

Palmetto Woodturner

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President's Message



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Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

**Talent will not; nothing is more common than
unsuccessful men with talent.**

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education alone will not; the world is full of education derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

September Demonstrator – Bob Grant



The Palmetto Woodturners will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 6 at Mann Tool and Supply in West Columbia. All members are encouraged to bring a turning, tool, or jig for the instant gallery. We look forward to welcoming Bob Grant, from Roswell, GA as our demonstrator for September.

Bob has created an impressive variety of traditional and contemporary turnings using special domestic woods and exotic woods from all over the world.

Bob Grant has been working with wood since 1975 and turning wood since the late 1990s. He has studied with several of the acknowledged masters; Nick Cook (Marietta, Georgia), Ray Key (of England) and Soren Berger (New Zealand). Bob draws on two of his hobbies to enhance his turnings, photography and woodworking.

Bob has always enjoyed woodworking from remodeling to furniture design. Again, he started in his youth, but the world around him kept him from this passion for 20 years as he built a successful energy and management consulting practice.

Several years ago, Bob went looking for a way to rekindle his passions and found woodturning as a way to combine both. In his Roswell turning studio he has been producing fine pieces from unusual and exotic woods. Bob's work can be seen in several fine shops in the Atlanta area. In addition, to being invited to participate in several high-end, juried fairs, his work was selected for exhibition in the 2001 Highland Hardware juried exhibition. Over hundred pieces were submitted for consideration, two of Bob's pieces were selected as part of the 26 piece shown. Bob is the principal woodturning instructor at Woodcraft in Atlanta. He is on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Association of Woodturners and the Chattahoochee Woodturners. He is a contributor to the local newsletters.

Time permitting, Bob will turn a tea box with internal lid.

You can see some of Bob's work at http://www.riverwoodofgeorgia.com/lnk_one.html.

Events of Interest

Turning Southern Style IX – September 12-14, 2003

The Georgia Association of Woodturners will host Turning Southern Style IX at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helena Georgia. The featured turners for this event are Dale Nish, Dennis Liggett, and Ernie Newman. Attendees may display up to four pieces in the Instant Gallery. GAW encourages attendees to donate a piece for the Sunday Night Auction, with all proceeds going to the scholarship program. For more information, visit southernstyle@gawoodturner.org or call Dick Hayes at 770-592-0465.

2003 North Carolina Woodturning Show – September 20, 2003

The Triangle Woodturners of North Carolina and Klingspor's Woodworking Shop are sponsoring a juried woodturning competition at the Klingspor's Woodworking Store in Raleigh. Participants may enter up to three pieces in each of eleven categories. Entries will be classified in four divisions (Novice, Intermediate, Expert, and Professional). Cash prizes for the best in each Division and the Turners Choice award. A limited number of entry forms will be available at the September meeting, but you can also view the brochure and entry form at the club's website at www.trianglewoodturners.com.

Craftsmen's Classic in Greenville Palmetto Expo Center - September 19-21

Craftsmen's Classic in North Charleston Convention Center - September 26-28

Craftsmen's Christmas Classic at the Columbia Fairgrounds - October 31 - November 2

Charlie Stephan will be participating in all three shows.

Librarian's Report

Norm Weller will be unable to attend the September meeting due to a pressing fishing trip, so the library will be unavailable.

Membership Renewal

Reminder: Annual membership dues of \$25 are due by September 6. All members should have received their renewal notice by snail mail. If you haven't received your renewal notice, contact Gerald Starnes at 803 794-0119 or by email at joenat56@aol.com.

Club Promotion

The Officers and Advisory Committee have agreed to offer a free club membership to anyone who purchases a new lathe from Mann Tool and Supply. This promotion is intended to attract new members to our club and to provide Mann Tool with a promotional sales tool.

Door Prize Drawing

Members are encouraged to enhance our Door Prize Drawing by contributing turning wood or other items.

Swap Shop

Charles Watson would like to sell a Stihl 028S chainsaw, 18" bar, case, and extra chain. \$175. Contact him at watsoncb@dhec.sc.gov or 803-939-0765.

Sam Brasher would like to sell an older model Shopsmith Model 500 , upgraded to 501. Five machines in one. Good condition. Used regularly. Many accessories. \$1,100. Contact Sam Brasher at (803) 897-3075.

Member News

From Charlie Stephan: My wife and I both attended the AAW Symposium in Pasadena this year and had a great time. I took many pictures of the instant gallery and have put them on a disc. It is my intention to bring my laptop and the disc to the September meeting and run a slide show of the instant gallery. I can make it run continuously so it won't take any class time but will give all a chance to see the many beautiful works of fellow turners. Not only was the symposium terrific, we also took time since we were on the West coast to fly out to Hawaii to see friends and buy some of their great woods. We had only planned to bring about 100 pounds of wood home in our suitcases but I turned into a kid in a candy shop and shipped home about 750 pounds of wood of 21 different species. I'll try to bring some samples for show and tell.

From Mike Weaver: I will be out of town for the September meeting. But the symposium in Georgia is the following weekend and I am planning to attend. Was hoping to connect up with other attendees from Columbia while there. Let me know if any in the group are going to the symposium on the 13th. Contact Mike at 738-8100.

From Michael Rabkin: One of the projects I would like to get involved in this season is making some of our own turning tools. I have done some tap and die work on my own in order to make set screw holes in cold rolled steel and then used boring bar tips as well as scraper blades as working ends for wood removal and hollowing systems. So far I have

been successful, but I have yet to master welding the outrigger arms for added stability. This is due more to finance rather than ability. I welcome any and all expert advice as to the best way to make additions to the basic gouge systems.

John Rohleder will be leaving our club as he is moving out of state. Best wishes to John.

2003-2004 Meeting Schedule

The Officers and Advisory Committee have voted to expand the club's meeting schedule to include July and August meetings in 2004. Program plans for the additional monthly meetings will be determined at a later date.

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Club Information

The Palmetto Woodturners meet on the first Saturday of each month at Mann Tool & Supply, 802 Chris Drive, West Columbia, SC. Chris Drive is the frontage road on the east side of I-26 between Highway 378 and Highway 1.

From I-26 westbound - Take exit 111B (US Route 1). Follow US 1 to the third light. Turn Left onto Leapheart Road. Turn Right at first light onto Chris Drive. Mann Tool is approximately 1/4 mile on the right.

From I-26 eastbound - Take exit 110 (Highway 378). Turn Left onto Route 378. Turn right at first traffic light onto Chris Drive, approximately 3/4 mile on left.

We host an instructional woodturning demonstration at each meeting and club members bring samples of their work for the monthly Instant Gallery exhibit. Prospective members and guests are always welcome.