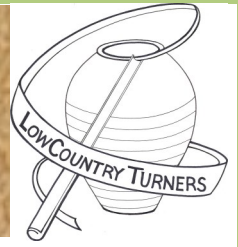


Lowcountry Turners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



LCT Newsletter — July 2018

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer. Your LCT board has been busy, but not too busy. We have been on summer vacation, too.

Upcoming events in chronological order:

Our next demo will be Friday, July 20th, 6:00 p.m. at Savannah Technical College's White Bluff Road Campus. Noel Wright will be our demonstrator. Noel is a founding member of the Lowcountry Turners, served as president for many years and is a very talented turner. He has spent many thousands of hours at the lathe meticulously focusing on correct geometry, form and technique which he will share with us as he plans to demonstrate the correct use and the correct sharpening techniques for our woodturning tools. This will be a great event for woodturners of every skill level.

At our July 20th demo we plan to have a wood raffle. Please bring in a blank or two to help the LCT raise some funds. We will also auction off Nick Cook's demo pieces from his April 2017 demo.

Our August demo will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, at the Georgia State Railroad Museum (the Railroad Roundhouse across the street from the visitor center). Fran DiTommaso will be

our August demonstrator.

Saturday, September 1st, we have been invited to participate in the Georgia State Railroad Museum's "Crafts & Crafters" event. If we can get volunteers, we can set up several lathes, make tops, pens, and whatever else we want AND we can sell our wares. They would like us to be inside in the air-conditioned area under the Museum's offices for 2 hours, but we can also set up our lathes for the entire day in the large blacksmith's shop. The event will run from about 9:00 a.m. until about 5:00 p.m. We need volunteers for this event. Please contact Dan Lee if you have an interest. danleelowcountryturners@gmail.com.

Our September demo will be 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28th, at Savannah Tech. The demonstrator will be Ed Malesky. We have been asked to conduct some type of woodturning class on the following Saturday & Sunday. The LCT and the instructors will be compensated for this class.

Our October demo will be 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19th, at Savannah Tech. Atlanta area turner, Mark Sillay, will be our guest demonstrator. www.marksillay.com Mark will stay an extra day and will be conducting a hands-on-workshop on Saturday the 20th. The cost for Mark's workshop will be \$125 which will include materials.

Board Message Cont.

Mark is an amazingly talented turner and a highly sought after demonstrator. The subject of the workshop on Saturday is TBD. We will ask the members for ideas at the July meeting.

Sunday, October 21st, the LCT will probably be teaching a class at Savannah Tech. The subject is TBD.

Our November demo will be 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9th. We do not yet have a demonstrator but the subject for the demo will be crafts and gifts for the upcoming Christmas and Hanukkah season. There will be woodturning classes on the following Saturday & Sunday but the LCT may, or may not be teaching these classes. If the LCT teaches the class, the LCT and the instructors will be compensated. If the LCT does not teach the class, the LCT will receive some compensation for the use of our lathes.

December's meeting will be a holiday social get together (possibly with a short demo) on Friday, December 7th at Savannah Tech. Dinner and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. A \$5 donation is requested.

Saturday, December 8th – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – "Savannah Santa Train" at the Georgia State Railroad Museum. Terry Koller, Director of Outreach and Partnership Development has given us center stage for this event and has moved us up into the Roundhouse. The Museum expects upwards of 1,400 visitors to the site on this Saturday. We need volunteers to turn. Unfortunately, we cannot sell anything but we will have significant visibility and publicity during this event.

Membership: Attendance at our demos is decent but our membership is waning. As long as we are using borrowed facilities, we need to keep our demos free and open to the public. We welcome any suggestions. We are very appreciative of Benjamin Curran and the staff at Savannah Tech in allowing us to use their facilities. Unfortunately, Friday is the only day of the week the facility is available to the LCT.

Shop safety – To quote Steve Cook, "safety glasses are for your eyes, face shields are for your face". Best practice says to wear both.

Your LCT Board

Demo's, Events, Items of Interest

Upcoming LCT Events:

All meetings (**unless otherwise noted**) are the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. See Contact page for location information.

- **Friday July 20th 2018—Savannah Tech, Noel Wright, fundamental turning and sharpening skills**
- **Thursday August 23th 2018—Georgia Railroad Museum, Demonstrator Fran DiTommaso**
- **Friday September 28th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator Ed Malesky**
- **Friday October 19th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator Mark Sillay**
- **Friday November 9th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator TBD**
- **Friday December 7th 2018—Savannah Tech, Holiday Social**

Upcoming Symposiums:

Turning Southern Style - Sep 21—23

www.gawoodturner.org/symposium/
Featured Demonstrators: Nick Agar, Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler, Mark Palma
Guest Demonstrators: Peggy Schmid, Frank Bowers, Mike Peace

Dalton Convention Center
 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road
 Dalton, GA 30720

LCT Dues:

LowCountry Turners, membership dues are due the first of the year. These dues help us offset the cost of demonstrators we have during the year. Many of you have not paid your 2018 dues. If you are not sure, check with Roy at the next meeting.

LCT Instant Gallery / Demo

There was no meeting in June, so no Instant Gallery. Look for next Months newsletter for a return of this feature.

One item to pass along. When Mark Sillay comes down in October he will bring a whole truckload of outstanding turning wood (logs and blanks). He will have all of it for sale at very reasonable prices. Here is just ONE of his storage units in Atlanta where he collects turning wood for any woodturner that wants some. He has many great species (wet and dry) that we can't easily get in Savannah including Cherry (regular and burl), Walnut, Elm, Maple (spalted and burl), Mulberry, Osage Orange, Tulip Poplar, Flame Box Elder. Etc. Bring cash or check in October for this great opportunity to purchase turning wood.



I brought this great material back to my shop after a visit to see Mark in June:



DVD/Video Tape Library

Does anyone in the club have any woodturning DVD's they would like to donate or loan to the club to share with other members?

Do you have a suggestion for a DVD you would like

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

to see the club make available to members? If so, talk to a board member.

Woodturning Schools

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts www.arrowmont.org

Highland Woodworking www.highlandwoodworking.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Woodcraft of Atlanta www.woodcraft.com

LCT Woodturning Mentors

Take your skills to the next level. Have more fun.

The following club members are offering their time and shops to help others in the club on an informal basis with their turning skills or projects. If you have something you would like help with, or just want to spend some time turning with a fellow turner, give them a call or talk to them at a meeting to set something up.

If you would like to be added to this list, contact Doug McCulloch (see Contacts page).

Roy Yarger—Savannah

Lonnie Bott—Savannah

Doug McCulloch—South Savannah / Skidaway

Frank Anson—Beaufort SC, specializing in segmented turning

Noel Wright—Isle of Hope / Savannah

Al Medlock—Vidalia area

Contacts

www.lowcountryturners.com

Meeting Location:

Locations will be announced at the meetings, in the newsletter, and during the demonstrations.



The Lowcountry Turners (LCT) is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning. The LCT services those in the metro Savannah area. We generally meet on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meeting location varies and will be announced ahead of time in the newsletter and at meetings and demo's. Meetings are open to all.

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Woodturning Links

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org
Woodturning Association



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Woodturning Supplies

Craft Supply

www.woodturnerscatalog.com
800-551-8876
Woodturning Supplies

Packard

www.packardwoodworks.com
800-683-8876
Woodturning Supplies

Klingspor

www.woodworkingshop.com
800-228-0000
Abrasives and woodturning supplies

Highland Woodworking

www.highlandhardware.com
800-241-6748
Woodworking tools, supplies

Peachtree Woodworking Supply Inc.

www.ptreeusa.com
888-512-9069
Turning and carving tools, supplies

Penn State

www.pennstateind.com
800-377-7297
Woodturning tools, supplies

Hut Products

www.hutproducts.com
800-547-5461
Woodturning tools, supplies

Atlanta Wood Products

www.hardwoodweb.com
800-964-7804
Specialty Hardwoods

Woodcraft of Atlanta

www.woodcraft.com
770-587-3372
Woodworking and Hardware

Rockler

www.rockler29.com
800-279-4441
Woodworking and Hardware

Wood magazine Forum

www.woodmagazine.com
Q & A on Woodturning

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Your LCT questions, comments and suggestions are

always welcome. You may contact any officer through the contact information in this newsletter, or our website's contact webpage: info@lowcountryturners.com.