



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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This is the **March, 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



Greetings, woodturners!!

We're marching into Spring and our Club is abuzz with activity. Today, many of us went on a field trip to Cole Runyan's Sawmill to see and buy beautiful turning wood. We have our Vice President's Challenge coming up this month. We have some community projects in the works that will benefit and uplift some folks other than ourselves. Our Club is growing and thriving all because we are working on projects together. Soo happy we have become a Club of doers!! Hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting where Christine Smith will demonstrate her adorable peach box.

To everything turn, turn, turn!!

Your President,

Katie Navarro

SCHEDULE

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 16, 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

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 WITH COLLAR



The March HOT 1 session on March 5th was led by Arnie Moore. The topic was turning a collared box. Arnie went through the process and showed how to create a small box, make a collar and insert into the box and complete the lid. Arnie provided blanks for collars and boxes and the club provided more blanks for boxes. Some students chose to bring their own blank for the box and lid. Each member was able to work on a blank and go home with a collared box. The class was well attended.

Thanks to Arnie for providing great demonstrations and individual help on this project.







April's HOT 1 session will be led by Wayne Johnson and will cover making stackable pizza plates.

May's HOT 1 session will be led by Katie Navarro and will cover making wig stands which we will donate.

June's HOT 1 session will be led by Mike Peace and will cover making small pill boxes.

To register for a HOT 1 session, send an email to Marcus Jones at w2marcus@bellsouth.net.

MARCH DEMO



PEACH LIDDED BOX WITH CHRISTINE SMITH

Our demonstrator for March will be Christine Smith. She is an amazing woodturning artist and woodcarver. Christine will be turning and then power carving a lovely peach lidded box. 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.

COMING UP IN APRIL

PEPPER MILLS WITH LESLIE BALLARD

Our meeting demo for April will be making a pepper mill with Leslie Ballard. These make great gifts and there's a ton you can do to customize and decorate them. You don't want to miss it!

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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