

# Palmetto Woodturner

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## *In Memoriam*

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Colonel Jim Russell passed away on January 11. He turned for over 50 years and was also an accomplished cabinetmaker and furniture maker.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Jim's family in this time of sorrow.

## *February Demonstrator – Lorne Babb*

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The Palmetto Woodturners will meet at 9:00 am on February 7 at Mann Tool and Supply in West Columbia. We look forward to welcoming Lorne Babb as our demonstrator for February.

Lorne turned his first bowl more than 40 years ago, but it was the late 1980's before he became seriously interested in woodturning. Lorne is mostly self-taught; however, he has attended workshops/seminars on woodturning and attended various art classes that have helped him to refine design ideas and skills.

In 1993, he decided he would have to sell his woodturnings and joined the Newfoundland and Labrador Craft Development Association thus embarking on a new career as a woodturner. This second career became full-time in early 1996.

From the local forests comes native birch and juniper (Eastern Larch) which become functional pieces like salad bowls. When turning functional pieces Lorne doesn't look to impose a shape, but to uncover one that reflects and interacts with the natural fractal harmony between heartwood and sapwood.

Burls obtained through out the Maritimes, in which he finds unusual color or grain, are turned into sculptural pieces. The use of natural color, grain, and voids in these burls, while still achieving an artistic design through balanced proportion and delicate shape, is Lorne's biggest challenge. To this end, Lorne feels that an attractive design is more important than size. These same qualities in wood will dictate that each piece is unique though it may have similar shape and size to others. Altered shapes, carvings, and the use of bark and voids also provide him with an artistic freedom of expression and he is constantly looking for wood that he visualizes would lead to a pleasing or unusual design. Sometimes, Lorne will have a particular piece of wood in his studio 2-3 years before they come to terms with each other. At other times, the process is much more immediate. Either way, one must always be aware of hidden nuances along the way.

Pens, pencils and jewelry are turned from exotic woods obtained around the world.

The majority of his designs are simple forms that seek to compliment and accentuate Nature's inherent beauty through objects that have a strong tactile and aesthetic appeal, though lately has begun to experiment with added elements (carving, color, bleaching and texturization).

He creates his pieces at his studio in Greely, Ontario, Canada. He is a juried member of the Nova Scotia Designer Craft Council. Member of the Ontario Craft Council, Alberta Craft Council, American Association of Woodturners and past president of the Avalon Woodturners Guild.

Lorne will demonstrate turning hats.

### *January Instant Gallery*

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Sam Brasher  
Black Cherry Burl  
Spray Lacquer



Sam Brasher  
Spalted Maple  
Mineral Oil/Lacquer



Jerry Daniels  
Cherry  
EEE System



Jerry Daniels  
Catawba  
EEE System



Gary Dickey  
Florida Rosewood  
EEE System



Jack Gould  
Dogwood Bowl/Eggs  
Briwax



Jack Gould  
Maple  
Minwax Oil/Carnauba



Jack Gould  
Spalted Maple  
Minwax Oil/Carnauba



Jack Gould  
Maple/Ash  
Minwax Friction Polish



Jack Gould  
Bocote  
Minwax Friction/Carnauba



Enoch Harding  
Maple Burl  
Danish Oil



Erskine Moore  
Dogwood  
Friction Polish



Earl Nichols  
Apple/Holly  
Deft



Michael Rabkin  
Spalted Oak  
Oil



Michael Rabkin  
Spalted Pear  
Polyurethane



Michael Rabkin  
Oak  
Paint/Polyurethane

## *February Instant Gallery*

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Bring a turning or fixture or jig to the Instant Gallery table this month. Help your editor by completing one of the Instant Gallery forms at the end of the newsletter for each piece you display. Additional forms will be available at the meeting.

## *Events of Interest*

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### **Mann Tool and Supply – March 5-6, 2004**

Save 10% off all tools and equipment except Festool. Delta is offering value added accessories with selected tools and the Jet Green Tag program will be in effect.

### **Southern States IV – April 25-27, 2004**

**Bulletin!!!!** Word from the Southern States Board is that reservation space is limited. If you plan to attend the symposium, you should make your hotel reservations immediately.

The Fourth Annual Southern States Woodturning Symposium will feature five simultaneous rotations --a total of 40 demonstrations--beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, April 25 and continuing through noon on Sunday, April 27, 2004. Make plans now to attend our southern regional symposium. This year's demonstrators will include Trent Bosch, Gary Sanders, Al Stirt and Binh Pho.

The symposium has expanded to fill the entire Georgia Mountains Conference Center to allow additional space for the trade show and Instant Gallery.

The symposium will be highlighted by a Saturday evening banquet and auction. An added highlight of this year's auction will be the awarding of 10 full scholarships to woodturning courses at John C. Campbell Folk School.

Brochures and registration forms are available in our club's library. If you need additional information contact your Southern States Representative, Gary Dickey--[gdickey@sc.rr.com](mailto:gdickey@sc.rr.com).

**Volunteers Needed**-- We need three volunteers to help operate video cameras during rotations at the Southern States Symposium. If you plan to attend and would like a ringside seat, Contact Gary Dickey-- [gdickey@sc.rr.com](mailto:gdickey@sc.rr.com).

## *Door Prize Drawing*

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Members are encouraged to donate surplus tools and turning wood for the monthly door prize drawing.

## *John C. Campbell Folk School Scholarship Raffle*

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Last Chance for Scholarship Raffle Tickets--Our Southern States Scholarship Raffle Winner will be selected during the February meeting. If you have not yet purchased a chance to win this scholarship to a woodturning course at the John C. Campbell Folk School, please contact Treasurer Gerald Starnes. Total value of the scholarship is \$800. Tickets are being sold for \$20. Proceeds will go toward providing additional woodturning scholarships. For a list of courses see the current John C. Campbell Folk School catalog in our library or visit their website at: [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org).

## *Membership*

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Welcome to the following new members.

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## *Sources of Supply*

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- Luther Vann found a saw mill in Ridge springs that has some special wood and will cut lumber for you. It is Watson's sawmill. Phone number is (803) 685-6225. Some of the woods are cedar and walnut.

Luther picked up a great deal on some wood on his trip to Watson's.

Directions I-20 West to Exit 33, Highway 39 . Turn right and go about one mile and sign will be on left.

- Sam Clements found a source of wood blanks for Pen Turners that is great. He will bring price lists and contact information to meeting.

Price Examples: Size 3/4 X 3/4 X 6"

Cocobolo \$0.50 ea

Maple \$0.25 ea

Teak \$0.50

Padauk \$0.50

Purpleheart \$0.50

These are examples of over 60 different types from \$0.25 to one (Ebony) at \$1.00

## *AAW Liability Insurance Advisory Committee*

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The AAW needs to find within our membership, experts in commercial liability insurance to serve on a committee of like qualified members to advise the AAW Board and its chapters on insurance matters. The Board needs to have qualified people to read and advise us about our present liability policy. The objective is to get the answers to the questions about what the AAW liability policy would and would not cover and what other insurance, if any, that individual clubs should carry.

This effort represents the sort of thing that can really benefit and help our members at the chapter level, making for more successful chapters.

If any of our members have the qualifications and would be willing to serve the membership by serving on this committee, please contact John Hill directly and he will facilitate the formation of this new committee.

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## ***Swap Shop***

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**Jack Gould's** General 160 Woodworking Lathe is still available. Contact Jack at 803-359-3438 or at [rgould@sc.rr.com](mailto:rgould@sc.rr.com).

**John Porter's** Jet 1236 lathe has been reduced to \$275 plus \$70 for the base if purchased together. If interested call John at 803-345-1283

**Richard Preston** wants to sell his Carbatec ThreadMaster for making threaded boxes. Can be blocked up to fit any lathe. Used 3 times. \$95. Call Richard at 803-643-0012 or email him at [rpturner@aol.com](mailto:rpturner@aol.com)

## ***Officers and Advisory Committee***

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## ***Coming Attractions***

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Program Chairman Charles Watson has organized an impressive list of demonstrators for our future meetings

March 6, 2004  
April 3, 2004  
May 1, 2004  
June 5, 2004

Frank Bowers  
Dave Hout  
Gary Sanders  
Nick Cook

Mark your calendars now, because you won't want to miss any of them.

## ***Club Information***

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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.

## Please Critique

### Instant Gallery

Type of Piece \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bowl, Stopper, etc.)

Wood(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Finish \_\_\_\_\_

Other Info \_\_\_\_\_  
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