



March Meeting – In Brief submitted by Bill Bulloch

Attendance: 25 members and six guests attended the March Meeting. The guests were: James Phillips from Warner Robins, Zac Whatley from Milner, Gerald Rawlins from Barnesville, Barry Cooper from Spalding County, Mark Sellers from Griffin and Mark Cotney from Thomaston.



Scholarship Auction: A full Scholarship to the John C. Campbell Folk School or Arrowmont School of the Arts has been donated to the Barnesville and Middle Georgia Woodturning Clubs. This Scholarship, valued at \$1140, includes tuition, lodging and a meal plan for a 5-7 day woodturning class. This Scholarship is up for auction to members, in good standing, of both Clubs. Proceeds from the auction will be split among both clubs. The bidding closed on March 21, with Bob Pedrotti submitting the winning bid of \$775.

Saturday Workshop: Our first Saturday Workshop of the year was held on March 14th. Rick Ruark conducted the workshop which covered the making of a Turkey Pot Call. He discussed and demonstrated all aspects of making a pot call including how the positioning of the Sound Board, the depth of the pot, the thickness of the pedestal, the size of the pot and the surface material used affects the pitch. He discussed and demonstrated how the size and weight of the striker affects the sound. For a low sounding pitch use a heavy striker; for a higher pitch lighten the weight of the striker. This was a timely workshop for us who attended as the Turkey Season has just begun. I'll bring his hand outs to the next meeting for those who were not able to attend the workshop.

Lamar Arts – Turning Towards Home: The Barnesville Woodturners are being featured in the Woodturning Art Show at the Lamar Arts Depot through April 25th. We have about 100 pieces on display. An opening night reception, held on March 13th, was attended by many local artists and residents. Three People's Choice Awards were presented: First Place Ribbon to Niall Mathieson for his small tree, Second Place to Bill Bulloch for his laminated bowl and Third Place to Fred Morris for his large platter. The Depot is open to the public on Fridays from 11 – 2 pm., and Saturdays from 10 – 4 pm.

Club Discounts Programs: I have updated the Club's Membership Roster with Hartville Tools, where we will receive a 15% discount on purchases. We also receive a 10% discount from Klingspor. Just mention your membership in the club to take advantage of these discounts.

All Day Hands on Workshops: We have three All Day Hands on Workshops scheduled this year: Soren Berger on May 12th. Al Stirt on June 9th and Nick Agar on September 16th. All three workshops are full. If you are interested in one of these workshops let me know and I'll add you to the waiting list. Now is the time to act as there are currently no names on the waiting list.

Jackson Arts Festival: We have been invited to participate in the Jackson Arts Festival again this year. The festival will be on May 9th. It is the same this year as last - we will have a 10' x 10' booth. We ask that each member submit one of two pieces for sale at the festival. You will not have to be there, Chip, Joe and I will staff the booth. I'll get more info to you on this as the date draws closer.

Southern States Woodturning Symposium: The Southern States Woodturning Symposium will be May 15 – 17th at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville. GA. Featured Demonstrators are: Soren Berger, Chris Ramsey, Avelino Samuel and Kimberly Winkle. Also demonstrating are Steve Pritchard, Steve Cook and Nick Cook. www.southernstatessymposium.org

Show & Tell: Members brought 22 items to the Show & Tell this month. Members who participate in Show & Tell have their names automatically entered into a drawing for a Craft Supply Gift Certificate. Bil Bulloch won the drawing this meeting.





March Demo submitted by Bill Bulloch

Larry Parks presented the demonstraton at the March meeting. Larry's demo was on Bowl Design. He talked and demonstrated the many different feet, rims and profiles that can be used in bowl design. This was a unique approach to the subject of bowl design that was well accepted by the members.



New Club Lathe submitted by Bill Bulloch

One of the benefits of being an AAW Chapter is the opportunity to participate in the Education Opportunity Grant Program. In light of our recent change in meeting locations and the loss of the use of Fred's Powermatic 3520B, we submitted an EOG application to AAW to supplement the purchase of a new Club Lathe. I received word Wednesday that our Grant in the amount of \$1500.00 has been approved.

Knowing that we were going to have to buy a new lathe, with or without the AAW Grant, the Board of Directors authorized me take advantage of the 15% discount and purchase a Jet 1642, 1 ½ hp lathe, which I picked up on Friday, March 6th. With that discount and the \$1500.00 grant we were able to get the new lathe at a \$1850.00 savings to the Club Treasury.



C = πD submitted by Steve Mellott

Did you know that March 14 was π day? If you didn't celebrate or have never heard of this celebration, you may want to ask a mathematician, an engineer or a bowl turner. Any one of them should be able to explain that π is used to calculate the circumference of a bowl if you know the diameter or vice versa. If you missed the celebration this year, there is always next year.

Club Photographer submitted by Bill Bulloch

It's official - we have a club photographer. Bob Pedrotti volunteered to fill the position. With this we will be making some changes to the way we do our Show & Tell. We will now have a slip for you to fill out identifying each piece you bring to Show & Tell. This will enable us to catalog the pieces by month and artist for our Club Photo Gallery.



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Newsletter Ideas and Articles

If you have ideas or articles for the next Newsletter, contact Steve Mellott at srmellott@hotmail.com

April Demo submitted by Bill Bulloch

Our featured demonstrator for April will be Mark Sillay. Mark is a Professional Woodturner from Tucker, Georgia. His enthusiasm, skill and style make him one of our favorites. Here is his profile from his website.



When I was about six years old, my father gave me a set of hand tools, an old packing box with a vise mounted on it for a workbench and scrap wood. With his loving instruction and patience throughout my youthful years, I grew to appreciate tool skills, freedom of design and superior quality finish work.

Now I enjoy recycling native Georgia woods. I love using the lathe to transform recycled woods into useful items and artistic objects. Being basically self-taught on the lathe, over the years I have advanced my woodturning skills. After turning many basic bowls, etc., I found a desire to create smaller and finer turned objects. I had the privilege of meeting Cindy Drozda (www.cindydrozda.com). She inspired me with her unmatched skills and I thank her for helping me transform my woodturning life into a joyful journey.

I find satisfaction in both the creative process and in overcoming the challenges to complete fine quality finished work. I especially enjoy using a razor sharp spindle gouge and watching the shapes evolve while I'm creating intricate turnings. Donating to charities, teaching and demonstrating fulfill my giving spirit. I continue to be awed by what nature has created in wood and am proud of my efforts to preserve and recycle. At schools and art and craft shows, I take a mini lathe on which I turn wood as an educational experience for children. I make simple toys and ornaments for them to paint and decorate. I see the wonderment in their eyes as I reveal the toy from the wood. Doing this continues to fascinate me and bring me joy.

One of my new artistic directions is combining my woodturning with objects from the sea. It evolved from helping one of my students, Jennifer Jones, with her joinery skills. During the process of helping her I discovered a new way to join irregular objects. Exploring and refining this technique has brought much joy to me and helped to advance my artistic expression. Lately I have been exploring offset and tilted axis woodturning. The intriguing shapes and different ways light is reflected off the different planes creates a very pleasing and curious artistic expression in wood.

I am a member of the American Association of Woodturners and the Georgia Association of Woodturners. I consider myself a very blessed man with a supportive wife, family and many wonderful woodturning friends.

Clothing Optional submitted by Steve Mellott

In previous articles, I've described several items you should wear while working in the shop. These have included safety glasses, hearing protection, a respirator, or hair restraint if you have long hair.

In this article, I'd like to describe several articles you should not wear while turning wood.

1. Flip flops or slippers. Ever drop a sharp tool or heavy object on your foot? Enough said.
2. Necklaces, watches, rings and other jewelry that might get caught in a spinning object. There are documented cases where woodworkers have lost fingers, experienced other serious injuries or even death because they ignored this basic safety rule.
3. Loose clothing such as neckties, oversize shirts or long sleeves that can get caught in a spinning machine. Once again, there are documented cases of turners who have been seriously injured when their clothing became entangled in a spinning lathe.
4. Contact lenses when using dyes, glues or other chemicals. Serious injury can result if the chemical splashes into your eyes and becomes trapped under the contact lens. Chemicals have been known to splash into a person's eyes even if they were wearing safety glasses or a faceshield.

I'm sure there are others, but these basic suggestions can help to keep you safe in the shop.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Apr 14	Club Meeting - Mark Sillay is the Featured Demonstrator
Apr 25	Lamar Arts Woodturning Show ends.
May 9	Jackson Arts Festival – submit your pieces to Bill, Chip or Joe by May 8.
May 12	Club Meeting – Soren Berger is the Featured Demonstrator Hands-On Workshop with Soren Berger at Fred's Shop (9:00 – 4:00)
May 15-17	Southern States Woodturning Symposium – Cartersville, GA
June 9	Club Meeting – Al Stirt is the Featured Demonstrator Hands-On Workshop with Al Stirt at Fred's Shop (9:00 – 4:00)
June 13	Saturday Workshop – to be announced
July 14	Demonstrator to be announced
Aug 11	Demonstrator to be announced Turning Exchange TBA
Sept 16	Meeting Date Changed from Tuesday, Sept 8 to Wednesday, Sept 16 to accommodate our Special Demonstrator Nick Agar. Meeting will be held at the Church from 7 to 9 p.m. Hands-On Workshop with Nick Agar at Fred's Shop from (9:00 – 4:00).
Sept 18-20	Turning Southern Style Symposium – Dalton, GA Turning Southern Style
Oct 13	Demonstrator to be announced
Nov 10	Demonstrator to be announced Saturday Workshop – Christmas Ornaments for Christmas party drawing
Dec 8	Christmas Party

Club Websites submitted by Bill Bulloch

We have two websites up and running. Check in often.

www.barnesvillewoodturners.com

www.woodturner.org/members/group.aspx?id=129766

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