



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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This is the **January, 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

It's a fresh new year! I sincerely hope it's your best so far.

Please join me in thanking Dan Douthart and Wayne Johnson for their commitment and service to our Club. Dan retired from AWG's Board of Directors at the end of 2024 but remains a most valued and integral part of this organization. Wayne, still in servitude for the next couple of years has taken Atlanta Woodturners Guild to new heights. Both Dan and Wayne have been the epitome of leaders and role models to me and I want you, the Membership to know I will do my very best to follow in their footsteps.

Here are some of my goals for AWG in 2025:

- Let's help some people with our gifts and our talents while learning and having fun along the way.
- Let's get to know our fellow Club Members so we all feel like a Club family.
- Let's become a Club of doers and not just a Club of watchers.
- Let's be an example and set the bar high for all the area Woodturning Clubs.
- Let's create a community woodturning program so we can teach others this beautiful craft.

*More on the above goals list at a later date so check your email. **Always check your email.**

It takes dedication, commitment and service from many people to maintain and grow a Club. With gratitude to each person serving our Club, I am proud to introduce my Team, your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for 2025:

Our voting Members:

Wayne Johnson, Past President
Larry Nelms, Vice President
Harvey Meyer, Treasurer
Charlie Levan, Secretary
Hans Meier, Member at Large
Marcus Jones, Member at Large

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our Committee Chairs: Marcus Jones, HOT 1 Coordinator

Charlie Levan, HOT 2 Coordinator

Kurt Sands, Program Director

Angela Sun, Senior Newsletter Editor

Jim Hardy, Head Librarian

Hans Meier, Raffle Master

Blake Cherrington, Club Photographer & Show & Tell Chieftain

Glen Withrow, Multi-Club Beads of Courage Taskmaster

Harvey Meyer & Dave Roselius, Webmasters

Harvey Meyer/Dan Douthart/Dave Roselius, Camera Operators in charge/Camera
Operators in waiting

Dave Roselius & Katie Navarro, Guest Turner Hosts

Wayne Johnson, Club Discounts & Perks Po-Po

Larry Nelms, Special Projects Dictator

Katie Navarro, Membership Committee Delegator

Harvey Meyer, Music Dude

Let's Turn it Up in 2025!

Katie Navarro

President AWG

SCHEDULE

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 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

Jan 15	Michael Anderson	Pedestal top
Feb 19	Kip Christianson	Form is foremost
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

Heart-shaped bowl

The January HOT 1 session on January 8th was led by Hans Meier. The topic was turning a heart shaped bowl. Hans went through the process and showed how to create a bowl in a Valentine Heart shaped blank. In addition, Hans gave tips on cutting a blank on a bandsaw. Each member was able to work on a blank.





Hope everyone had a good time and learned a new skill. Thanks for coming and starting the year off strong. See y'all at the next one!

HOT II UPDATES

A message from Charlie:

Our first HOT II class for 2025 will get us off to a new start with a brand new beading and parting tool that you will make yourself. Mike Peace is going to show us the ins and outs of making handles for our tools and how to use high speed steel that you can easily purchase to make a beading and parting tool. This can be applied to customize all kinds of tools for your use. We will also learn how to use the tool we make.

We always have a great time making things together, having lunch and sharing stories. Please let me know if you would like to sign up for this class, just email me at charlie.levan@gmail.com. Let me know if you have any questions. This is open to all levels of woodturners.

Looking ahead we are working on the following things for HOT 2 which is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

In **February**, we are working on bringing in a nationally known demonstrator to hold workshops and demonstrations for 3 of our local clubs. More info to follow.

In **March**, we have Steve Pritchard showing us how to make Knocks or is it Gnocks? Not sure, cute little figures that sometimes send messages.

In **April**, Ken Rizza and Tim Robertson will cover sharpening, bring your tools.

Not yet scheduled but in the works is a 3-piece vase with Tom Biehl and Beads of Courage boxes with Glenn Withrow.

Let me know if you would like to see a topic.

JANUARY DEMO

Captured Spin Top with Michael Anderson

Michael Anderson currently resides in Chattanooga, Tennessee and teaches biology at Chattanooga State Community College. Prior to finding wood art, Michael spent time climbing rocks, searching for frogs and salamanders, and hiking around to marvel at giant trees. Upon the birth of his first child, Michael found himself lacking in the time and desire to be away from his growing family. When he bought a lathe, Michael was elated to feel the same sense of exploration and wonder as he had before. Those feelings were amplified when he began to combine woodturning with other skills. While the wood lathe is Michael's principal tool, he frequently devotes considerable additional time to refining his pieces post-turning via hand and power carving, pyrography, and painting.



In our upcoming meeting on January 15th, Michael will be demonstrating a Captured Spin Top - In this demo, Michael will demonstrate how to make a 4-piece spin top where the spin top and spin platform are attached yet still mobile. The process includes spindle turning, bowl turning, drilling on the lathe, and using calipers to precisely size turned components. Michael will also discuss aspects of form, function, and appropriate finishes.

Video of the top in action: [Watch here](#)

MEMBER PROJECT GALLERY

Share what you've been making on our Facebook page to be featured



Jaramiah Severns



Lisa Soeters

Chris



Blake Cherrington

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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