



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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This is the **February, 2025** edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. To submit an article for the newsletter, send to Angela Sun at angela.w.sun@gmail.com.

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 by 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.

Our meeting location is Woodcraft Atlanta, 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Suite 115, Alpharetta, GA 30022 on the 3rd Wednesday every month from 6:30 - 8:45 PM.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Just look at those smiling faces! We have a pretty great group and February's meeting had record attendance. Thank you all for coming out, supporting our Club and helping to make AWG meeting night something to look forward to. We had yet another Club record! The Club Raffle had its best night ever. A big Thanks to Harry Cardwell for donating all the beautiful walnut, to Ken Rizza for picking it up, for cutting the wood into usable blanks and hauling it to the meeting, to all the Club Members who donated wood and tools, and to Hans Meier for always pushing to get another record. It takes a dedicated Team to make Our Club run smoothly and efficiently. I am proud to be part of that Team.

It's already February and barreling or, perhaps, Turning into March! Spring is so close we can almost touch it. My maple trees are already showing their sweet pink flowers and buds will be Turning into leaves before we can say "To everything Turn, Turn, Turn." Hey, who knows the name of the band that released that song? Don't you love Spring with its newness and bright shades of green? To me, that never gets old. Are you clearing out the cobwebs in your shop and thinking of all the projects you want to Turn this year? As a Club we have a couple of projects in the works that will benefit someone other than ourselves. Beads of Courage is a year-round project and we will be Turning Wig Stands again. I would love to hear your ideas about how we can use our gifts and talents to benefit someone in need. In the end it will make us better Turners.

Your President,

Katie Navarro

SCHEDULE

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Hope to see y'all there!



Join us for dinner at Hooligans before our meetings!

Hooligans Restaurant (behind the CVS)

8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell

5:00pm

MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM	Arrival begins at Woodcraft.
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Begin the business meeting and show and tell.
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Demonstration
8:30 – 8:45 PM	Raffle is called by Mr. Hans
8:45 – 9:00 PM	Clean Up All “hands on deck” for the cleanup please.
	Our agreement with Woodcraft dictates that we MUST leave by 9:00PM

UPCOMING DEMOS

Mar 19	Christine Smith	Peach with pewter inlay
Apr 16	Leslie Ballard	Pepper mill

HOT CLASSES

A new slate of HOT classes for 2025! Grab your spots.

Email [Marcus Jones](#) for HOT I classes and [Charlie Levan](#) for HOT II classes if interested.

Jan 8	HOT I	Hans Meier	Heart-shaped bowl
Jan 15	HOT II	Mike Peace	Make a beading/parting tool
Feb 5	HOT I	Marcus Jones	Bowl in a bowl, chip & dip
Feb 19	HOT II	Kip Christiansen	Inlaid box with chatterwork
Mar 5	HOT I	Arnie Moore	Bowl with a collar
Mar 19	HOT II	Steve Pritchard	Gonks
Apr 2	HOT I	Wayne Johnson	Stackable pizza plats
Apr 16	HOT II	Ken Rizza & Tim Robertson	Sharpening
May 7	HOT I	Katie Navarro	Wig Stands
May 21	HOT II	Marcus Jones	Bowl in a bowl
Jun 4	HOT I	TBD	TBD
Jun 18	HOT II	Jaramiah Severns	Calabash Bowl
Jul 2	HOT I	No Session - Holiday	No Session - Holiday
Jul 16	HOT II	Glen Withrow	Beads of Courage
Aug 6	HOT I	TBD	TBD
Aug 20	HOT II	Tom Biehl	3-Piece Vase

HOT I - BOWL IN BOWL

The February HOT 1 session on February 5th was led by Marcus Jones. Marcus went through the process and showed everyone how to create a chip and salsa platter or nut bowl (it all depends on the proportions!)





HOT II - INLAID BOX

The February HOT II session on February 19th was led by Kip Christenson. The class learned how to turn an inlaid box with chatterwork and folks came out with some nice looking items!



HOT II - INLAID BOX



FEBRUARY RECAP



FEBRUARY DEMO

Our demonstrator for February was Kip Christensen from Utah. Kip did an interesting and informative demo on the importance of Form and then turned a vase with beautiful form. In the background of this photo is our dedicated camera operator, the guy who edits the video and sends you the link to said video, our treasurer, our webmaster, our teacher, advisor and turner of beautiful things all wrapped into one person. Thanks for all you do Harvey.



FORM CLASS

Kip had some participants from the audience cut out a vase they considered to be good form from paper and then had the remaining members of the audience choose the paper vase with the best form. Kip used calipers to measure and duplicate that form on the lathe. He showed us how to look for egg shapes in the curves of an object since eggs are considered to be the perfect natural object in nature.

COMING UP IN MARCH

IMPROVE YOUR WOODTURNING SKILLS

Sign up for a Hands on Turning Class with Charlie and Marcus!

Our Hands on Turning classes are wildly popular. If you want to learn to be a better woodturner, sign up for a HOT class. The classes are led by our Members for our Members. They are inexpensive, fun and informative. You had better be quick about it because they fill up fast. HOT 1 meets the 1st Wednesday of every month and HOT 2 meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. and goes until 4:00 p.m.

MARCH DEMO

Christine Smith

You don't want to miss Our March demonstration. We will be welcoming Christine Smith. Christine is an amazing woodturning artist and woodcarver. She will be turning and then power carving the lovely peach lidded box shown in the photo here in the background. She will also demonstrate how to make a silicone mold and pour pewter to create a peach pit to go underneath the lid of the box. Christine will then demo how she paints the peach with acrylic washes. She even coats the inside of the box with peach scented infused beeswax she makes herself.

-Until we meet again Turn, Turn, Turn
The Byrds, 1965



CLASSIFIEDS

If you're looking for something or have items you're looking to sell, let us know and we will post a listing here for the community to see.

CONSIDER JOINING AAW



As an AAW member, you'll get access to online videos, articles, and tutorials.

- 150+ issues of American Woodturner are online with a searchable index.
- 12,000+ images of member work are in AAW's Forum gallery online.
- 38+ issues of Woodturning FUNDamentals publication and the Woodturning FUNDamentals online learning portal offer one-stop basics.

A NOTE FROM MARK S.

For the members that are interested in coming to my warehouse liquidation sale where all the wood is "Pennies on the dollar" please call me and arrange a time.

VISIT HANS AT LAKEWOOD

"I sell my work and teach. I have a number of booths at Lakewood 400 Antique Mall. Which happens the first weekend of every month; Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I am in Hall H on the back wall."

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most expensive woods in the world is Grenadil, African Blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*). The color of dense, shiny wood varies from red to pure black. Usually, Grenadil is sawn into small logs, leaving a bright yellow sapwood to avoid cracking during prolonged drying. It is mainly used for making musical instruments. However, now it is an endangered species that is classified as a flowering plant and usually grows in the arid regions of Tanzania and Mozambique. To grow into an adult, a tree needs up to 60 years.

MIKE PEACE



Mike Peace has more than 700 woodturning videos on his Youtube channel

www.youtube.com/MikePeaceWoodturning

Mike also offers one-on-one lessons in his shop in Suwanee. Copies of his published articles and project handouts are available for download on his website

www.mikepeacewoodturning.com

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WOODCRAFT[®]

Woodcraft has been gracious enough to allow us to host our meetings in its facility. When looking to purchase tools and materials, please consider purchasing them from Woodcraft.

On meeting nights and HOT class days, Woodcraft offers a 10% discount on non-sale items excluding mechanical items.

NEED TIPS?

Would you like some help with some aspect in your woodturning? If so call, text or email Wayne and he will attempt to match you up with someone to help. It could be a visit to a member's shop or possibly even yours. It's free so just ask.

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 other 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!

BEADS OF COURAGE

Beads of Courage Glen Withrow had hoped to get two beads of courage bowls from each member by the end of the 2023. We did not make that goal. Beads of Courage needs our help.

Please commit to turning a Beads of Courage Bowl by the end of 2025.

AWG LIBRARY

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 is available on our website: www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org

STAY IN TOUCH

Don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#) page for any updates and member discussions!

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