



ATLANTA WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

This is the July 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 Wednesday preceding 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



Greetings Woodturners!

I hope your shop is air conditioned because it's Summer in Georgia. Although July is one of our hottest months, we have much to acknowledge and to be thankful for. First, it could be hotter! Our Country just turned 249 years old, and we have freedoms no other country in the world is afforded. We've had plenty of rain, so everything is lush and green. The lightening bugs are out, and the peaches are sweet. We have an abundance of good turning wood available to us. Our Club is thriving and growing and could soon celebrate having 100 members. We are doing good things for other people with our woodturning. I feel blessed to be part of this wonderful group. If you are not participating in our service projects, ask how you can get involved because it just makes you feel good to help others. Isn't that what it's all about, service to others? And it's not about who can do the best work, it's about doing our best work. Be sure and read all the way to the end of the Newsletter so you can see what we have going on.

Looking forward to seeing you all at all the meetings.

To everything Turn, Turn, Turn!!

-Katie

Quote of the Month: It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. -Harry S. Truman

Vice President's Letter:

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July Holiday. I would like to thank everyone that turned a rolling pin for last quarter's challenge. Our challenge for this quarter is to turn a vase. I hope everyone is making Christmas ornaments for our Festival of Trees project. The deadline for submitting them is our meeting on November 19th. If you haven't started yet, please do. November will be here before you know it.

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.



**Most bald people
still own a comb.
They just can't
part with it.**

See us on Facebook at “Atlanta Woodturners Guild”

Our July Demo

AWG invites you to its monthly meeting on July 16th.

For the July meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild, our own Seth Gamba will demonstrate his process for getting fine, high-gloss finishes using CA glue. In this demonstration, he'll go over the steps and materials to get from raw wood to a perfect finish.

Seth is an Atlanta native and Orchestra teacher for Fulton County schools. He turned a piece of wood for the first time in 2018 to make a part for his son's Pinewood Derby car using an old lathe that had been disassembled in his father-in-law's garage for over 40 years. After spending most of a week getting that machine working to make a tiny part, Seth decided he better find out what else it could do. Since then, he's built his skills and his shop to the point that turning has become a profitable side business called Low Note Woodwork.



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

Why can't you
trust stairs?

They're always
up to something

HOT I News:

July HOT I Session

There was not a July Hot 1 session since it was so close to the Independence Day holiday.

HOT I 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 I 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 June 18, 2025.

Emma Cook taught a Carved banded and colored bowl. It was a very good class. Every student was successful.



HOT II 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.



Editor's Note - 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.

HOT II August 20, 2025

Please scroll to the next page for detailed information.

HOT II September 17, 2025

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

HOT II October 15, 2025

TBD. Maybe Rudy Lopez

HOT II November 19, 2025

Jaramiah Severns Calabash Bowl

April II 2026

Working on a Joint event with Matt Monaco.

August 20 HOT class. Ornament Demo Day. As you may already know. Atlanta Woodturners Guild has decided to participate in the Atlanta Festival of Trees and would like members to contribute some ornaments to this great cause. The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser to help stop human trafficking. The board decided that we will use one of our HOT sessions to demonstrate 4 different ways you can make ornaments. The hope is that these demonstrations will be instructive and inspirational for our members. There will be no Hands on during this session so we can have a larger group. Please RSVP charlie.levan@gmail.com if you intend to come to this session. That will allow Charlie to plan for chairs and refreshments. If you can't come for the whole day, that you still will see some of the demo's. Beyond the value of the content is the time that we spend in these sessions to get to know people in our club.

**Katie Navaro Santa Ornament
Ornaments**



Steve Mellott Bell Ornament



Harvey Meyer Hollow Globe



Hans Meier Scroll Saw Ornament



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

- 1 **HOT I & HOT II Monthly Classes:**
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.

Update from Wayne Johnson – For more information, refer to the email Wayne forwarded to the membership –

To All Members of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild:

We are now enrolled in Ken Rizza's new company Power Carving Depot's Club Affiliate Program and this email is a review of the details. Our members use the link to go to the website, and they get free shipping and at the end of every month Ken will send a check payable to AWG to our Treasurer Harvey Meyer for 10% of our member purchases. I just used this to make a \$48 purchase, and it worked fine. Let me know if any questions or issues with this.

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. In 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?

🔧 Here's a fascinating little twist about manual woodturning lathes: some of the earliest versions—like the **spring pole lathe**—relied entirely on human power and rhythm. A turner would press down on a foot treadle, causing a flexible pole (often a sapling) to bend and spin the workpiece. As the pole sprang back, it reversed the rotation—meaning the cutting could only happen on half the cycle. It was a true dance of timing and patience!

The magic here? Despite being low-tech, these lathes allowed craftsmen to produce everything from chair legs to ornate candlesticks with incredible precision. There's even a resurgence of interest among modern woodworkers who love the tactile connection and meditative pace of manual turning.

AWG Membership is still growing. We are currently at 96 Members.

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

July 16	HOT II	Charlie Levan	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	
October 15	Demonstration		
November 5	HOT I		
November 19	HOT II	TBD	
November 19	Demonstration		

- ❖ 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 Mellott will create a Christmas Bell ornament plus we will have one more turner and Hans Meier will demonstrate scroll saw ornaments.

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And Finally – Your Board Members

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