



WELCOME TO THE AWG DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!

LOOK INSIDE...

In this edition you will find communication and information from various sources. You will see the President's message and the Vice President's message. There are photos of the Holiday/Christmas Celebration. You will see a report of the latest HOT Session. There is information regarding the November Club Meeting and demonstration. And we also look ahead to the January meeting demo and HOT classes. There is much more inside. Go ahead, turn the page, and take a tour of the Newsletter. I Hope you find it informative and useful with just a bit of entertainment.

From the Newsletter Department of AWG

Tom Biehl

Your Humble Newsletter Editor – CAN DO!



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER



December 2023

Chapter 274 of the American Association of Woodturners

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

Please submit your items **no later than the Wednesday before our meeting** (second Wednesday of the month) if you would like to have your article included in that month's newsletter. This will be my last Newsletter (this year). I hope you all have enjoyed it and I look forward to publishing next year's Newsletter. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you January 17th. I will be the good looking one. (12 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.

Charlie Levan delivered the December HOT class and taught the participants how to turn Christmas Ornaments. It was a fun filled learning day for everyone. Thank you for your leadership in organizing the monthly HOT classes and leading the December Class Charlie.

President's Message

December 2023 Newsletter

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah to everyone and thank you for making 2023 a great year for our club. Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have worked hard all year to make this an interesting and fun club to be a member of.

The 2024 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are already working to make things better in 2024 with a 6:30 earlier start time of our monthly meetings, two HOT Classes every month instead of one, bringing more out of town demonstrators, and finding ways we can give back to our community.

I firmly believe the more you put into this club the more you will get out of it and all of us will benefit from that. How do you "put in"? Attend meetings, participate in Show and Tell, buy raffle tickets, offer suggestions, bring in your work and ask questions, signup for HOT Classes, ask questions of the demonstrator, submit articles for the monthly newsletter, make others welcome at meetings, offer suggestions as how we could improve our club and bring potential new members and sponsor them in the membership process.

Have a wonderful Holidays, **remember no regular meeting this month** and I look forward to seeing you in January.

Best Regards.

Wayne Johnson

President AWG



Meeting Agenda

6:00PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft

6:45PM Meeting begins at Woodcraft and on Zoom

6:45 – 7:00PM Will be a business meeting and show and tell.

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

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

8:45 - 9:00PM Clean Up

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

January 2024 Meeting Demonstration

Our January demo will be presented by our very own Arnie Moore. Arnie will be demonstrating how to create a Staved Bowl. On the evening of January 17 Arnie will present "An introduction to staved turning projects". This presentation will cover how to cut staves on a table saw, how to glue and clamp these staves and how to mount on the lathe for turning, several examples will be presented. Using staves of different types of wood and using veneers to separate staves can produce interesting projects.

In addition, Arnie will be presenting two HOT classes in January where the attendees will learn the process and complete a bowl to be given to our BOC representative, Glen Withrow. The HOT class will be a staved BOC box. The plan is to have two HOT sessions in January. On January 3 we plan to cut and glue the boxes and finish them on January 17.

Now a little bit about Arnie:

Arnie spent 15 years on active duty in the Navy followed by 15 years in the Navy Reserve. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain (O6) in 1994. In civilian life Arnie worked for Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, designing Navy Destroyers, Cruisers and Amphibious ships for 24 years. He retired as the Vice President of Engineering in 2007.

Arnie was an active member of AWG for about 6 years between about 2008 and 2014. He served in several positions including as Vice President for 2 years and President for 1 year. For about the past 6 years Arnie has been the Chair of the local Peach State Chapter of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM).

Arnie renewed his membership in AWG this year. He likes to make "laminated" lathe projects using contrasting wood species. Often these pieces come from cutoffs of furniture projects. Arnie is happy to assist any AWG members interested in this form of turning. He will teach an AWG Hands-On Training (HOT) class in September, demonstrated in October and will demonstrate again in January, 2024.



January HOT Class 1st and 3rd Wednesday

This will be a two-day class lead by Arnie Moore. Arnie's topic will be a staved Beads of Courage Bowl. The first Wednesday (January 3rd) will be focused on cutting and gluing the staves. The second Wednesday (January 17th) the staves will be turned into Beads of Courage Bowls.

No Club meeting in December. But we had the joint AWG and GAW Christmas celebration. We have included some select photos of the attendees at the celebration. For mor photos please go to the AWG web site where all the photos are parked.



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. See Jim Hardy.

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 , Marcus Jones or Charlie Levan hotclassesatlantawoodturnersguild.org. The planned schedule to date is below.



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

Now turn the page for more about HOT!

Hands on Turning by Katie Navarro

Are you new to turning? Have you been turning for some time, and feel you could do better? Do you enjoy learning from a variety of people? When was the last time you attended a structured, yet friendly and social environment educational session? 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. The session will help answer those questions above. In the sessions, we have an opportunity to work on a specific projects with lessons provided by one of our club experts. We learn, we meet new turners, and we leave with something that we made to take home and show to our families. And we have the newly developed skill and knowledge to go to our shop and create more items. Everyone knows lunch time is my favorite (says Katie Navarro) 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.

THANK YOU KATIE NAVARRO!

The monthly HOT classes have been so well received that your Board has added a second monthly session beginning 2024. The plan is that the second session will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. The topics for both sessions will not necessarily be the same. Variety is the spice of life. Katie Navarro and Marcus Jones will organize the first session and Charlie Levan has stepped up to organize the second session. There may be instances when there is only one HOT class in a month. Those will be times when a visiting demonstrator agrees to hold a class for the membership. So, kind of HOT but not HOT. We will be establishing a make/break number. Saying if not enough members want to sign up the class will be cancelled. Those numbers will be published when the announcement for a particular HOT session is made. Look for more information to come.

Our December HOT was led by Charlie Levan. The topic was one piece Christmas Ornaments. The focus was on the ornament and tool control. You can see from the picture above that participants were able to complete some ornaments to take home.

Thank you, Charlie, for your effort to bring this HOC class to the AWG

In January, Arnie Moore will lead the HOC session and the topic is staved BOC bowls.



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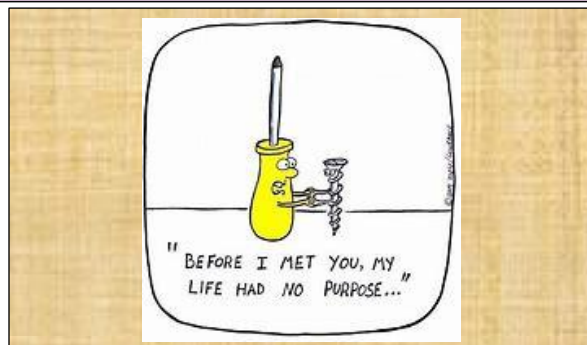
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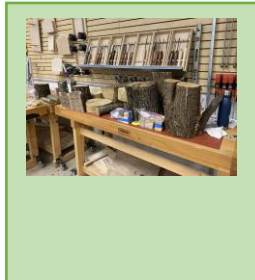
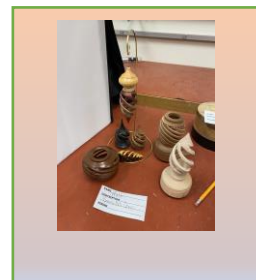
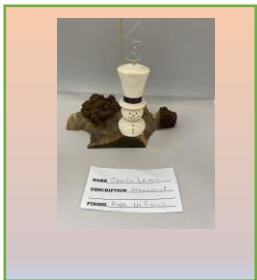
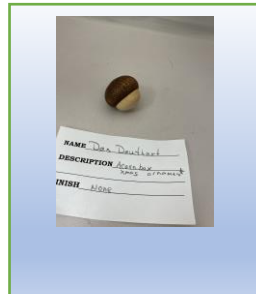
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November Show & Tell

During our November 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 next meeting. Showing your work is a great way to get input and demonstrate your knowledge. So let's Create, Show, and Tell (about it)!



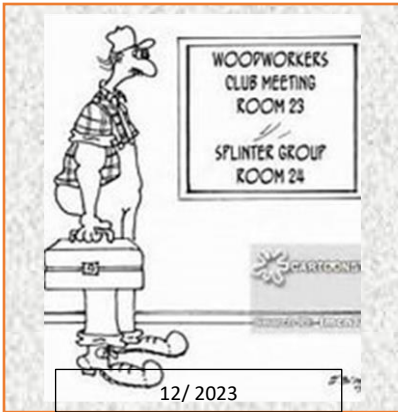
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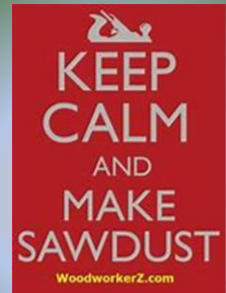
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NOTE: Some members like to meet at Hooligans restaurant for dinner and socializing before the meeting. This gives a chance to arrive in the area a bit early and beat the traffic. Hooligans is located just a short walk east of Woodcraft. (8440 Holcomb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



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From our Raffle Master ... Hans

Please don't forget our show and tell. Please bring your items to the meeting early to be arranged for the show and tell presentation. Additionally, if you have any items to contribute for the raffle, please bring them to me at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone likes to win something, but we must have items to raffle. Thank you to everyone who has brought items for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be given to those who bring items for the raffle. Thank you for supporting the raffle event.

Our Website

Please see our Event Calendar (<https://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/events>) for a current schedule of our regular monthly meetings, our popular Hands-On Turning (H.O.T.) sessions, and other upcoming events.

Other useful links on our web site:

o Review the latest newsletter (and earlier ones!) at our Newsletter archive here:

<https://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/newsletters>

o Reach current Officers or members of our Board of Directors here: <http://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/contact-us>

o Visit our "Members Only" section here: <https://atlantawoodturnersguild.org/member-list> to stay in contact with fellow members (the password will be distributed to members via email)

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**

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Calendar of AWG Meeting and Events and Schedule

As events are scheduled for 2024 this chart will be filled in.

DATE 2024	EVENT	PRESENTER	TOPIC
January 3	HOT Class	Arnie Moore	Preparing a staved Bowl
January 17	HOT Class II	Arnie Moore	Turning a staved BOC Bowl
January 17	Club Demo/Demo	Arnie Moore	Creating Staves
February 7	HOT Class		
February 21	HOT Class II	Steve Cook	
February 21	Club Meeting/Demo	Steve Cook	
March 6	HOT	Harvey Meyer	
March 20	HOT II	Harvey Meyer	
March 20	Club Meeting/Demo		
April 3	HOT		
April 17	HOT II		
April 17	Club Meeting/Demo		
May 1	HOT Class		
May 15	HOT Class II		
May 15	Club Meeting/Demo		
June 5	HOT Class		
June 19	HOT Class		
June 19	Club Meeting/Demo		
July 3	HOT Class		
July 17	HOT Class II		
July 17	Club Meeting/Demo		
August 7	HOT Class		
August 21	HOT Class II		
August 21	Club Meeting/Demo		
September 4	HOT Class		
September 18	HOT Class II		
September 18	Club Meeting/Demo		
October 2	HOT Class		
October 16	HOT Class II		
October 16	Club Meeting/Demo		
November 6	HOT Class		
November 15, 23	Club Meeting/Demo	Arnie Moore	Multi Species Projects Using Staved Construction
December 6, 23	HOT Class	Charlie Levan	Ornaments
December 4, 23	Christmas/Holiday Celebration		

A woodworker called his brother-in-law, who was always borrowing something. "is it ok if I bring my table saw over and leave it in your garage?" he asked. "Well of course, but why?" "Oh, it's a little lonely. It wants to be with the rest of my tools".

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OMG! Will you lookie here. This could have very possibly become a blank spot. A waste of space. But just in the nick of time, it was decided to write something here. Something perhaps worthwhile.

So, since this is **YOUR** newsletter, I decided to provide space for any member to write an article to be included. Something you feel would be of interest to your member colleagues. Whatever it is, there will be space as long as it is respectful. Even complaints. Perhaps a question. Maybe even a compliment about my good looks – see, even jokes will be allowed.

If you have something that you would like to have published, please send a message to htbiehl@att.net by the second Wednesday of the month.

This is your opportunity...better jump on it.

Your Newsletter Editor.

Note: Originally published in October, and November. No takers. If none after December it will be removed.

Welcome to our new members,

Leslie Ballard, Marty Cuellar, Carl Deloney, Cathy Dent, David Feldman, Al Hickey, Jim Hoben, Danny Natusus, Angela Sun, and Judy Yoon,

who joined AWG in November. We appreciate you being with us and look forward to a long relationship.

Let's all welcome our new members and introduce ourselves to them.

Beads of Courage

Glen Withrow had hoped to get **two beads of courage bowls from each member** by the end of the 2023. Unless something happens in the short amount of time left in the year, we will miss this goal. beadsofcourageatlantawoodturnersguild.org needs our help.

To date, the AWG has only provided ten bowls in total. We can do better. Please commit to turning a Beads of Courage Bowl by the end of the year.

The AWG 2024 goal is 73 BOC bowls.

Together, we can meet this goal. Can Do!

Editor's Note: Would you like to contribute some of your time and talent to a worthwhile cause? Helping Needy Veterans is our mission. Gwinnett Woodworkers gather at Rob's Daycare for Adults every Tuesday (well most of them) to build sturdy wooden canes that are donated to the Atlanta VA for distribution to needy Veterans. You will leave with a feeling of accomplishment and have pride for what you've just done. Contact Glen, Hans, Katie, Marcus Jones, or me, Tom Biehl, for more detailed information. You too can help our Veterans!



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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 who work hard to keep the club going and provide instruction and/or advice to newer, and older turners.



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.



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

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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 2016 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.



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.

Just Call Tim

AWG Member Tim Robertson has AWG name badges that can be ordered and purchased by any AWG member. These badges are laser cut and engraved on 1/8" thick prefinished maple plywood made for laser engraving. They are held in place using magnetic badge attachments. Replacing traditional badge pins, badge magnets are clothes-friendly: no more pin holes or possible tears on your clothes.

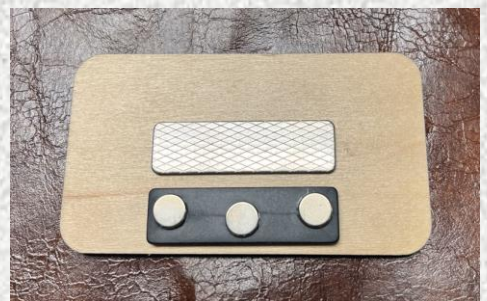
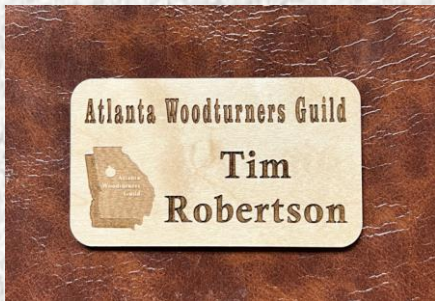
Here are the details of the name badges:

- Material: 1/8" thick maple plywood which is finished with a furniture-grade semi-gloss finish.
- Size: 3-1/2" x 2".
- Engraving: Laser cut and engraved.
- The cost for each badge is just \$10.00 in cash. To make the process as smooth as possible, you have two convenient options to order your badge:

Contact Tim at tb.robertson@gmail.com to place your order. They are \$10.00 each.

Note: Tim does not accept verbal or handwritten names, He copies directly from text or email and paste them into the program so there are no errors in spelling of names.

If you purchase the name badge, you will keep it and bring back and forth to our meetings. If you forget your badge or choose not to buy a badge, please continue to fill out a disposable name tag at each meeting.



In Closing

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