



# ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER



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## Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter

This is the January 2023 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article for our newsletters, send to Tom Biehl at [newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org](mailto:newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org)

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# From Our President Mr. Wayne Johnson

The AWG Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs are excited about our New Year and especially the return to Woodcraft for our in-person meetings with live onsite demonstrations. These will be Hybrid meetings, meaning they will be Zoomed out for those that wish to stay at home to watch.

Past President Dan Douthart is setting up a mentor program, Vice President Bob Bodine as Program Director has almost filled every meeting slot in 2023 with an onsite demonstrator, Treasurer Mike Riley is collecting annual dues renewal as well as logging in new members, Secretary Kim Muthersbough is still preparing our Board Meetings Minutes, Director Hans

Meier will run our monthly raffle, Director Tom Biehl is taking over as newsletter editor, Glen Withrow is Chairing our Beads of Courage Project, Katie Navarro is Chairing our Hands on Turning (HOT) Classes and working on our Spring Tool Exchange, Jim Hardy is still in charge of our Library that has a wealth of books and DVDs on Turning, Harvey Meyer is the Administrator for our Facebook page, Steve Sheppard is our webmaster and has spent a lot of time updating our website, and finally Advisor Mark Sillay is helping us with wood sales, tool exchange and Demonstrating for us at the first meeting.

I encourage each of you to take time and read this newsletter that is full of important information, visit our website ([atlantawoodturnersguild.org](http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org)), follow us on Facebook and most importantly become involved in your club. We need facilitators for our HOT Classes, Tutors for our Mentor Program, and attendance at meetings.

Finally, when you see Robert, manager at Woodcraft thank him for working to get us back in the store for meetings and by all means take advantage of our 10% club discount on non-sale or mechanical items.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, 5-5:30 pm dinner and socialize at Hooligans, 8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA (directly behind CVS on corner of Holcomb Bridge and Barnwell Rd.) Weather permitting park at Woodcraft and walk over, meeting starts at 6:45pm

Wayne Johnson  
President AWG

## Next Meeting

### January 18, 2023

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday January 18, 2023, at 6:45PM at Woodcraft (Hooray!).*

***Don't forget to bring your show and tell pieces!! Others want to see what you have been working on and be able to ask questions of you.***

*If you prefer not to attend in-person, then you may attend by logging into our Zoom meeting. Mike Riley will send out the Zoom link on Monday.*

*There will be a Watch Shop for the meeting at Rob Austin's Shop. His shop is located at 1157 Fountain Glen Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Rob's cell is 770-286-9797. The time schedule will follow the in-person meeting. This location will have its own show and tell. Bring your work to show off.*

***If you won't be attending in person, then prior to the meeting day please email picture(s) of your show and tell items to Katie Navarro:***  
[photographeratlantawoodturnersguild.org](mailto:photographeratlantawoodturnersguild.org).

*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.*

#### *Meeting Agenda*

*6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft*

*6:45PM Meeting begins at Woodcraft and on the Zoom*

*6:45 to 7:15PM will be a business meeting, show and tell.*

*7:15PM to 8:45PM Demonstration. See info on Demo below.*

*8:45PM to 9:00PM Clean up and raffle – All hands on deck for the cleanup, please.*

*Those that would like to meet for dinner prior to the meeting are welcome to join us at Hoolihans just down the street from Woodcraft. We will meet at Hoolihans at 5:00PM. Each is responsible for his/her own meal.*

*Also ... If you have something to donate to the monthly raffle Hans would greatly appreciate these items. Examples: Wood, tools and or etc.*

*Thank you*

*Hans*

## **AWG Library**



***Look! We are back in business at Woodcraft. And so is our club librarian. We may***

**not have a fancy library, but the knowledge that are within our selection is invaluable. Each month Jim Hardy, the 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 available is on our website, <https://www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org> Our brand-new Members are eligible for up to 5 free monthly rentals in their first year of membership. Bonus to membership!**

*We are looking forward to returning to Woodcraft for our meetings beginning this month. Hopefully you will be able to be there. We will start at 6:45PM and must conclude and be gone by 9:00PM.*

*We will resume a similar agenda to when we were there in the past. If you arrive a bit early there is time for some socialization and “catching” up with friends, you may not have seen in a while. It is also a good time to review what is in the library and available for check-out. And you can begin to purchase raffle tickets for whatever prizes will be raffled. See Hans Meier.*

*Wayne will open the meeting with a brief business meeting. We will have show and tell – bring your items. We all like to see what others are doing. And it gives us a chance to ask questions of the artist.*

*Then the presenter/demonstrator will be introduced, and the show is on. When the demonstration is complete we will pick up the chairs, clean-up and listen for our raffle ticket number to be called...Good luck!*

*NOTE: Some members like to meet at a restaurant (Hooligans) for dinner before the meeting. This gives them a chance to arrive in the area a bit early and beat the traffic. Hooligans is located just a short walk east of Woodcraft. (8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Alpharetta, Ga, 678-367-2841)*

**HOT Sessions– A Club Favorite** Sessions are held each month on the first Wednesday of the month. Leaders of the sessions mostly come from within the club. The leaders teach subjects meant to develop skills. And the goal is for each attendee to take something home to show off. To enroll in a session, contact Katie Navarro [hotclassesatlantawoodturnersguild.org](mailto:hotclassesatlantawoodturnersguild.org). The planned schedule to date is below.





***Our first HOT session of 2023 was held on January 4, 2023***

***The session was led by our own Hans Meier. Hans taught us how to turn Rolling Pins.***

***Submitted by Katie Navarro:***

*Hans Meier facilitated, and he brought Al Money to assist. (Thank you Hans and Al.) The lesson was how to turn a rolling pin. Six Turners came ready to learn. We had a new Turner who became a new member. (Welcome to the Club Charlie Levan!! We are glad to have you join us.) The students turned a rolling pin from some lovely ambrosia maple in a style they chose. After they had completed their rolling pins Al showed them how to turn a six-sided Jack (like the game "Jacks.") We all enjoyed lunch together at the big table in the front of the store. Another reason we are excited to have Charlie join us is because he showed up with donuts.*

*And a good time was had by all.*

***Here are some photos of the session***



***Hans the Instructor***



***Al, Hans' Helper***



***Michael***



***The Class***



**Dan**



**Wayne**



**Bob**



**Victoria**



**New Member Charlie Levan Welcome Charlie**



### Making and Using Specialty Turning Tools

By

Mark Sillay

Woodturning Artist, Demonstrator, and Instructor

The Atlanta Woodturners Guild is pleased to be back in Woodcraft for our 2023 series of meetings and programs. Mark Sillay will start us off in January. The meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark has a wealth of turning knowledge to share. Mark's demonstration will feature a collection of tools he has created to improve productivity, enhance safety, and produce the results he wants from his turnings.

Many manufacturers market tools created for general use. Making those tools more productive and fit special uses is what Mark will demonstrate. He is planning on bringing a range of specialty tools he has created. He will explain how he has made them and of equal importance, how to use them to improve your turning productivity, safety, and outcomes.

Mark enjoys recycling native Georgia woods. He loves using the lathe to transform recycled woods into useful items and artistic objects. Being basically self-taught on the lathe, over the years, he has advanced his woodturning skills. After turning many basic bowls, etc., he found a desire to create smaller and finer turned objects. He credits Cindy Drozda ([www.cindydrozda.com](http://www.cindydrozda.com)) with inspiring him to transform his woodturning life into a joyful journey. He has shared that journey with many students and as a result, has touched many of us in the turning community.

Feel free to take photos and videos of the tools Mark will demonstrate. He will take any and all questions as he demonstrates how he has created and uses a collection of specialty tools. Mark's emphasis will be on improving your skills and enhancing the safety of all turners. I hope you can join us as we kickoff 2023.

*Coming Attractions  
February Meeting  
Demonstration  
2/15/2023  
Harvey Meyer  
Beads of Courage  
Boxes  
Harvey will  
demonstrate how to  
turn a Beads of  
Courage Box. This is  
a club project and  
we've committed to  
turn two boxes each  
for the program. Our  
goal is to have at least  
one box ready to hand  
in to Glen Withrow by  
the end of the March.  
To aide in that,  
Harvey will also be  
conducting a Hands-  
On Turning (HOT)  
class in March. Plan  
to attend the February  
meeting and get a  
kickstart on the  
impactful project.*

Woodworkers are hard  
partiers, because...  
They're known to have  
some pretty lathe nights!



## Beads of Courage

This is reprinted of a previous article penned by Glen Withrow. Glen is spearheading the club's effort to provide Beads of Courage Bowls to those in need. To be successful each of us will need to turn some bowls to be donated. As some of you probably know, turning a bowl can be challenging and rewarding at the same time.

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 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

Show and tell photos will return here after the January 18, 2023, meeting

### Calendar of AWG Meeting and Events and Schedule

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTER	TOPIC
January 4	HOT Class	Hans Meier	Rolling Pins
January 18	Club Demo/Demo	Mark Sillay	Shaping Specialty Tools and their application
February	HOT Class	Dan Douthart	
February 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Harvey Meyer	Beads of Courage Bowl
March	HOT	Wayne Johnson	
March 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Rudy Lopez	Natural Edge Goblet from a Limb
April	HOT	Jim Roland ?	
April 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Glen Withrow	Natural Edge Bowl
May	HOT Class	Glen Withrow	
May 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Ken Rizza	Product Showcase: Sharpening and Sanding
June	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to reserve your opportunity to lead a HOT Session.
June 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Peggy Schmid	Polymer Clay Canes
July	HOT Class	Open	
July 19	Club Meeting/Demo	Michael Gibson	Thin-walled Asian Rice Bowl
August	HOT Class	Open	
August 16	Club Meeting/Demo	All Club Members	Hot Dogs, Tools, and Gadgets
September	HOT Class	Open	
September 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Mike Peace	Thread Chasing
October	HOT Class	Mike Peace	
October 18	Club Meeting/Demo	Dan Douthart	Lighted Sea Urchin Ornaments
November	HOT Class	Open	
November	Club Meeting/Demo	TBD	
December	HOT Class	Open	
December 4	Christmas/Holiday Celebration		

*A woodworker accidentally sawed off his left hand... The doctors said he will be all right.*

## Advertisements

Support those who support us.

**Woodcraft has been gracious enough to allow us to resume our meetings in its facility. When looking to purchase tools and materials, please consider purchasing them from Woodcraft. On meeting nights, Woodcraft offers a 10% discount on non-sale and mechanical items.**

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



**Dan Douthart** 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 February Demo it will be his first from home IRD. He can also teach turning classes to individuals [douthd@live.com](mailto:douthd@live.com).



**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 [fbowrs@aol.com](mailto:fbowrs@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. When the pandemic is over he will begin accepting individual students.

### New Member Drawing Announced.

Everyone that joins the AWG as a new member or sponsors a new member between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023, will be eligible for a drawing for a signed wood turned piece during our April, 2023 meeting.

### AWG New Tutor Program

Past President Dan Douthart will be sending everyone an email to offer you an opportunity to sign up as a tutor in our new Mentor Program. Once we have a list of willing Tutors, we will then invite members to sign up for a one on one session of their choice. So please consider becoming a tutor for our club.

### 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. Or sometimes 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, their web site.

Anyone interested in learning about woodturning is welcome to attend the monthly 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)) 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 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](mailto:harveymeyer2@gmail.com)

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