



South Metro Woodturners Newnan, GA



Chapter 215 of the American Association of Woodturners

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President's Notes:

The June demonstrator was **Rich Aldrich** on the subject of using Polyester Resin to make custom pen and bottle stopper blanks. Lots of good info on chemicals, precautions, casting techniques, inclusion of objects or color, and turning and finishing methods.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. Our July demonstrator is **Mark St. Leger** from Virginia. Mark has been an active demonstrator and workshop leader for turning clubs, along with demonstrating at many regional and national symposiums. He is currently on the faculty list of Arrowmont School of the Arts in Tennessee, Appalachian Center for Craft in Tennessee, Peters Valley Craft Center in New Jersey, and the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina.

The **BBQ Cook** is Thursday, June 30th, overnight to Friday, July 1st. Volunteers are reminded that their help is vital to getting this project done. We sold

sufficient tickets for BBQ; Now we must deliver!

In other areas of club operation:

- a) We very much need someone to step forward for the vital position of "**Program Chairman**" which Ron Britton has filled so well in past.
- b) We are also looking for a "**Membership coordinator**" to stir up recruiting and welcome/mentor new members.
- c) A "**Community relations coordinator**" is also needed; someone who can contact local venues and groups to arrange club demonstrations and displays of wood turning.
- d) A "**Nominating Committee**" will be formed to solicit member candidates for President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

If you are interested/willing to assist with any club activities, Please contact Larry Nelms or Tommie Carr. It is your club to make or break; Be Involved!

Next Meeting

- July meeting is on July 19th, third Tuesday of the month, at 1830 hours.
- Mark St. Leger will demonstrate.
- Success of the BBQ fund raiser will be reviewed.
- Discussion of club officer positions coming open.
- Discussion of future club directions and community activities participation.
- **Think Ahead** about where YOU want this club to go and how we can get there!

We need YOUR Support! This newsletter is YOUR space to communicate club information. Submit your ideas or anything you would like to share with club members. Contact George Daughtry, Newsletter Editor at : GTD1@Bellsouth.net or Cell 770-634-1573

Show and Tell at the June meeting included these interesting pieces:

Below=A cane by Jeff Roberts with turquoise and brass trim; very nicely finished in CA.



Right=A hollow form in Maple, with milk paint and branding, by George Daughtry, from a class at JCC.



Below=A nicely turned and finished Red Maple Burl hollow form by Roger Hendrickson.



At left=Dan Tull provided a link to a Savannah story about a bold thief cutting Sweet Gum Burls off historic large trees in Downtown Savannah.

Jerry Flemming, director of park and tree and cemeteries, points out the damage made to a sweetgum tree at the corner of 40th and Abercorn streets. Witnesses say a man with a chain saw cut a burl off the trunk of the tree, as he did to at least one other tree several blocks away. The wood could presumably be used to create sculptural artwork.

For more info: <http://savannahnow.com/news/2011-06-01/chainsaw-bandit-slices-savannah-trees>

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“Turning Southern Style XVII”

This year’s featured demonstrators are: Cliff Lounsbury, Ernie Newman, and Andi Wolfe. This year’s event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 16-18, 2011.

For your added enjoyment, there will also be demonstrations by: Nick Cook, Franck Johannesen, Keith Fulmer, and Dave Barriger.

Information can be found at: <http://www.gawoodturner.org/Symposium.shtml>

The BBQ COOK starts Thursday afternoon, June 30th. Don Heath and Larry Nelms will be at the Cornerstone UMC pavilion and will NEED HELP!

Thursday PM from about 4:00 to about 8:00 to start fires, rub spices on the meat, and load the cookers. Friday AM from as early as possible until about NOON help is needed to unload and wrap meat. Friday PM from 1:00 to about 5:00 cleanup help is needed to scrub cookers and generally clean up the pavilion.

If you did not volunteer at the JUNE meeting, call Larry or Don ASAP! All hands are needed

2011 Demonstrators and meeting programs:

July...Mark St. Leger—Demo 5: The Scrap Box, we all have cut off and leftover burls that are too pretty to throw away. This demo will be turning a rectangular box (2” x 5” x 1 ½” tall) with a natural burl edge on one end and texturing the other three edges along with a lid and finial. “Sharing information and techniques is part of the pleasure of woodturning for me”. See: <http://www.markstleger.com/>

August...Demonstrator not finalized.

September...Ernie Newman from Australia. Ernie’s father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather were all professional woodworkers. He teaches woodturning internationally and from his home in the Blue Mountains near Sydney, Australia. See: <http://www.ernienewman.cjb.net/>

AAW 25th Anniversary Symposium

The AAW's 25th anniversary symposium will be held in Saint Paul, MN. There is an outstanding slate of demonstrators and it is expected to be very well attended, so if you are a member, please consider attending and make your reservations early. The annual symposium, to be held June 24-26, 2011, in Saint Paul, will include live presentations, an auction of selected woodturnings, an instant gallery showcasing current woodturning craft, a rotation of how-to and hands-on demonstrations, the world's largest trade show of commercial woodturning vendors, and a youth training center.

DEMONSTRATION:

Our June demonstration was by the (future) world famous Rich Aldrich discussing the techniques of casting Polyester Resin for pen and bottle stopper turning.

Rich shared from his experience and experimentation those methods that will work and a number of errors to avoid. Chemical selection and sources, mixing process and the various ways to cast the desired shapes were all addressed very thoroughly. Rich showed a number of his castings at various stages of the process. Color additives, the multitude of shapes and materials which can be embedded in the castings and the resulting effects were all explained.

Rich then turned and finished a bottle stopper, including sanding and polishing with a Beale buffer.

His preferred turning tool for the polyester plastic material is a sharp roughing gouge. Rich noted that the roughing gouge has mass to absorb the heat generated in cutting the plastic better than other lighter tools.

Any questions, call Rich Aldrich at (678) 378-5990.



Peggy Schmid, our past demonstrator and fellow woodturner/artist, has relocated and re-opened the **First Mountain Arts Gallery** to Cumming, GA.

The new address is:

5854 North Vickery Street, Cumming, GA 30040. Phone 770-844-0840.

Take GA 400 to McFarland, Mullinax Rd. turns into Post Rd. and about 2 miles toward Cumming the Vickery Village is on the left.

The shop is in the Vickery Village, a mixed shop. Office, condo, townhouse development. Very nice place to visit and have lunch if you are up that way. There is frozen Yogurt!

The gallery has on display (and sale) some nice wood turnings, wood carvings, paintings, pottery, and other artsy stuff.

Go visit Peggy if you can.



Mark Sillay has closed his wood dealer shop and classroom and relocated his turning shop to his home. He has posted the following info on his web site:

“THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MY TURNING WOOD WAREHOUSE OVER THE YEARS. I HAVE DECIDED TO SEMI RETIRE AND NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE WOOD BUSINESS ANYMORE. I WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CLUB AND SCHOOL DEMONSTRATIONS. I WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE ON ONE “HANDS ON” INSTRUCTION IN YOUR SHOP OR MINE.

CALL ME TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT TIMES.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME AT THE LATHE AND CREATING ART IN MY HOME SHOP.”

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More of the offerings at First Mountain Art by Peggy Schmid

Woodturning Schools & Classes



John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org

800-FOLK SCH, Brasstown, NC

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts

www.arrowmont.org 865-436-5860, Gatlinburg, TN

Highland Hardware www.highlandhardware.com

800-241-6748 , Atlanta, GA

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

931-372-3051

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking

www.dogwoodwoodworking.com 770-751-9571

Woodcraft <http://www.woodcraft.com> 800-225-1153 Roswell, GA

Woodturning Links

Craft Supply

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>
800-551-8876 Woodturning Supplies

Packard <http://www.packardwoodworks.com>
800-683-8876 Woodturning Supplies

American Association of Woodturners
<http://www.woodturner.org>
Woodturning Association.

Kingsport <http://www.woodworkingshop.com>
800-228-0000
Abrasives and woodturning supplies

Highland Woodworking

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800-241-6748
Woodworking tools, supplies

The Cutting Edge <http://www.cuttingedgetools.com>
800-790-7980 Turning and carving tools, supplies

Penn State <http://www.pennstateind.com>
800-377-7297
Woodturning tools, supplies

Hut Products <http://www.hutproducts.com>
800-547-5461
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800-964-7804
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Wood magazine Forum
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