

Palmetto Woodturner

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June Demonstrator – Nick Cook

The Palmetto Woodturners will meet at 9:00 am on June 5 at Mann Tool and Supply in West Columbia. Our demonstrator for our June meeting will be Nick Cook from Marietta, Georgia.



Nick is a professional woodturner, a founding member, director and former vice-president of the American Association of Woodturners. He teaches, writes articles for various woodworking publications, and has demonstrated at the 1996 National Association of Woodturners symposium in New Zealand.

One of Nick's hollow vessels was selected for the Art in Embassies Program, U.S. Dept. of State, on display at the US Embassy in Tokyo. Nick was named the 12th honorary lifetime member of AAW in June 2002. Nick is much in demand as a demonstrator and teacher. He is a regular instructor at John C Campbell Folk School, and demonstrator for AAW Chapters in all areas of this country. He will be an instructor at the Anderson Ranch and at Arrowmont later this year.

Nick has demonstrated for our chapter several times where he has shown us how he turns many of his productions items such as honey dippers, garden dibbles, wine stoppers, etc. For our June meeting, Nick will demonstrate his method of turning and constructing a peppermill grinder, as well as, demonstrate the turning of furniture components such as table legs. It has been said that overall Nick is one of the best demonstrators and teachers found today. His ability, knowledge, and enthusiasm are quite evident in his demonstrations.

A member of our board who wishes to remain anonymous (his name rhymes with Mary Pickey) has been notified that in addition to his regular demonstration, Nickie Cookie, will also demonstrate a typical day in the life of a production woodturner compressed into one hour or less, including an after lunch nap.



Nickie will begin by turning six house columns, three feet in diameter at the base, tapering to two inches at the top--each 12 feet long. After quickly sanding these, Nickie will turn 3,472 identical porch balusters using ebony wood from South Georgia, before taking a breakfast break. He will then turn 32 salad bowls all cored from the same blank. He will sand these using a shop built disc sander attached to a 300 HP Lycoming, six cylinder, horizontally opposed aircraft engine

Nickie will apply a finish to the bowls of his own patented mix, comprising unknown quantities of a rare Georgia wine called Dago Rouge along with equal parts of boiled pork loin, gin, paint thinner and grain alcohol. Nickie uses a unique finishing process that involves dipping the bowls in the mix, then licking off the excess providing a smooth finish. Members should arrive early to catch these demos.

May Demonstrator – Gary Sanders



Gary Sanders' turning skills and easygoing style made his demonstration at our May meeting a real winner. His signature boxes and vases reflect a strong artistic vision translated into physical form through turning, carving, and finishing to the highest levels. Gary began by mounting a rectangular walnut blank using a scroll jaw with two opposing jaws removed.

He assured us that he has used this technique safely, but it isn't for the faint of heart and it is important to keep one's fingers and knuckles well away from the blank. After establishing the center, he glued two precut pieces of poplar to the walnut, forming a rough bowl blank.



Gary then turned a bowl form to the desired shape and thickness and removed the poplar waste using a band saw. Next, he turned a smaller bowl form with a small recess in the top and a lid with finial. The piece turned in the demonstration and one of his display pieces are shown at the right. Gary stated that he frequently devotes a week to creation of one of these pieces and the workmanship of his display piece looks like a full week's work.



May Instant Gallery



Jim Brewton
Mahogany/Maple
Waterlox



Steve Harrell
Maple
Watco, Mylands



Ken Klinger
Various Materials
CA, Hutt Wax



Robert Lyon
Ambrosia Maple
Oil, Carnuba



Robert Lyon
Magnolia
Oil, Carnuba



Robert Lyon
Cherry
Oil, Carnuba



Robert Lyon
Black Walnut
Oil, Carnuba



Michael Rabkin



Michael Rabkin



Michael Rabkin



Michael Rabkin



Gerald Starnes
Maple Burl, Mahogany,
Ebony
Watco, Shellawax



Gerald Starnes
Maple, Ebony, Pink Ivory
Shellawax



Doug Warren
Maple, Driftwood
CA Friction Polish



Charles Watson
Cherry
Urethane Oil, Briwax



Mike Weaver
Dogwood
Behlens Woodturners
Polish



Mike Weaver
Butternut
Behlens Woodturners Polish

Editor's Note: Some members have experienced difficulty downloading the newsletter or getting the photos and text to align properly. For June, I've reduced the size of the photos prior to inserting them in the newsletter. This will reduce the download time but also reduces the resolution if you want to increase the photo size. I can still send you a full-size photo on request.

June Instant Gallery

It was a pleasure to see turnings from newer members and less frequent contributors at the May meeting. Don't forget to bring a turning or jig. If you have a problem piece, take advantage of Nick Cook's expertise and good disposition to get some help of the highest order.

Membership

Welcome to the following new members:

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Door Prize Drawing

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

Healthy Turning

Thanks to Gary Dickey for keeping an eye on AAW forum discussions. A turner named Sam Davis posted the following:

Some of you have followed the long string concerning my lung disease which led me to consider giving up turning...well as the result of a very unpleasant procedure which was like the movie "Fantastic Voyage" through my lungs, we now know the cause of the problem and surprise, its not wood dust but aluminum oxide...so its either the sandpaper (and I did a lot of power sanding) or its the dust that comes off the aluminum oxide white wheels while grinding or more likely, while squaring off the wheel with a diamond or carbide dresser.

So now we have a piece of info for woodturners that's important. As for me, I need to think about options now that I have the good news that the disease can be arrested simply by avoiding inhalation of aluminum oxide. My choices are many, if you have opinions I'd love to hear from you back channel...thanks..sam d

That darn dust mask isn't nearly as inconvenient and uncomfortable as Mr. Davis' unfortunate experience. Take care of yourself (and any little observers you might have in the shop).

Coming Attractions

Program Chairman Charles Watson is open to suggestions for a demonstrator for our July meeting.

July 10, 2004 **Note Date Change**
August 7, 2004

TBD
Wes Jones

Club T-Shirts

Enoch Harding will take orders for Palmetto Woodturners t-shirts at the June Meeting. He has arranged to get the shirts either with or without pockets. An order form is attached on the last page of the newsletter. If you can't attend the June meeting, contact Enoch directly with your order.

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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.

Members and guests are requested to park in the lot behind Mann's away from the loading dock/

Please Critique

Instant Gallery

Type of Piece _____
(Bowl, Stopper, etc.)

Wood(s) _____

Finish _____

Other Info _____
(Inlay, Technique, etc.)

Artist _____

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(Bowl, Stopper, etc.)

Wood(s) _____

Finish _____

Other Info _____
(Inlay, Technique, etc.)

Artist _____

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MEMBERS NAME _____						
T SHIRT COLOR- NAVY FIBER 100% COTTON WITH POCKET						
	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XLARGE	XXLARGE	XXXLARGE
QUANTITY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PRICE	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$22.00
WITHOUT POCKET						
QUANTITY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PRICE	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$19.50	\$20.50
Please submit your order to Enoch Harding at the June meeting						