



# Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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## Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter

This is the October 2022 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. To submit an article for the newsletter, send to Wayne Johnson at [waynejohnson78@aol.com](mailto:waynejohnson78@aol.com).

### President's Message

Fellow Turners

We had a good turnout for this month's HOT event. Michael explained how using proportions such as the Rule of Thirds or the Golden Ratio produces a pleasing form for your wood turning projects.

We will be voting on the slate of 2023 Board Members during our November meeting. There is still time to get your name added for one of the elected board positions. There are also other appointed positions that keep the club running. Specifically, we still need someone to step up for the News Letter Editor position.

If you would like to be considered for any of the positions please contact the nominating committee, Wayne Johnson or Glen Withrow.

I hope to see you all at this month's meeting and that everyone submits pictures of their Christmas Tree Ornament to be eligible for a prize.

Dan Douthart, President AWG

### Next Meeting – September 21, 2022

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM (doors open at 5PM) at our regular meeting location East Roswell Park Recreation Center Community Room, 9000 Fouts Rd, Roswell, GA.

If you prefer not attending in-person, then you may attend by logging into our Zoom meeting,

There will be a WatchShop for the meeting at Rob Austin's Shop located at 1157 Fountain Glen Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 (cell) 770-286-9797. The time schedule will follow the in-person meeting and they will have their own show and tell as well as a raffle for wood. The proceeds for this raffle will be donated to the GWA Canes for Veterans Program

**Don't forget to bring your show and tell pieces!! If you can't attend in person, then prior to meeting day please email picture(s) of your turned items to Katie: [katiepnavarro@gmail.com](mailto:katiepnavarro@gmail.com).** During the meeting, Katie will present a PowerPoint presentation and when you see your piece, unmute yourself and give a brief description. You will also have an opportunity to just show your piece by holding it in front of your Zoom camera.

5:00 Doors open to setup our computer and socialize until meeting starts at 6:00

5:45 Zoom meeting starts for those that cannot attend in person

6:00 to 6:30 will be business meeting, show and tell, raffle and wood sale.

6:30 to 7:45 Demonstration. See info on Demo below.

8:00 we need to be out of the building. We do not do any putting up or taking down of chairs or tables.

## AWG Library

Now that we are meeting in Person again, Jim Hardy will have our extensive Library available at the meeting for checkout - \$2/item/month. Check our website for a list of books and DVDs available.

**New Members only get up to 5 free rentals in their first year of membership.**

## Hands On Turning HOT Session

Article by Tom Biehl

October 5, 2022: Today we were fortunate to have Michael Gibson lead our HOT Class. Michael's topic was turning a long candle holder. Michael started by demonstrating and explaining the Golden Mean. How the ratio of parts of an object are pleasing to the eye and how to incorporate that concept in turning your items.

Michael demonstrated how objects in the world have followed the golden mean. He showed us the Fibonacci Gauge and how to use it.



To demonstrate, Michael had each attendee turn a form. All the forms were brought to the front and reviewed. Michael measured each with the Fibonacci gauge and pointed out how they could be improved to adhere to the Golden Mean. After the review, each attendee was tasked to turn the same form but with attention to the Golden Mean. Each turner improved the look and balance of their form.

When everyone understood the Golden Mean and how to use the Fibonacci Gauge to measure with it to apply to your turning, Michael provided a blank and charged each attendee to turn a candle holder.



It was a great day for everyone to be turning. Each attendee learned new information and was able to improve their turning skills as a result of attending. It was a lot of fun and a lot of learning. Thank you, Michael for a great day and great experience.



Our next HOT class will be held on November 2, 2022, at Woodcraft in Alpharetta from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Mike Peace will lead the session. The topic will be Birdhouse Ornaments. This promises to be a great learning experience like all the others. Sign up by contacting Katie Navarro by email ([knavarro@gmail.com](mailto:knavarro@gmail.com)), text or phone call (404-557-4799).



## October's Featured Demonstrator

### Lighted Christmas Tree Ornament by Dan Douthart, President AWG



Dan has various YouTube videos posted by the Gwinnett Woodworkers Club but is now setup at home to be able to create his own YouTube Channel as well as do IRD's for woodturning clubs. In fact, when he does our October Demo it will be his first from home IRD. He can also teach turning classes to individuals. This is Dan's third demo for our club this year previously doing a ring and a bangles demo for us.



One of the concerns with Christmas tree ornaments is the weight. The most common solution is the hollow the ornament body. I have never been a fan of hollowing through a small opening. My solution is the either make a smaller ornament that needs no hollowing or to cut openings in the body to remove material and reduce weight.

Figured wood is often used on the ornament body to provide an attractive ornament. My cheaper solution is to use plain domestic woods and then use color, texture or cut outs to make the ornament attractive.

This presentation shows two methods of making cut outs and then uses a LED inside the body to accentuate the cut outs.

**Christmas Tree Ornament Challenge: Dan Douthart has issued a challenge to all members of the AWG and GAW to turn a Christmas Tree Ornament between now and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and email a picture(s) to Katie Navarro at [katiepnavarro@gmail.com](mailto:katiepnavarro@gmail.com) by December 4, 2022. All submissions will be put in a box and if your name is pulled at our December 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Christmas Party you will win one of the prizes. You do not have to be present at the party to win a prize but you do have to send in a picture before the deadline.**

## Fund Raising Wood Sale

Beginning with last month's meeting, the AWG is having a Fund-Raising Wood Sale. We have secured some wood from Mark Sillay at a highly discounted price and offering to *those that attend this month's meeting* with very little markup. The profits from this sale go to the AWG Operating Fund. Any wood not sold at the meeting will be made available to all AWG members at the same price. Contact Wayne Johnson 404-844-9295 if you are interested. Details of the wood supply will be released on Tuesday.

**AWG Fund Raising Wood Sale: October 19, 2022**

## Beads of Courage

Article by Glen Withrow

The Beads of Courage Organization has guidelines regarding the size and shape of the box to be made. I have listed those guidelines below, taken directly from their website. Please contact me [glenwithrow@gmail.com](mailto:glenwithrow@gmail.com) or phone or text: 770-845-1434, with any questions or if you have a bowl to donate.

**BEAD BOWLS/BOXES GUIDELINES:** Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is better!

Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.).

Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are 4"x6"x4"

Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break. Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged; remember, hospital rooms have limited storage space. Finishing of boxes is extremely important! Beads of Courage members who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/ infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Also do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas. All kinds of wood are beautiful! Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.



Glen is a member of the AWG as well as several other woodturning clubs in the area and will be the Beads of Courage coordinator for all of these clubs.



## Show & Tell

From our September meeting. Pictures by Glen Withrow



Our newest member, Seth Gamba, came to the meeting after our Show & Tell photo both was taken down so I had him submit pictures of his natural edge bowl

## Tips and Tricks for the Woodturner

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Postal scale aids in drying wood When I'm working with green (unseasoned) wood, I find it a challenge to know when the wood is actually dry enough for a second turning or for final finishing. One easy way to figure this out is by using a digital postal scale and weighing your piece periodically—maybe every couple days for a small thin piece or once a month for a large “once-turned” bowl. I keep a piece of paper next to my scale and record the date and weight each time I weigh a turning, so I can tell how much drying progress I'm making. Once the piece stops losing weight, it's ready! In order to accurately track your drying progress, it is critical to use a digital scale that records tenths of an ounce. You don't need a fancy scale, just a simple one, generally available online for under twenty bucks. Bonus: you can also use the scale to figure out the postage for all of those finished turnings you're sending through the mail. —Rich Sabreen, Connecticut

### SAFETY FIRST



#### Fire precautions

- Wood shavings, and wood in general are flammable. Keeping the floor clear of shavings and the stored wood away from ignition sources will reduce the risk of fire.
- Chemicals including finishes, adhesives, paints and solvents should be kept in a steel cabinet.
- Oily rags should be kept in a tight lidded metal can. Better yet, keep the can outside. No metal can? Lay the unfolded rag out on a concrete surface until it dries and feels hard. Then you can dispose of it. **Never throw wet oily rags in the trash.**
- The area around your bench grinder should be kept clear of shavings and dust to prevent ignition from sparks while sharpening.
- Never leave steel wool near a bench grinder. Sparks from the grinder can ignite the steel wool.
- If disk and belt sanders have been used for sanding wood, make sure you clean them thoroughly before using the same sander for sanding metal. Otherwise, the sparks from the metal sanding may ignite the wood dust.
- Every workshop should have a suitable fire extinguisher. Bear in mind you may be tackling wood, liquid and /or electrical fires.
- If there was a fire in your workshop, how would you get out? If your main escape route was blocked by fire, how else would you get out? Plan your escape route beforehand. Make sure keys for doors and windows are easy to find when you need them.

## AWG Meeting and Events Schedule

1. January 19<sup>th</sup> Harvey Meyer: Hollow Vessel
2. February 16<sup>th</sup> Dan Douthart: Rings for Fingers
3. March 16<sup>th</sup> Michael Gibson: Tea Pot
4. April 20<sup>th</sup> Tips and Tricks of Woodturning
5. May 18<sup>th</sup> Frank Bowers: Beads of Courage Boxs
6. Jun 15<sup>th</sup> Chris Blauvelt Epoxy and Wood
7. July 20<sup>th</sup> Harvey Meyer Hollow Globe Ornaments
8. August 17<sup>th</sup> Mike Peace: Box design
9. September 21<sup>st</sup> Rick Urban ‘Lost Wood’
10. October 19<sup>th</sup> Dan Douthart Christmas Tree Ornaments
11. November 16<sup>th</sup> tbd
12. December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

## Advertisements

Please support our members that are providing free demonstrations for our club in 2022.



**Harvey Meyer** [www.harveymeyer.com](http://www.harveymeyer.com) available for IRDs on a broad list of demos nationally or internationally. [him@harveymeyer.com](mailto:him@harveymeyer.com). Started woodturning in 2000 and turns bowls, platters, hollow vessels, goblets, boxes and of course mostly known for his Basket Illusions and for teaching many of us about “Harvey Oil” finish.



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**Ken Rizza**, owner of Woodturners Wonders located at 5230 Clarks Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506 Open M-F 9am-5pm.

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**Mike Peace** [www.mikepeacewoodturning.com](http://www.mikepeacewoodturning.com) I do demonstrations and workshops for clubs and now do IRDs over the internet. I enjoy teaching new woodturners one-on-one in my shop. I have demonstrated at the AAW symposium in Atlanta in 2015 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. In April, 2021 he hit a couple of YouTube milestones: 40,000 subscribers and 6,000,000 million views.



**Frank Bowers** Frank is a fulltime woodturning instructor and demonstrator and may be contacted at [fcbowrs@aol.com](mailto:fcbowrs@aol.com) He has taught more people to turn bowls than anyone else in Georgia.



**Michael Gibson** . [www.michaelgibsonwoodturner.com](http://www.michaelgibsonwoodturner.com)

Known worldwide for his exquisite pieces he is available to provide IRDs from his shop. After the pandemic is over, he will resume accepting individual students.

## Craft Supplies USA – club discounts Club Orders-

Club members are welcome to pool their orders together and place a club order to receive a 10% discount off our published prices. With our new Reward Cash program, club orders earn Reward Cash that can be used at any time. The Reward Cash program is roughly the equivalent of a 3% rebate on purchases. In addition, we cover the shipping charges for club orders shipped within the contiguous 48 states. Actual shipping cost is added to orders shipped to Hawaii and Alaska. To receive these discounts, all club orders must meet the following requirements:

- Order must reach \$1,000.00 minimum total after quantity discounts are applied.
- Order must be shipped to a single address.
- Order must only use one form of payment.
- Reward Cash under the club account can be used as payment
- Only 2 gift certificates may be applied per club order.
- Freight added items (lathes, grinders, etc.) do not qualify for this special offer.
- Please submit all club orders by email at [service@woodturnerscatalog.com](mailto:service@woodturnerscatalog.com) or by calling our customer service department at 1-800-551-8876

Individual Orders- If a club member is ordering as an individual *we offer 10% off abrasive discs and finishes.* To receive these discounts, the club member needs to call in his or her order to 1-800-551-8876 and just mention they are a member of the woodturning club

## 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.

## AWG Website

This message announces the inauguration of some long-awaited updates to our Atlanta Woodworkers Guild web site ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org)). Our site retains the same hosting company ([WIX.com](http://WIX.com)) but now takes advantage of their recent service enhancements, including better support for various types of media (databases, graphics, videos and .PDF files). The color scheme and layout may be a little different, but you will recognize our club information and it should be easier to find and review.

Featured is a new **Event Calendar** ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org/event-calendar](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/event-calendar)), showing a schedule for our regular monthly meetings, our popular Hands On Turning (H.O.T.) sessions, and other upcoming events. The **Newsletter** archive ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org/newsletters](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/newsletters)) is on-line again and will be kept current. A **Contact Us** page ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org/contact-us](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/contact-us)) gives names and contact information for our current Officers and Board of Directors. An **About the AWG** page ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org/about-the-awg](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/about-the-awg)) welcomes new members and gives directions to our new meeting place at the East Roswell Recreation

Center. A Members Only section provides access to our latest **Member List** ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org/member-list](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/member-list), the password is "awg2016") so you can stay in contact with your fellow members. Shortly I hope to add a page of public Forums, starting with a new Trading Post and one for Tips & Techniques.

I hope you find the new site design practical and convenient. Please keep an eye on our **Event Calendar** for events currently planned for the remainder of the summer, fall and winter season!

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While you are in the social media mode visit our Facebook group page under Atlanta Woodturners Guild, join it and please post pictures of your woodturning work for all to see. Harvey Meyer is our Host and if you have any questions please contact at Harvey at: harveymeyer2@gmail.com

## AWG Contacts

### Officers

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