



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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Chapter 274 of the American
Association of Woodturners



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS AND WIVES.

This is your May 2023 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, send to Tom Biehl at newsletteratlantawoodturnersguild.org

Please submit your items **no later than the Wednesday before our meeting** if you would like to have your article included in that month's newsletter. (5 of 12)

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 newsletter and our web site.

Anyone interested in learning about woodturning is welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

President's Message

May, 2023 Newsletter

The biggest event of the year for the Atlanta Woodturners Guild is upon us. Katie Navarro is finalizing plans for our Saturday May 20th Tool Exchange and Wood Sale to be held in the parking lot at Woodcraft. We need everyone to participate in some form. Volunteer, donate tools or sell your own tools. You do not have to be there all day but come for a few hours and watch Mark Sillay and Harvey Meyer 's demos.

We will be holding an election for Vice President and Director positions during this month's meeting.

If you have not advised me yet that you want to participate in the Penn State Industries 10% Discount Program, please contact me for details at waynejohnson78@aol.com

We continue to have good participation in our Show and Tell as well as our Raffle and it is impressive what good turnings we are seeing.

Please contact Glen for any questions about Beads of Courage and try to get your bowls completed soon.

Katie Navarro still needs some facilitators for our Hands On Turning (HOT) Classes but that program is thriving with a full class booked on May 3rd.

Do not forget to follow us on Facebook and **post pictures of your work there**. Also check out our website and see all things going on with our club.

Meeting Agenda

6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft

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

6:45 to 7:00PM will be a business meeting, show and tell.

7:00PM to 8:30PM Demonstration. See info on Demo below.

8:30pm to 8:45PM Raffle is called by Mr. Hans

8:45PM to 9:00PM Clean up

All hands-on deck for the cleanup, please. We MUST leave by 9:00PM

Don't forget Show and Tell. Please bring your articles to the meeting for Hans and Katie to arrange for the Show and Tell Demonstration. Also, if you have any items to contribute for the Raffle, please bring them and give to Hans. As Hans has said, everyone likes to win something. But we must have items to Raffle. Thank everyone for bringing the raffle items and wood. Starting this month April, the raffle person (Hans) will be giving raffle tickets to those people who bring raffle items to the meeting. Thank you for helping to support the raffle event.



Ken Rizza's May Demo

Ken is originally from Connecticut and after completing his degree in Marketing from Boston College he moved to Florida. He always worked for himself as an entrepreneur and has had 3 careers. The first one was Auto repair where he owned 6 Brake shops and a brake specialty warehouse in Southwest Florida, then he owned a mortgage and real estate company in South East Florida and finally Woodturners Wonders which he founded in his garage in Lawrenceville in 2012. The company grew rapidly and now operates out of about 5500 square feet in a metal building which is at the rear of his property in Gainesville GA. In August of 2022 Ken sold the company and remains in a consulting capacity while still doing Symposiums and new product development. He has been a woodturner for about 20 years but admits he is rusty having been so busy with his business. Only now he his getting back to turning and admits he has missed it.



Unbalanced Bowl Blank – Wayne Johnson

So your bowl Blank is round but it still does not spin smoothly and is causing your lathe to jump all around. What causes this and what can I do to fix it.

The cause according to Harvey Meyer can be more moisture in one side of the blank that the other, different density of the wood like a section of punk wood, or bark inclusion or hidden void in the wood, or even nails, screws or metal fencing that has been grown over and not visible to your initial inspection.

A solution could be to slow the lathe down until the blank no longer causes the lathe to vibrate. This could be as slow as 200 to 300 rpms and that makes very slow turning. Increase the speed as you continue to turn, and lathe is running smooth.

You may also try slowly speeding the lathe up until you get past the jumping lathe.

Member John Votaw had a round bowl blank that had the moisture issue and could not get the lathe to settle down. Moisture meter said 23% on one side, 17% on the other.

So with the help of Blake Cherrington, they discovered you can balance it just like a tire with weight on the outside and drilling holes in the heavy side. He did not notice any great difference in the wood from side to side as he was hollowing.

John will be at our May meeting to discuss how they did this.



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 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 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!

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 purchase raffle tickets for whatever prizes will be raffled at the end of the meeting. See Hans Meier.

HOT Sessions– A Club Favorite!

Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each 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. The planned schedule to date is below.



Turn it on, Turn it up, and Turn Me Loose!

And turn the page for more about HOT!

Hands on Turning

If you haven't attended one of our HOT (Hands On Turning) sessions, you are missing out on one of the best perks (in my opinion) of our Club. Everyone knows lunch time is my favorite because we get to eat together and tell tall turning tales at the table, as well as getting to know each other better. Of course, there is the learning part too and the part where you can turn all day with like-minded friends for very little money.

Our May HOT was facilitated by Glen Withrow. Glen lead us through turning Beads of Courage Bowls. Segmented blanks were provided by Wayne Johnson, Phil Sain and Blake Cherrington.

Each attendee was given a segmented bowl blank, a top, and wood for a knob along with a jamb chuck. And, of course the bead to be installed in the knob. As you can see below every attendee created a bowl and lid. They were all taken home to put on a finish and will be brought back to be donated to Beads of Courage. The was a GREAT event. Thank you Glen!



Larry McIntire	Dan Douthart	Kim Muthersbough	Tom Biehl	Glen Withrow	Hans Meier	Charlie Levan	Katie Navarro	Tony Campbell	Bruce Fairchild
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Want to know how to become a good woodworker?

Just take it whittle by whittle!

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)

MY WOODWORKER FRIEND BROUGHT ME A SINGLE PLANK OF WOOD AT 5 O'CLOCK. BUT I WAS MAD, BECAUSE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING A 2 BY 4!

Looking ahead to June's Meeting and Demo

June's Featured Demonstrator – Michael Gibson

Thin Walled Asial Rice Bowl

Our own member and internationally known Woodturner, Michael Gibson will demonstrate for us how he turns a thin-walled Asian rice bowl.

I THINK WE HAVE A WINNER!

Kevin McDonald won the drawing from 13 names for the Dennis Paullus acorn box. Everyone that joined the AWG or sponsored a new member between 1/1/2923 and 3/31/2923 were eligible. Kevin had dropped out of the club during the Pandemic and is now back as part of our group. You can recognize him when you see him with his axe handle walking cane with a pointed wooden mallet on the bottom. He recently fell from a ladder and received a concussion, so we are praying for a quick recovery.



Welcome to our new member, Tony Campbell, who joined in April. We appreciate you being with us and look forward to a long relationship.

Beads of Courage

Glen Withrow hopes to get two beads of courage bowls from each member by the end of the year. Please do all you can to meet this request. Glen may be contacted with questions at beadsofcourageatlantawoodturnersguild.org

Together, we can meet this goal. Can Do!

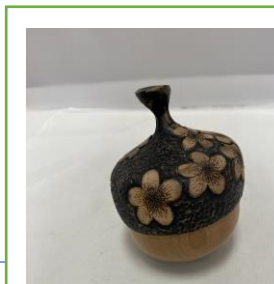
Glen hosted a HOT Session on turning a Beads of Courage Bowl in May.

April Show & Tell

During our March meeting we were blessed with many member show and tell items for our viewing pleasure. Our Superb turner's have shared their works. We look forward to another great show and tell during our April meeting. So let's Create, Show, and Tell (about it)!



Katie Navarro



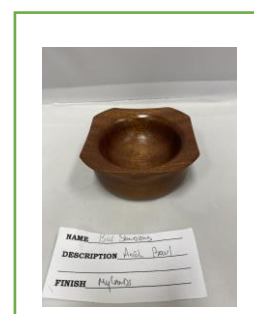
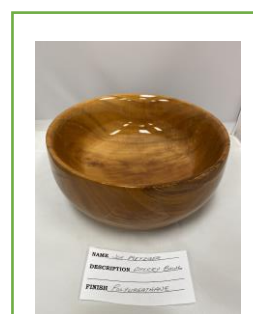
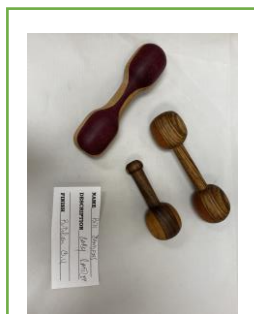
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Hans Meier



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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 1	HOT Class	Katie Navarro	Acorn Boxes
February 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage Bowl
March 1	HOT	Wayne Johnson	Platter with embellished rim. Embellished in several ways.
March 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Rudy Lopez	Natural edge goblet from a limb
April 5	HOT	Arnie Moore	Turning a small bowl laminated from several w species.
April 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Harvey Meyer	Natural Edge Bowls
May 3	HOT Class	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage Segmented Bowl
May 17	Club Meeting/Demo	Ken Rizza	Product Showcase: Sharpening and Sanding
June 7	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.
June 15	Club Meeting/Demo	Michael Gibson	Thin-walled Asian Rice Bowl
July 5	HOT Class	Glen Withrow	Natural Edge Bowl
July 19	Club Meeting/Demo	Peggy Schmid	Polymer Clay Canes
August 2	HOT Class	Harvey Meyer	Lidded Box.
August 16	Club Meeting/Demo	All Club Members	Hot Dogs, Tools, and Gadgets
September 6	HOT Class	Katie Navarro	Acorn Boxes
September 20	Club Meeting/Demo	Mike Peace	Thread Chasing
October 4	HOT Class	Mike Peace	Thread Chasing
October 18	Club Meeting/Demo	Dan Douthart	Lighted Sea Urchin Ornaments
November 1	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	TBD
November 15	Club Meeting/Demo	TBD	
December 6	HOT Class	Open	Contact Katie Navarro to lead a HOT Session.

Why do Banks hate woodworkers?
Because all the ever want to do is
open a “Shavings Account”

I once dated a woodworker who
worked too much. So, I told her to
choose: “It’s me or your tools”.
She Chose the ladder.

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 items excluding mechanical items.

Please support our members that have provided free demonstrations for our club in 2022.



Harvey Meyer www.harveymeyer.com available for IRDs on a broad list of demos nationally or internationally. 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.



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

678-400-8181

We provide Innovative and competitively priced products for woodturners. Check out our website: www.woodturnerswonders.com



Mike Peace www.mikepeacewoodturning.com I do demonstrations and workshops for clubs locally and Interactive Remote Demonstration over the internet to far away clubs. 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. I recently hit a couple of YouTube milestones: 50,000 subscribers and 8,000,000 million views.



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



Michael Gibson 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.

This message announces the inauguration of some long-awaited updates to our Atlanta Woodworkers Guild web site (atlantawoodturnersguild.org). Our site retains the same hosting company (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), 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) is on-line again and will be kept current. A **Contact Us** page (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) welcomes new members. A Members Only section provides access to our latest **Member List** (atlantawoodturnersguild.org/member-list) so you can stay in contact with your fellow members. The password is being updated and will be distributed in the not-too-distant future via email to members. Shortly I hope to add a page of public Forums, starting with a new Trading Post and one for Tips & Techniques.

Our meeting location is **Woodcraft of Atlanta, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 115, Alpharetta,GA 30022**

Phone: 770-587-3372 FAX: 770-587-906 Email: atlanta-retail@woodcraft.com

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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Webmaster for Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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And in closing, don't forget the upcoming Tool Exchange –

From Miss Katie:

The website link for the Tool Exchange is up and you are now able to reserve one or more booths by clicking on the Book Online button.

See the flyer included below. You may print it and share it with your friends.



You're invited to join us for a
TOOL EXCHANGE and WOOD SALE

Sponsored by Atlanta Woodturners' Guild
Saturday, MAY 20, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At **WOODCRAFT OF ATLANTA's** Outside Parking Lot
8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., #115
Alpharetta, GA 30022



Our main purpose for this Tool Exchange is to bring area Clubs together while promoting Woodturning and to mark and celebrate our return to in-person demonstrations.

Gather your Club Members together and bring all those tools you do not use. Bring any kind of tools (no, they do not have to be woodturning tools), finished pieces, wood products, raw wood. Pull in your vehicle and sell from your trunk or the bed of your pickup `or set up table and chairs and park your vehicle in the vendor parking lot.

There will be woodturning demos by our own Mark Sillay and Harvey Meyer on the sidewalk outside the store. Ken Rizza from Woodturners Wonders will be there with his woodturning products and Woodcraft of Atlanta has all manner of woodworking/turning tools to choose from. Used tools! New tools! Demos! It's a Woodturner's dream!

Booth fees are \$20 for one parking size space roughly 10' X 18'. Reserve in advance at [www://atlantawoodturnersguild.org](http://www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org). Need commitments on or before April 28th.

Admission for the general public is free.

In Closing

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