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President's Message

Well April is here and spring is in full swing. I would like to remind everyone again that if you have not paid your dues yet, please see Wayne Johnson at our next meeting. Remember that besides helping fund our monthly demonstrations; keeping your dues current will keep you on our email list to continue getting our monthly club newsletter. Our club is small and our dues are our main source for funding for the quality demonstrators that Harvey Meyer lines up for our monthly entertainment.

I want to remind everyone to bring something for show and tell. March had a decent turnout. Betty Fugate informed me at our March meeting, that she had been reading our newsletters and my pleas for better show and tell participation. Because of all my pleading, she brought in several items last month for show and tell. Betty stepped up last month so I am looking for more members to do the same for our April meeting!

Last month we saw Richard Morris demonstrate hollow spheres. Richard demonstrated scalloped edge bowls at the GAW meeting. After seeing both of Richard's demonstrations, I was impressed with his work. I plan on trying my hand at making a scalloped edge bowl later this summer.

Our April Meeting features Derek Weidman. Derek works in rural Southeastern Pennsylvania. Derek has dedicated the last seven years to exploring lathe-based sculpture. His work involves multi-axis turning as the foundation of his work. Derek will be demonstrating his animal head sculpture. A couple months ago during the GAW monthly meeting, a fellow member had recently taken a class from Derek. She had only good things to say about her experience with Derek. I think this will be a meeting that most will not want to miss. I visited Derek's website and he has some really cool looking stuff. Check out Derek's website for more information about him and his work <http://weidmanwoodsculpture.com/>. Don't forget that if you decide to come to our meeting, bring an item for Show and Tell. By bringing in your own turning, you may just be giving another member the motivation/idea for their next project.

Don't forget, next month Southern States Woodturning Symposium will be held in Cartersville on May 15 – 17. The event will be held at the Clarence Brown Convention Center. This year's featured demonstrators will be Avelino Samuel, Chris Ramsey, Soren Berger and Kimberly Winkle. Additional demonstrators will be Steve Cook, our own Nick Cook and Steve Pritchard, current president of GAW. You will not want to miss this year's symposium. Early registration ends April 15. Visit <http://www.southernstatessymposium.org/> for more information on the demonstrations and to register. For those who has never attended a symposium, it is like getting 8 club meetings all in ONE weekend. You can't help but not get enthused by the end of the weekend. This symposium should set you up with all kinds of ideas to try out this summer. And when you finish your projects this summer, DON'T forget to bring them in for Show and Tell. Am I starting to sound like a broken record?

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to support our local woodworking stores.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their recently turned items at our next meeting. I hope each month finds you at some point knee deep in a pile of shavings!

Kevin Wood

Next Meeting – April 15, 2015 (Get Your Taxes Done Early!)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Our guest demonstrator will be Derek Weidman from Green Lane, PA.

Derek will be demonstrating how he sculpts an animal head on the lathe. It's a turning demo using multi-axis techniques.

Guests are always welcome. The meeting location is:

Woodcraft
8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd
Suite 115
Alpharetta GA, 30022
(770) 587-3372
www.woodcraftatl.com



<https://www.facebook.com/ATLWTG>

Previous Meeting – February 2014

The January meeting featured demonstrator Richard Morris. Richard demonstrated how he makes his hollow spheres.



February 2015 Instant Gallery Photos

Betty Fugate



Chris Kapsimalis



Del Tanner



Kevin Wood



Harvey Meyer



Jay Hakerem



John Stanton



Derek Weidman

<http://weidmanwoodsculpture.com>



Derek Weidman was born in 1982, and has dedicated the last seven years to exploring lathe-based sculpture. His approach involves multi-axis turning as the foundation of his work. By using the unique shaping processes of turning, Derek has created a descriptive visual language that only the lathe can speak. This carving process creates novel representations of a wide range of subjects, from those based on human anatomy to various animal forms. Derek works from a basic question, “What would this look like if rendered through the lens of a wood lathe?” and even with the most rigorous naturalism, an honest abstraction takes place, and for each new subject that question gets answered. So from human heads to rhinos, mandrills to birds, each idea being captured in a way it has not been expressed before.

“Here is an analogy: say if I were to draw a baboon, describing its features with a great deal of realism with my right hand would be relatively simple, but now if I were to draw a baboon with my left hand, some sacrifices would be made due to the limitations my left hand has. I would describe or capture the essence of the baboon differently with each hand. Now if we take this analogy one step further, say if I were to try and ‘draw’ a baboon with the lathe, the results would be much different, due to how the lathe works...” (From 2010 Profile in Woodturning magazine).

From very early childhood Derek has drawn constantly. He has a deep connection to nature, and his appreciation for wildlife has had a significant impact on his work. He also draws inspiration from astronomy, cosmology, ancient religions, as well as modern myths. He works in rural Southeastern Pennsylvania, where he lives with his girlfriend who has been with him for the entirety of his sculptural pursuits.

Swap Shop/For Sale

Echo 16" chainsaw (with a 20" replacement bar) in excellent condition, paid ~\$250 about 2 years ago. Runs well, just needed a larger saw.

Contact Michael Chalef 404 502 4953

Two Tree Boyz Wood sells locally harvested wood in end grain-sealed blank and log form. We sell from our Buford location by appointment, at local turning clubs, and online through our website. Visit us for best price, best selection, and custom cutting. We have the potential to get new wood daily from my husband's tree service, so let me know if you are looking for something special.

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Upcoming Events:

Southern States Woodturning Symposium * Early Registration Ends April 15 *****

When: May 15 - 17, 2015

Where: Clarence Brown Conference Center Cartersville, GA

Featuring: Soren Berger, Chris Ramsey, Kimberly Winkle, Avalino Samuel, Steve Pritchard, Steve Cook, Nick Cook, and Harvey Meyer

Info: <http://southernstatessymposium.org>

AAW Annual Symposium

When: June 25 - 28, 2015

Where: Pittsburgh, PA

Featuring: Too many to list...

Info: <https://aaw.site-ym.com/?page=2015Pittsburgh>

Turning Southern Style

When: September 18 - 20, 2015

Where: Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, Dalton, GA

Featuring: Jimmy Clewes, Nick Agar, and Benoît Averly

AWG Meeting Schedule

January 21, 2015 – Mark Sillay (GA)

February 18, 2015 – Mark Waninger (IN)

March 18, 2015 – Richard Morris (KY)

April 15, 2015 – Derek Weidman (PA)

May 20, 2015 – Robert Lyons (SC)

June 17, 2015 – Jim Creel (LA)

July 15, 2015 – Sharon Doughtie (HI) - tentative

August 19, 2015 – John Jordan (TN) - tentative

September 16, 2015 – Jimmy Clewes (NV) - tentative

October 21, 2015 – TBD

November 18, 2015 – Tania Radda (AZ)

December 16, 2015 – Holiday social

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. It is a great opportunity to see a professional in action, ask questions and learn techniques. The AWG has a comprehensive library stocked with woodturning 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, their web site.

All interested in learning about woodturning are welcome to attend the month meetings.

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