

ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

This is the May 2025 edition of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter. To submit an article or provide feedback for the newsletter, send to Tom Biehl at htbiehl@att.net. Articles must be received by the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.

The Guild

The Atlanta Woodturners Guild (AWG) was established to foster a supportive and collaborative community for woodturners across the metro Atlanta area.

Our Guild meets monthly, providing members with an opportunity to showcase their craftsmanship through the instant gallery and to engage with others in solving challenges and sharing insights. Whether you're a seasoned woodturner or just starting out, these gatherings are a valuable space to ask questions, exchange ideas, and build connections.

Each meeting features a demonstration led by either internationally renowned professional turners or talented members of our own Guild. These sessions offer a unique chance to observe expert techniques, gain practical knowledge, and interact with skilled practitioners.

Additionally, the AWG maintains a comprehensive library filled with woodturning DVDs and books, available for members to rent at a nominal fee. Stay updated on Guild activities and upcoming events through our newsletter and website.

Anyone with an interest in woodturning is encouraged to join us at our monthly meetings and explore what the Guild has to offer.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



June 2025 President's Message

Thank you Jaramiah Severns for sharing your hollowing techniques with the Club at the May meeting. Beautiful work and great demo! Emma Cook from the UK will be in town this month for a hands on class and demo. Be sure and join us and show Emma what Southern Hospitality is all about. Check the website (<https://www.atlantawoodturnersguild.org>) to see the demo schedule for the remainder of 2025.

HOT classes are alive and well. Look at the schedule, below, and contact Charlie or Marcus for anything that peaks your interest. Their contact information is in the HOT Class News section.

November will sneak up on us before we know it. We need millions, no, billions of turned or scrolled and finished ornaments for the tree we will be donating to the GA Festival of Trees. Our color scheme is silver, gold, bronze, white, red or natural wood. Please do your best work and turn your ornaments in ready to be wired onto the tree complete with a small eyelet. I found a spool of 8 lb. test fishing line in my craft supplies. If anyone needs fishing line for their ornaments, hit me up. I have some to share.

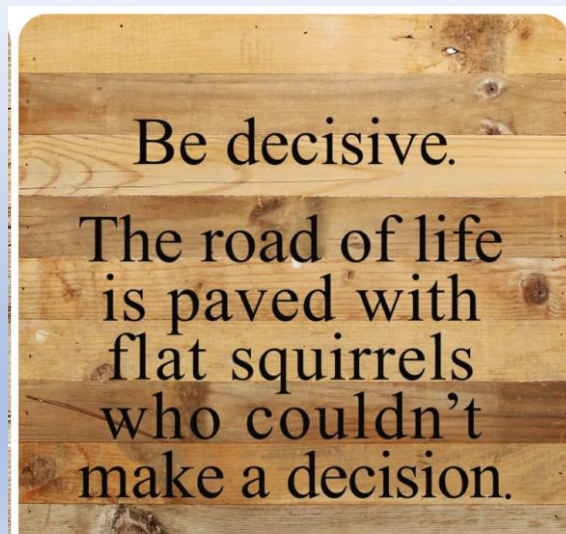
Our Community woodturning project is live! Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, tools, equipment and wood to the project and everyone who has signed up to teach. The current instructors are Mark Sillay, John Votaw, Tom Biehl, Casey Wilson and Katie Navarro. Our next class is Saturday, June 28 from 10:00 – 2:00 at Mountain Park Church in Stone Mountain. You are welcome to sign up. Contact Phillis at the Church office at 770-921-1452 ext. 272. For questions, contact me at katiepnavarro@gmail.com or 404-557-4799. It's an affordable way to get hands on instruction for those who may not be able to come to the HOT classes at Woodcraft during the week. The cost for each lesson is \$20 and the proceeds go to the Church.

Hope to see you at this month's meeting.

To everything turn, turn, turn!

Katie

KATIE'S QUOTE



REMINDER: Second Quarter Vice President' Challenge from Larry Nelms:

A quick reminder that the rolling pins for this quarter's challenge are due at the June 18th meeting. One entry per member. Please do not sign your work and put your entry in a brown paper bag. The prizes are a \$75 gift card for first place, \$50 gift card for second and \$25 gift card for third. It's time to start turning ornaments for the Festival of Trees if you haven't already done so. This is a major project for our club, and we need full participation. The tree will be decorated the weekend before Thanksgiving. Ornaments will be accepted through our November 19th meeting.

Thanks, Larry



MEETING AGENDA

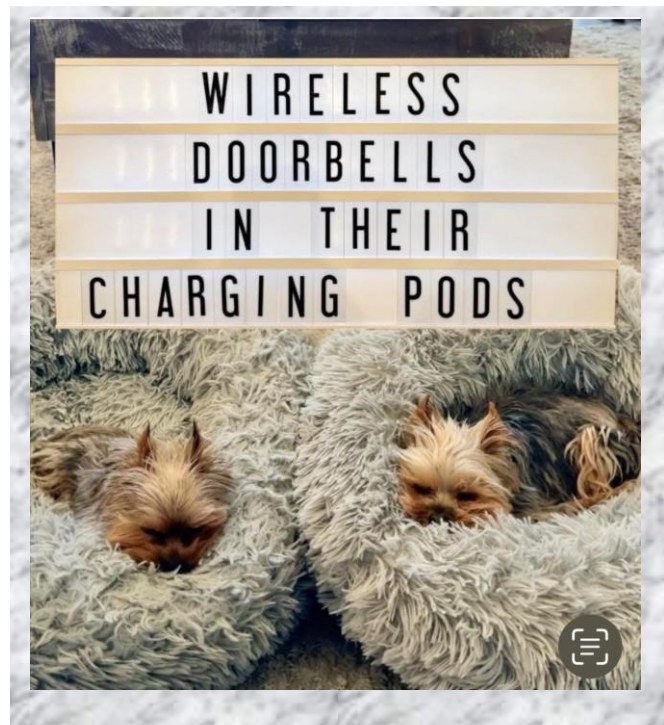
6:00 PM Arrival begins at Woodcraft.

6:30 – 7:00 PM Business meeting and show and tell

7:00 – 8:30 PM Demonstration

8:30 – 8:45 PM - Raffle is called by Dan Douthart using the random generator – watch closely for your number. You could be a winner!

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. All of us.



See us on Facebook at “Atlanta Woodturners Guild”

Our June Demo

AWG invites you to its monthly meeting on June 18th. Featuring Emma Cook – The Tiny Turner

For the June meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild, Emma Cook will demonstrate how to make a Centrifugal Platter. In this demonstration, Emma will show us how to enhance our turnings with the use of iridescent acrylic paint and some powders and flakes that she has developed over the last few years.

Emma is a turner from Yorkshire in the UK. She comes to us after her participation as a demonstrator at the AAW Symposium in St. Paul. She has been a turner for the last several years, during which she has been developing her skills and building both her brand and her business as “The Tiny Turner”. This demonstration is an exceptional opportunity to see an international turner, and we look forward to seeing you at Woodcraft on Wednesday evening!



Join us for dinner before our meetings! Some members go to Hooligans Restaurant (behind the CVS) 8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell 5:00pm. Recently, due to the size of the crowd and slower service, some members are enjoying the Mexican cuisine at the restaurant in the strip mall across the street from Woodcraft. Wherever you decide: enjoy a good meal and most importantly, the fellowship with other members.



8465 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA

Hooligan's is a neighborhood sports bar located in the Alpharetta/Roswell suburbs of Atlanta. We have a great food menu and an extensive beer lineup

hooligansroswell.com

8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA



To all AWG members:

Effective immediately, (WELL, A MONTH AGO) AWG will no longer accept credit card payments for dues, hands-on turning sessions, or any other payments. Due to changes in IRS rules for card processors such as SquareUp, total payments exceeding certain amounts will be forwarded to the IRS and could have negative tax implications for our club. Therefore, from now on, it's cash and checks for everything. This includes the recent online HOT pre-payment arrangement we established a few months ago. This will revert to payment at the door when you arrive for a HOT session. Charlie Levan and Marcus Jones will provide more details to you when you sign up for one of these sessions. Some HOT sessions will still require advance payments when we're hiring instructors from outside of the club.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards,
Harvey Meyer, Treasurer



Turning wig stands for cancer patients is one of the service projects of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild headed up by one of our directors Marcus Jones. Today we delivered 13 wig stands to Georgia Hair Solutions in Jackson, GA to be included with the wigs they donate to cancer patients all over the US. Want more information on this project contact Marcus Jones.



Katie's other quote!

**GROWTH
OCCURS
WHEN YOU
PRACTICE
PAUSING
BEFORE
YOU REACT.**

**WHEN ANGRY, COUNT TO
TEN, BEFORE YOU SPEAK; IF
VEERY ANGRY, THEN COUNT
TO A HUNDRED**

-Thomas Jefferson-

HOT I News:

June HOT 1 Session

The June HOT 1 session on June 4th and was led by Mike Peace. The topic was turning a small cylinder box, including the hollowing for the base and lid by drilling a hole for the base and a 1/8" larger hole for the lid and creating a long, piston fit tenon. Mike also demonstrated using texturing tools to create texture patterns on the box. The result was a small box that could be a pill box, a needle case or toothpick holder. The class was well attended. Each attendee completed at least one pill box which will be seen at the June meeting.

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



There will be no July Hot I session since it is so close to the July 4th holiday.

HOT Aug 6, 2025

Mike Peace will facilitate our HOT session on **making a small** round tool from a HSS tool blank. Mike's favorite is the point tool, a very handy tool for making small beads and Vee grooves and more. Options also include a round skew, cove tool or cat's claw for making small captive rings. The difference is how you grind the tool profile. There will be instruction on how to use your new tool and an opportunity to practice. All materials will be provided.



HOT Sept 3, 2025

Marcus Jones will facilitate our Hot session making pinecone Christmas ornaments. The session will include turning a pinecone shaped box, glueing the lid to the box and then carving and texturing it to make a pinecone. The pinecones can be finished naturally or stained or painted. The ornaments can also be decorated using pyrography rather than carving.



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

HOT II News:

HOT II May 21, 2025

Marcus Jones led the class turning a bowl in a bowl



HOT June 18, 2025.

Emma Cook Carved banded and colored bowl. Emma will be teaching us the techniques to create the bowl shown on the right. The class is full. She will be doing this same workshop of AWG and Barnesville Woodturners on Tuesday July, 17.

HOT July 16, 2025

Charlie Levan, Beads of Courage. Charlie will be filling in for Glen on this HOT session. Gwinnett Woodworkers will provide blanks to create segmented beads of courage bowls. There will be no charge for this session. Tools required are a 1/2 inch bowl gouge, Round nose scrapper, parting tool, sandpaper. Chuck for a 1x8 spindle and 2 inch jaws. Live center. Finish of your choice.

HOT August 20, 2025

This will be a demo day with 3 turners and one scroll saw ornament demos to support the festival of trees. Harvey will demo a hollow globe. Steve Mellot will turn a TBD ornament. Additionally, we will have one more turner and Hans Meier will demonstrate scroll saw ornaments.

HOT September 17, 2025

Steve Mellot Epoxy Painted ornament with Charlie leading finials and icicles.

HOT October 15, 2025

TBD. Maybe Rudy Lopez

HOT November 19, 2025

Jaramiah Severns Calabash Bowl

April 2026

Working on a Joint event with Matt Monaco.

Editor's Note - More pictures of the HOT classes and Show & Tell will be posted on the AWG Facebook page and on the AWG website. Please take a look:

Club Activities

Club Activities and Opportunities to Participate

Our club is brimming with events and activities that offer countless opportunities to connect with fellow woodturners, enhance your skills, and make meaningful contributions. This club is all about **you**, so stay involved and enjoy everything it has to offer! Here's a glimpse of what's happening:

Community Service

Beads of Courage HOT Class:

Georgia Festival of Trees

Learning Opportunities

3. **HOT I & HOT II Monthly Classes:** Perfect for beginners or those looking to refine their skills! Led by club members, these classes allow you to develop your woodturning expertise while creating a project to proudly share with your loved ones. Take what you learn and create even more on your own. These workshops inspire continued practice and exploration.
4. **Private Lessons with Mark Sillay:** Learn from one of the best in the field! Mark Sillay is not only an accomplished wood turner but also an exceptional teacher dedicated to helping you succeed.

1. **Mentorship with Experienced Woodturners:** Gain insights and hands-on experience by working alongside seasoned woodturners. Whether it's through discussions or visiting their workshops, their expertise is invaluable.
2. **Monthly Demonstrations:** Watch and learn as expert demonstrators showcase unique woodturning techniques. Take notes, go home, and try it out yourself—create something special!

Woodturning Product Discounts and Vendor Support for Members of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild

Please check the members only section on the Atlanta Woodturners Guild webpage [Club Discounts – AWG](#) for a description of all discounts and programs available to all of our current members. Password is required but if you have forgotten it, use the Contact AWG tab to request it or ask at the next meeting.

Fellowship

HOT Classes and Monthly Meetings: These gatherings are a fantastic way to share experiences, mostly related to woodturning, with fellow members. Our club is made up of remarkable individuals who are worth getting to know!

Show off your work –

Show and Tell: Showcase your work during our meetings and gain valuable feedback. Whether you're asking for tips or sharing your process, this interactive session fosters camaraderie and growth among our members.

Perry National Fair Entries: Wayne Johnson leads this effort for us. More information is coming in the not too distant future. It will be an opportunity for you to display your creations at the Perry Fair. No worries, our man Wayne Johnson is on it!

Our club thrives on participation and shared passion for woodturning. Let's continue to grow, learn, and support each other in this incredible journey!

Many of the items above are covered with email distribution. Occasionally check your spam folder if you are not receiving emails from AWG sources.

You have worked hard at creating your projects. No matter what level you are at, be proud of it. Show it. Answer questions about opportunities to present our work to others described below.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Art and Evolution of Wood Turning

Wood turning is more than just a craft—it's a **fusion of engineering, artistry, and tradition** that has evolved over thousands of years. From ancient civilizations to modern workshops, the lathe has remained a **cornerstone of woodworking**, shaping everything from functional household items to intricate sculptures.

Ancient Origins: The First Lathes

Wood turning dates back to **ancient Egypt**, where artisans used a **strap lathe**—a simple device requiring two people: one to rotate the wood using a rope and another to carve it. The **Etruscans** in modern-day Italy refined this technique around **700 BC**, producing bowls and decorative objects with remarkable precision.

The Renaissance and Industrial Advancements

By the **1300s**, wood turning guilds emerged across Europe, elevating the craft to an art form. The **Industrial Revolution** introduced **mechanized lathes**, allowing for mass production and intricate designs that were previously impossible.

Modern Techniques and Innovations

Today, wood turners use **segmented turning**, where multiple pieces of wood are glued together to create stunning patterns. **Computer-controlled lathes (CNC machines)** have revolutionized precision turning, enabling artisans to craft complex designs with minimal manual effort.

Cultural Significance and Artistic Expression

Wood turning has played a role in **cultural traditions worldwide**. In **Japan**, artisans use foot-powered lathes to create ceremonial tools and musical instruments. In **China**, wood turning is intertwined with calligraphy and sculpture, blending functionality with artistic symbolism.

Whether you're a hobbyist or a professional, wood turning remains a **timeless craft**, offering endless possibilities for creativity and innovation. Would you like recommendations for tools or techniques to get started? 🍷 ✨

AWG Membership – We are growing in membership.

✚ We are currently at **94 Members**

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I'm bad at push ups and sit ups, but my screw ups are on point. 🤔

A truck loaded with Vicks Vaporub overturned on the highway. Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours. 🤔

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 SILLAY

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. The Mall is open the first weekend of every month; Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I am in Hall H on the back wall."

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



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.

BEADS OF COURAGE

Glen Withrow set a goal for each member to create two Beads of Courage bowls by the end of 2024. Unfortunately, we didn't reach that target. Now, Beads of Courage needs our support more than ever. Let's come together and commit to crafting at least one Beads of Courage Bowl by the end of 2025.

NEED TIPS?

Need a hand with your wood turning? Wayne is here to help! Just call, text, or email him, and he'll do his best to connect you with someone who can assist. This could involve visiting a member's shop—or even having them visit yours. And the best part? It's completely free. Don't hesitate, just ask!"

EDITOR'S NOTE

Are you seeking a meaningful way to share your time and talents? Our mission is to support Veterans in need, and we warmly invite you to join us in making a difference.

The Gwinnett Woodworkers meet every other Tuesday at Rob's Daycare for Adults to craft sturdy wooden canes. These canes are donated to "The Atlanta VA" and distributed to Veterans who can benefit from them.

By participating, you'll not only contribute to a valuable cause but also leave with a strong sense of pride and accomplishment. For more information, feel free to contact Glen, Hans, Katie, Marcus Jones, or me, Tom Biehl.

Together, we can make a lasting impact in the lives of our Veterans.

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! And, of course, our Web page.

2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| June 18 | HOT II | Emma Cook | TBD |
| June 18 | Demonstration | Emma Cook | TBD |
| July 2 | HOT I | No Class | <i>Independence Day</i> |
| July 16 | HOT II | Glen Withrow | Beads of Courage |
| July 16 | Demonstration | Seth Gamble | |
| August 6 | HOT I | TBD | TBD |
| August 20 | HOT II | Harvey Meyer, Steve Mellott, Hans Meier (one turner to be named) | Festival of Trees Demo * Please see note below this chart. |
| August 20 | Demonstration | Dan Douthart | |
| Sept 3 | HOT I | | |
| Sept 17 | HOT II | Steve Mellott/Charlie Levan | Epoxy Painted ornament with finials and ICE cycles. Ornament by Steve, icicles and finials by Charlie |
| September 17 | Demonstration | Vince Lacovelli | |
| October 1 | HOT I | | |
| October 15 | HOT II | TBD | |
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| November 5 | HOT I | | |
| November 19 | HOT II | TBD | |
| November 19 | Demonstration | | |
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And Finally – Your Board Members

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| <i>Vice President</i> | <i>Larry Nelms</i> |
| <i>Treasurer/Musical Director</i> | <i>Harvey Meyer</i> |
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| <i>Beads of Courage</i> | <i>Glen Withrow</i> |
| <i>HOT 1</i> | <i>Marcus Jones</i> |
| <i>HOT 2</i> | <i>Charlie Levan</i> |
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| <i>Programs</i> | <i>Kurt Sands</i> |
| <i>Raffle Master</i> | <i>Dan Douthart</i> |
| <i>Web Master</i> | <i>Harvey Meyer/Dave Roselius</i> |



My Wife Thinks It's Weird That I Stare at the Window
During a Heavy Rainstorm.

It Would Be a Lot Less Weird If She'd Just Let Me In.

