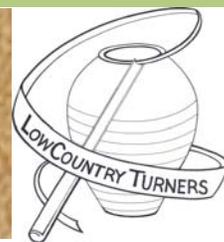


Lowcountry Turners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

May 25th, the Lowcountry Turners and Case Woodworking Supply hosted another very successful and informative woodturning demo. Tallahassee area wood turner and retired Florida State University professor, Dr. Walt Wager traveled to Savannah to demonstrate woodturning techniques using a variety of conventional woodturning tools along with the Merlin 2 power carving tool and accessories. Walt created a variety of forms including a platter with carved embellishments and very masterfully created a carved spiral bowl where the spirals curved around the bowl like fingers. How he creates these delicate forms without breaking them is amazing. Thank you, Walt, for a terrific demo.

We want to thank Steve Cook for arranging the Walt Wager demo. What we don't see as members and guests is what goes on behind the scenes to bring demonstrators to Savannah. For this event, Steve Cook traveled to Tallahassee and did a demonstration for the North Florida Woodturners chapter of the AAW and in trade, Walt Wager came to Savannah. We compensated Walt for his travel costs, which were substantially more than the vol-

untary donations we received, but there was no cost to us for the actual demo. Thank you, Steve, for arranging this. In addition to Steve Cook, Roy Yarger and Fran DiTommaso have also traveled to other AAW member chapters to do demonstrations in trade for one of those chapter members to come to Savannah to do a demo for us. Thank you, Roy and Fran.

As you probably already know, the Lowcountry Turners will be on vacation June, July and August. We did have a demonstrator lined up for June, Jerry Measimer, but in order for us to compensate him we would have had to have hosted a hands-on workshop to raise the necessary funds. We do not currently have the facilities to set up our lathes for a hands-on workshop, therefore we really had no alternative other than to cancel the June demo because we could not afford to compensate Jerry. This, in no way implied that we did not have meeting space for our monthly demos. Canceling July and August is consistent to years' past where we did not have air conditioned meeting space and it was generally agreed that the Lowcountry Turners should take a vacation during those two months. Please accept an apology from the Lowcountry Turners' board for our confusing

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communication which inadvertently suggested our inability to host a hands-on workshop and the cancellation of the Jerry Measimer demo was somehow suggesting we were no longer hosting demos at Case Woodworking Supply. Chace Holloway has been very gracious granting the Lowcountry Turners the use of Case Woodworking Supply for our monthly demonstration meetings. The Lowcountry Turners has benefited greatly from this partnership as evidenced by the record attendance at both the Nick Cook and Nick Agar demos. We will be back at Case Woodworking Supply in September with a very entertaining, informative and educational demo that you will not want to miss.

While we are on vacation we will continue to publish our monthly newsletter. If you have photos of any of your recent work, please send those to us and we will publish those photos in the newsletter. If you are attending the AAW's Annual Symposium in Kansas City and would like to share your experience, please let us know.

Safety Tips—Safety is Your Responsibility

1. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors. Use a full faceshield for bowl, vessel, or any turning involving chucks and faceplates.
2. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask, air filtration helmet, proper ventilation, dust collection system, or a combination of these to deal with this serious issue. Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods, or any wood from which you notice a skin or respiratory reaction.
3. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of turning.
4. Turn the lathe off before adjusting the tool rest or tool rest base, i.e., banjo.
5. Remove chuck keys, adjusting wrenches, and knockout bars. Form a habit of checking for these before turning on the lathe.
6. Tie back long hair; do not wear gloves; and avoid loose clothing, jewelry, or any dangling objects that may catch on rotating

parts or accessories.

7. When using a faceplate, be certain the workpiece is solidly mounted with stout screws (#10 or #12 sheet metal screws as a minimum). Do not use dry wall or deck screws. When turning between centers, be certain the workpiece is firmly mounted between the headstock driving center and tailstock center.
8. Ensure the belt guard or cover is in place.
9. Check that all locking devices on the tailstock and tool rest assembly (rest and base) are tight before operating the lathe.
10. Ensure the blank is securely fastened.

Stay safe. Enjoy your summer.

Lonnie

Demonstrations, Events, Items of Interest

Upcoming LCT Demonstrators:

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

- January 26th 2017— Mike Thomas
- March 2nd 2017— Nick Agar
- March 30th 2017— Dan Lee
- April 27th 2017— Nick Cook
- May 25th 2017— Walt Wager
- June 29th 2017—Taking the Summer Off
- July 27th 2017—Taking the Summer Off
- August 31st 2017—Taking the Summer Off
- September 28th 2017—
- October 26th 2017—
- November 30th 2017—
- December 14th 2017—Christmas Party

GAW Symposium 'Turning Southern Style' Registration

The annual GAW Turning Southern Style symposium is coming up September 15—17 in Dalton GA. I think early registration ends in May or June and after that the fee goes up. If you have never been, do yourself a favor and go to www.gawoodturner.org and check it out. It is a great event. If you have been before, you know it is worth the drive.

Instant Gallery

We have restarted the Instant Gallery this year, so bring any finished items you want to share with the club each meeting and look for them here in the newsletter the following month.

Here are a couple of pictures from the Walt Wager demo 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?

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

Do you have a suggestion for a DVD you would like 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

Contacts

www.lowcountryturners.com

Meeting Location:
Case Woodworking Supply
1725 Grove Point Rd
Savannah GA 31419



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 meet on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at Case Woodworking Supply. Meetings are open to all. Parking is available outside the building.

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Woodturning Links

American Association of
Woodturners
www.woodturner.org
Woodturning Association

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
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Wood magazine Forum
www.woodmagazine.com
Q & A on Woodturning

Closing

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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:
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