



Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter

President's Message

Well September is here and Fall is just around the corner. I hope everyone has managed to make some shavings and getting ideas for upcoming holiday gifts in the process. I would like to remind everyone again that if you have a friend that may be interested in woodturning, please bring them along for one of our meetings. Hopefully after one visit with us, they will want to come back for more fun!

At our August meeting, we announced the club's second hands-on session, which was to cover the basics of spindle turning. This session was held on August 27 at Woodcraft. We had a full class with all eight lathes slinging shaving on the floor. Nick Cook who did a great job teaching everyone the basic of spindle turning. Nick started the evening by discussing most tools used in woodturning and briefly demonstrated the use of each tool. After a brief introduction of the tools and how to use them, Nick demonstrated turning a honey dipper and a garden dibble used in planting bulbs. Nick then sent everyone to their lathes to practice what they had learned. A big thanks goes to Harvey Meyer, Jim Hardy, and Ken Rizza for assisting Nick. Thanks to Ken for volunteering again to bring his grinders and to Woodcraft for letting us use their classroom and lathes. The session turned out to be a big success and I believe everyone went home with a better understanding of spindle turning. Our goal and intention with these hands-on sessions was to help the club's beginning and intermediate turners learn the basics without the same struggle some of us faced when we started out.

For those who were not able to take advantage of our hands on session, Nick's shop is just off Hwy 41 south of the Big Chicken. I stopped by his shop Saturday after our hands-on session. He has plenty of lathes setup in his shop so if you are interested in some one-on-one instruction, you can contact Nick for more details. For more information about Nick and his work, please visit his website: <http://www.nickcookwoodturner.com/>

Last month we were very fortunate to have John Jordan demonstrate turning a hollow form. This month we are fortunate again to have Jimmy Clewes demonstrate for our September meeting.

I want to thank those who have been bringing in Beads of Courage boxes. As a reminder, if you bring in a Beads of Courage box you will receive a voucher for a free club DVD rental. For those still planning on making a Beads of Courage box and need help on getting started, Harvey's Beads of Courage Demo can be viewed at www.harveymeyer.com/index.php/youtube

REMINDER: GAW's Turning Southern Style will be held in Dalton, GA the weekend of September 18 – 20. Featured demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes, Benoit Averly, and Nick Agar. Also among those featured demonstrators will be Harvey Meyer, Nick Cook and John Lucas. This is definitely a symposium you will not want to miss. For more information on the symposium and the venue, please visit GAW's website <http://gawoodturner.org/>.

Don't forget about our new show and tell incentive. Those who participate are eligible at a chance to win a gift card. Remember, one of our monthly gift cards is set aside for only show and tell participants. So if the turnout is not good, those that do participate have a good opportunity to win.

Lastly, don't forget to support our local woodworking stores. Try to buy your supplies locally before ordering online.

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

Kevin Wood

Next Meeting – September 16, 2015

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Our guest demonstrator will be Jimmy Clewes from Nevada.

Jimmy's demo will be on oriental style lidded box.

Guests are always welcome. The meeting location is:

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AWG Facebook Page

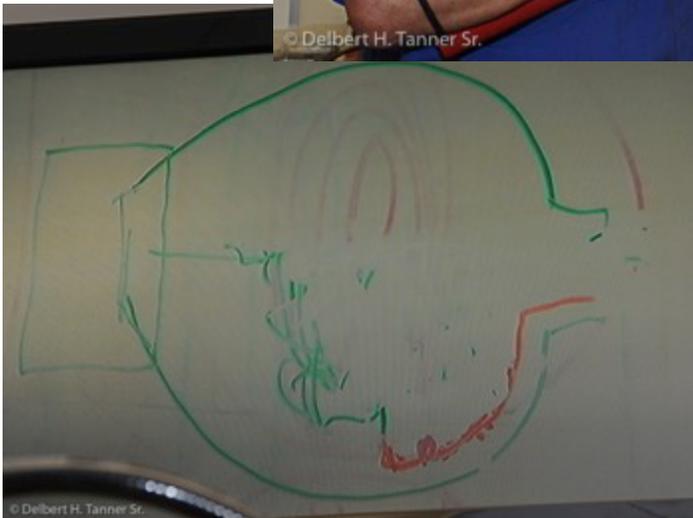
Jonathan Tanner our webmaster has changed our facebook page to a group page. Go to our page "Atlanta Woodturners Guild" public group. Once you are at the page click join to join the group. It will now be available for posting your work and announcing Guild events. This will be a great tool to communicate and share between meetings. Here is the link if you want to go straight to our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/atlantawtg/>

If you are not on Facebook this is a great time to start so you can use the club page to display your work and see work of others.

Previous Meeting – August 2015

The August meeting featured demonstrator was John Jordan demonstrating hollow forms.



July 2015 Instant Gallery Photos

Arnold Abelman



Betty Fugate



David Bledsoe



Emery Swenson



Harvey Meyer



Jeff Barnes



Pat Walker



Kevin Wood



Paul Waters



Rex Letner



AWG's Hands-On Session: Spindle Basics

On August 27, AWG held its second hands-on training session on the topic of Spindle Basics. The class was led by Nick Cook and assisted by Harvey Meyer, Jim Hardy, and Ken Rizza. Nick explained and demonstrated the basic spindle tools, including the dreaded skew! Nick then went on to turn a honey dipper and garden dibble and then turned everyone loose on a lathe to make their own honey dippers. Time ran short and no one got to the garden dibble, but everyone was sent home with a maple blank and template to try one on their own at home.



Look for more of these sessions in the future. If you have any ideas of topics, please pass them along to Kevin Wood



Jimmy Clewes

jimmyclewes.com

Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit.

Jimmy is on the Register of Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and a member of the American Association of Woodturners. He has over 22 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. The demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator and teacher takes him all over the world including his homeland of the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Norway, Finland, New Zealand, Belgium, Australia.

It was not long after leaving school at the age of 16, Jimmy attained an apprenticeship in engineering and decided to further his studies by attending Manchester Polytechnic in Manchester, England. He received a 2:1 Honours Degrees with special emphasis on learning 3-Dimensional Design. With that focus, he began to specialize in designing and making furniture which was influenced by Japanese tools and design.

It was during his time in college that his interest in woodturning was rekindled. The combination of his college education, his limitless imagination and his professional skills was a perfect fit for Jimmy to pursue his creative abilities as a woodturner and to take that ability to the next level.

When asked what drives him, he shares, “My energy comes from those around me. When I can stir the creativity of one’s mind, that for me is very satisfying. As with any artform, expression is only limited as one’s mind and I want to ‘raise the bar’ and create an awareness of the artform that has been virtually unknown to most people.”

As an avid sportsman and adventurer, when he is not busy teaching and demonstrating, you will find him expanding his creativity by exploring nature and enjoying the beauty of the desert. Or you might find Jimmy in his new workshop in Las Vegas creating innovative woodturning designs.

Jimmy is the first to acknowledge that personal tutelage is by far the best way to learn. However, since that is not always possible, he released the critically acclaimed DVD Turnaround with Jimmy Clewes which sold thousands of copies around the world. The then released a 3-box set DVD Turn it On with Jimmy Clewes that



incorporates a range of new projects and some fascinating extra features from technical tips to a special trip to a Roman museum. A second 3-box set DVD, Turn it Up with Jimmy Clewes that includes new projects and discusses various methods of mixing and using colors. A third 3-box set DVD, filmed in High Definition Widescreen, Turning the World with Jimmy Clewes includes projects filmed in Norway, Scotland and the United States with special features including the renowned Norway Woodturning Cruise. Back to Basics with Jimmy Clewes a 2-hour single High Definition DVD answers questions in detail on many topics he is often asked during his travels and includes three detailed projects perfect for the novice turners.

Swap Shop/For Sale

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:

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)

August 19, 2015 – John Jordan (TN)

September 16, 2015 – Jimmy Clewes (NV)

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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