVER, if you decide to come at the last minute or you forget to RSVP, don't worry about the RSVP. There will be plenty of room for everyone and if you register and are unable to come that night there is no financial obligation.

Below is a link to the menu that will be available, and each member will be responsible for their and any guest's meal.

[Link to menu](#)



***HOT Class II, October 16***

# ***Lantern Ornament***

***with Mike Peace***

We will turn a Lantern Ornament. Come and enjoy some fun and fellowship with your turning buddies! And maybe even learn new and creative techniques in woodturning. No skill prerequisites required, come as you are. Here is a [video](#) I did on this project: Woodcraft has tools available for participants to use but we encourage you to bring your own tools to learn to sharpen and because you may be more familiar with them. For this project, I use a parting tool, a spindle gouge, a spindle roughing gouge, a box scraper, a point tool and a texturing tool.



Mike Peace was one of the original members of AWG, attending the first meeting in Sep 2007, the first year he started turning! He has demonstrated at the American Association of Woodturners symposium in Atlanta 2016 and Portland 2018, as well as regional symposia and many clubs in the USA, Canada and the UK via Interactive Remote Demonstrations. He has taught at Woodcraft and the John C. Campbell Folk School. Mike has published articles in American Woodturner, Woodturning FUNDamentals, More Woodturning, Woodturning Design, and Woodturning. He uploads a woodturning video, usually weekly, to his YouTube channel, Mike Peace Woodturning, where he has more than 760 woodturning videos. Mike retired from ADP as a payroll software project manager. After serving on active duty in the US Army, Mike stayed active as a reservist retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. More information on his woodturning can be found at his [website](#).

You can contact Mike at [MikePeace356@gmail.com](mailto:MikePeace356@gmail.com).



# SEPTEMBER DEMO

PAT CARROLL



Atlanta Woodturners Guild is proud to welcome woodturner Pat Carroll, from Carnew, County Wicklow, Ireland. Pat is the host of the popular “Meet the Woodturner,” an Interactive Remote Demonstration where he interviews woodturners from different parts of the world. Pat will be our September demonstrator. He will turn and carve a box from his Erosion series. Show your support to Pat by showing up to the Club meeting on September 18th wearing green.



## COUNTY WICKLOW

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County Wicklow is the last of the traditional 32 counties, having been formed as late as 1606. It is a region in east Ireland, south of Dublin. It's known for its namesake mountains, Irish Sea coastline, country estates and the Wicklow Way. The walking trail traverses the county, passing through Wicklow Mountains National Park. Within the park are glacial lakes, rivers and Glendalough, the remains of an early-medieval monastic settlement in a forested valley. Fun fact - many scenes from the television series, Vikings, was filmed in County Wicklow.

# SAMMY LONG HANDS ON CLASS

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Sammy Long was a popular demonstrator at AWG in 2024 and taught a one day Hands-On class. He was so popular we asked him to come back and teach a four day class. Sammy will be in Atlanta from October 21 - October 24, 2024 teaching us to carve. We secured 9 of the 10 available spaces in the class in less than a week. Lucky for you we have one space available and double lucky that Atlanta Woodturners Guild is paying \$100 of each member's tuition. The class would normally cost you \$600 but with the \$100 scholarship, members will only pay \$500. AWG really loves its Members!

The class will be held at Woodcraft from 9:00 - 4:00 and Sammy even has a micro carver available for loan if you are on the fence about purchasing a machine. For additional details or to reserve the last space in the class call Katie at 404-557-4799.





# TURN SOMETHING SQUARE

## Submissions from Katie's Challenge



# KATIE'S CHALLENGE

**Bottle stopper blank + your choice of mystery element**



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The last woodturning Challenge of the year will be turning something of your choice from a bottle stopper blank plus one other item/element. The “other” element can be another piece of wood or anything else that can be turned. The “other” element can also be any size you choose. Just remember you have to be able to get it through the door at Woodcraft. There will be bottle stoppers available for you at the September meeting so, really, you don’t have much excuse not to accept the challenge.

The Challenge pieces must be finished to perfection and brought to the October, 2024 meeting in a brown paper bag. Do not sign your piece/s. You can enter more than one piece. There will be an impartial judging panel. The winning piece earns a \$50 Woodcraft gift card.



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**WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSION!**



# 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 "Pennies 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?**

One of the most expensive woods in the world is Grenadil, African Blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*). The color of dense, shiny wood varies from red to pure black. Usually, Grenadil is sawn into small logs, leaving a bright yellow sapwood to avoid cracking during prolonged drying. It is mainly used for making musical instruments. However, now it is an endangered species that is classified as a flowering plant and usually grows in the arid regions of Tanzania and Mozambique. To grow into an adult, a tree needs up to 60 years.

## **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**<sup>®</sup>

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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