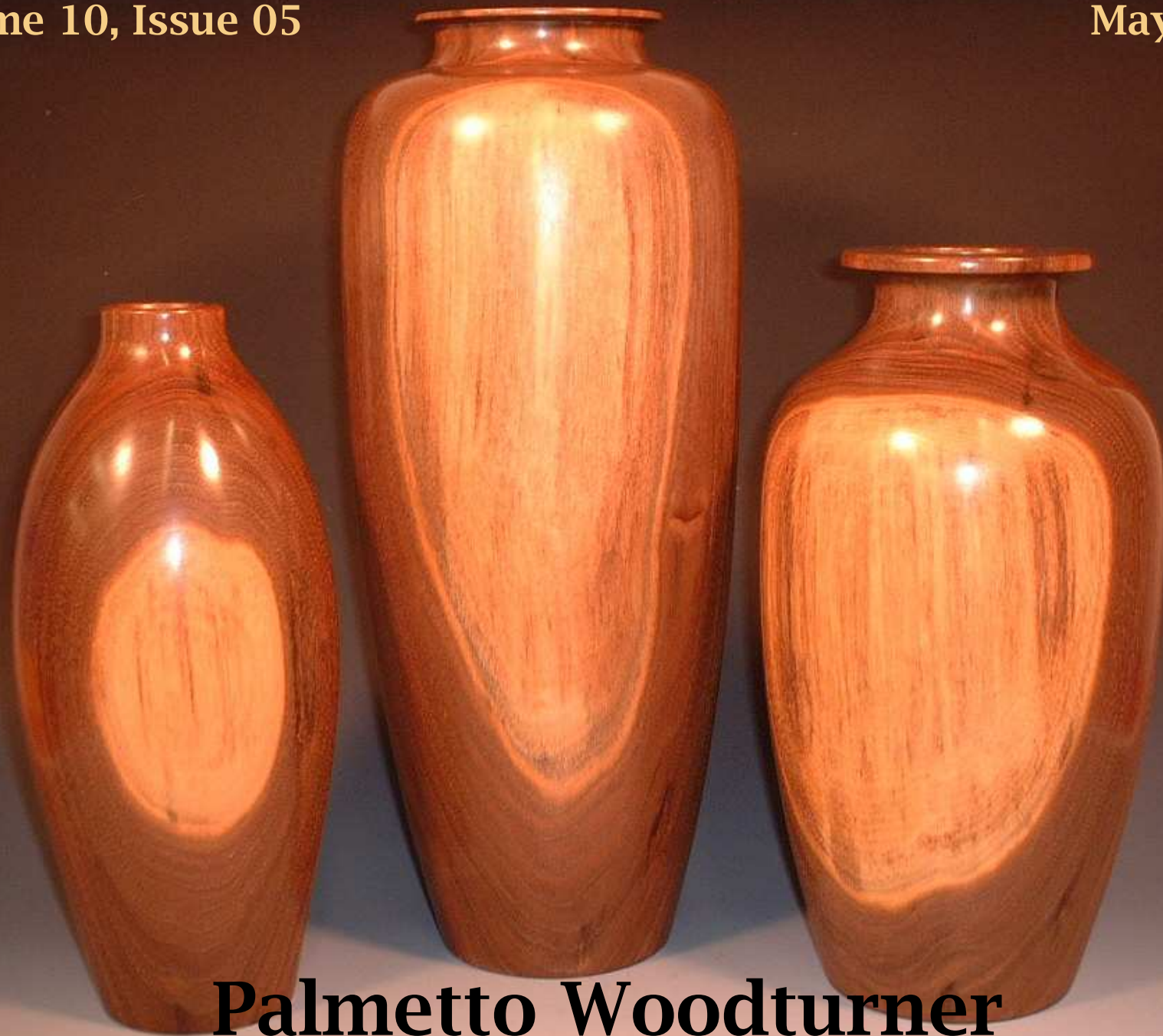


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Important Dates to Remember

Friday, May 2nd - Hands On with Dave Barriger - sponsored by Palmetto Woodturners (wood selection, preparation, mounting, design, turning techniques, finishing the bottoms, sanding techniques and finishes)

Saturday, May 3rd - Palmetto Woodturners Meeting - Natural edge bowls demonstration by **Dave Barriger**

Saturday, May 10th - Finishing for the Small Shop with Mark Barr (Part Two of a Two Part Course), sponsored by Mann Tool and Supply

Thursday, May 29th - Mann Tool and Supply Contractor Show

Friday, June 13th - Palmetto Woodturners Meeting - Vertical inlays and cross feed jig demonstration by **Eli Avisera**

June 20th - 22nd - The 22nd Annual National AAW Symposium in Richmond, VA, sponsored by the American Association of Woodturners

September 19th - 21st - Turning Southern Style XIV in Helen, GA, sponsored by The Georgia Association of Woodturners - Featured demonstrators are Bonnie Kline, Jimmy Clewes and David Ellsworth

2008 Meeting Schedule

May 2nd and 3rd - Dave Barriger (natural edge bowls)
June 13th - Eli Avisera from Israel
July 12th - Bruce Bell from Australia
August 2nd - John Jordon
September 12th and 13th - Dave Hout
October 3rd and 4th - Bobby Clemmons (intermediate / advanced ornaments)
November 8th - Lane Phillips from Utah
December - To be Determined

May 2008 Meeting Demonstrator

The Palmetto Woodturners will meet on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00am in the demonstration room at Mann Tool and Supply. This month's demonstrator will be **Dave Barriger**. Dave has worked with wood since 1949, developing a deep understanding and appreciation for its diverse and beautiful qualities. His experience as a college professor of biology and botany has given him an extensive knowledge of growth characteristics found in the variety of hardwoods growing in this country. Dave began turning in 1964 and has turned full-time since 1995. He has served on the Board of Directors and past President of the American Association of Woodturners. In addition to individual instruction, he teaches at J.C. Campbell, Arrowmont and Woodcraft Stores. Dave has conducted many workshops and demonstrations for AAW Chapters, other organizations, and the AAW National Symposiums.



Natural Edge Bowl
of Mulberry Burl by
Dave Barriger

April 2008 Meeting Events



President Joey Vann announced a \$1,000 grant was received from the AAW toward the purchase of ten chucks by our Chapter. And, our goal is to become 100% AAW Membership.



Fellow Members discussing the Instant Gallery turnings before the meeting.

Discussing the Jamieson Hollowing System



Form - Is the imposition of organization, structure and purpose onto matter

Design - Weds expression and logic, consolidates imagination and reality through form

Robert Lyon began his demonstration with a slide show presentation answering the question - What is Form and Design?

Point, line, plane, volume, color and texture are the basic elements of Form



Robert stressed the importance of a sketch book for your ideas



Hollowing Tool

Center Drives



Robert conducts an open forum critique with the Members



Secondary tool rest at center point of the lathe



Tools for hollowing system - 3/4" and 1-1/8" bars

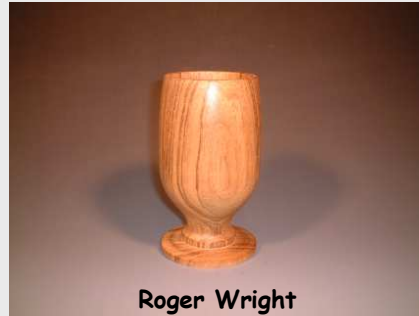


Turning with a laser arm that shoots a point onto the wood

April 2008 Instant Gallery Exhibits



Roger Wright - Sweet Gum



Roger Wright



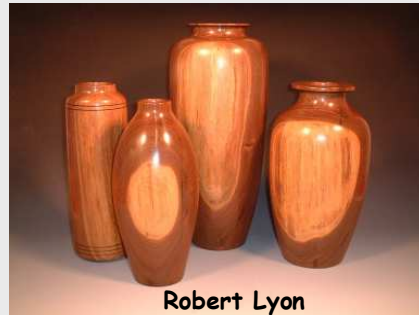
Robert Dukes - Water Oak



Robert Dukes - Magnolia



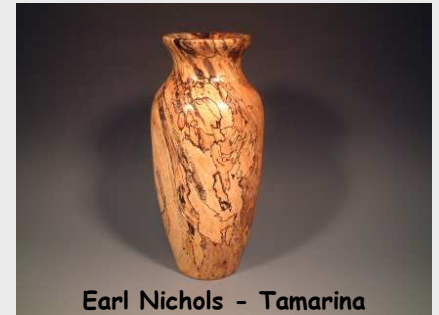
Jay Daniels



Robert Lyon



Jay Daniels - Ancient Kauri



Earl Nichols - Tamarina



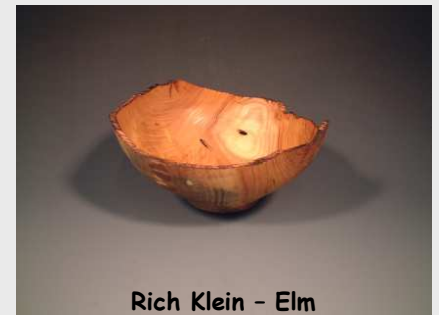
Hal Taylor - Pear with Dyed Finial



Rich Klein - Elm with Acrylic Paint and Carved



Rich Klein - Cherry with Surface Texturing



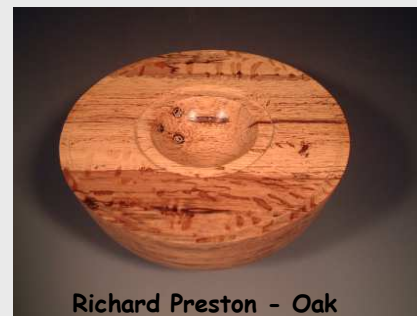
Rich Klein - Elm



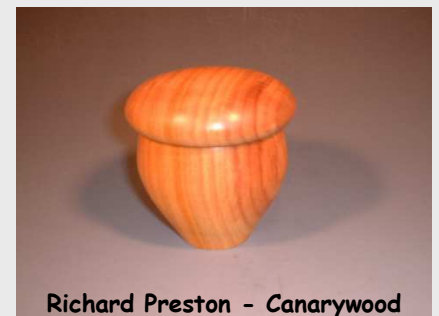
Hal Taylor - Pear



Hal Taylor - Pear



Richard Preston - Oak



Richard Preston - Canarywood

April 2008 Instant Gallery Exhibits (continued)



Jay Daniels - Nested Egg with Oak, Ambrosia, Walnut and Wafer Board



Cover Photo: The featured Walnut Hollow Forms are the work of woodturner, **Robert F. Lyon** of Columbia, SC. The Black Walnut wood, accentuated with the patch of lighter sap wood, was harvested in McCormick county. The vases are, from left to right, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall and were finished with Watco Oil, buffed with Tripoli, White Diamond and then Carnauba wax.

Spotlight on Members

Fellow Members, **Bill Simpson** and **Robert F. Lyon** were selected from more than 1,000 entries for the South Carolina State Museum's 20th Anniversary Juried Art Exhibition. **Bill** submitted a Bradford Pear vase, entitled "*Bite of a Pear*" and **Robert** submitted a turned wood sculpture, entitled "*Three Receptivity Markers*". Lia Newman, Director of Exhibitions at Artspace in Raleigh, NC, and Brian Rutenberg, a Myrtle Beach native and well-know painter, who now resides in New York City, juried the Exhibition. 2008 marks the 20th anniversary of the Museum's opening, and to celebrate the diversity of South Carolina's art, the Museum is hosting its first juried exhibition of this type. This show provides a unique opportunity for select artists from across the state to exhibit their work. The Exhibition, which contains approximately 120 works, will run from April 25th - September 7th, 2008.

A special thank you to **Richard Preston** for donating a 12" curved tool rest by Robust Lathes for the April meeting raffle.

Spotlight on Members (continued)

Along with 74 other artists in Columbia, Lexington and Richland counties of South Carolina, **Robert F. Lyon** and his wife Ann Hubbard will be opening their studios to the public on Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00am until 6:00pm and again on Sunday, May 4th from noon until 6:00pm. All Palmetto Woodturners are invited to stop by after the Club Meeting on Saturday, May 3rd. They look forward to seeing everyone on May 3rd or May 4th!

Aiken Woodturner Coaxes Beauty from Found Wood

Article appeared in the April 7th edition of the Aiken Standard by Rachel Johnson



Next time you see a limb from your favorite tree on the ground, imagine owning a bowl or a vase crafted from the wood instead of seeing the limb placed in a landfill. Local artisan **Richard Preston** creates wooden masterpieces utilizing the wide array of woods found in Aiken County.

Preston's creations include bowls crafted from the Live Oaks on South Boundary and woodturned vases from dead trees of former Winter Colony mansions to tables made from fallen tree limbs.

After creating numerous pieces of furniture as a reprieve from his career in computers, Preston began to explore woodturning in the early '90s. "It just took too long to make furniture," Preston said as he pointed to the oriental mahogany table he created that now adorns his living room.

At this time, Preston began creating vases, bowls and threaded boxes. Since then Preston has spent more than 20 weeks studying under the direction of renowned woodturners from all over the world. In addition, he began a private collection which now includes more than 80 pieces.

As Preston's interest in the art form grew, he acquired a lathe, allowing him to work on his own time and as often as he wished. He has a shop set up at his home where he spends hours each day, enjoying the process of creating beautiful works from ordinary branches and logs. Preston makes bowls, vases, closed forms, sculptures, rolling pins, spoons, pens, ladles, boxes, spheres, candle sticks, garden tools and table legs on his lathe. He enjoys creating objects from limbs and wood from other people's favorite trees, helping preserve them for years after the tree has come down.

While Preston works with all types of wood, he prefers to keep it local, utilizing the natural beauty surrounding the area he calls home. Most of his pieces are created from wood found in his neighborhood.

Preston's works may be viewed all over town. A large number of his creations are housed at the Aiken County Historical Museum and at the Artists' Parlor. For more information on Preston, send an e-mail to rpturner@aol.com.

... As the Bowl Turns

Mark Calendars for June

In order to accommodate our demonstrator's schedule, the June meeting will be an all-day meeting (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Friday, June 13, 2008.

Eli (pronounced ELLEE) Avisera (pronounced Avisera, duh) noted Israeli woodturner will be doing the one-day demonstration at Mann Tool giving a new spin to old tools and demonstrating a number of new projects. Eli will be teaching techniques for doing vertical inlays on bowls and demonstrating the Avisera cross feed jig which he designed. Also he will include a session using his unique star segmentation technique as used on his boxes, goblets and other pieces.

Eli has recently completed a two-month tour of Europe and we were fortunate to get him to Columbia on his way to the AAW Symposium in Richmond. Unfortunately, he was unable to come on our regular meeting day. For a world class demonstration, please try to arrange your schedule to see this outstanding woodturner.



Food Safe Finishes

Article contributed by **Jack Gould**

A short review by Alan Noel, Professional Wood Finisher

You may remember in my last column that I explained the hazards of lead based paints due to the toy recalls around the holidays of 2007. Since I am also often asked by my students which finishes are "food safe" and there seems to be an awful lot of confusion concerning finishing materials, I'll explain here which finishes are safe for us to use on our woodworking projects that are to be used in our homes.

Here are the facts:

1. All lead or otherwise-hazardous "metallic dryers" were removed from all stains, paints and finishes in the 1970s.
2. Since all oil based stains and finishes, including "salad bowl" finishes, still contain metallic dryers, the specific metallic dryers being used today are completely non-hazardous.
3. Since all metallic dryers are non hazardous, any wipe on varnish can be used as a "salad bowl" finish or any other commercially available finish.
4. No Material Safety Data Sheet, as required by law, lists any restrictions against contact with food or children's mouths for any finish once the finish is fully cured.
5. Surely, if anyone was ever poisoned by contact with a cured clear finish, it would have been splashed all over the news.

Upcoming Events

The 22nd Annual National AAW Symposium 2008

Friday, June 20th - Sunday, June 22nd

Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, VA

With over 91 different demonstration topics, there will be something for everyone.

A complete listing of events and demonstrators, may be viewed at: www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008

Turning Southern Style XIV sponsored by The Georgia Association of Woodturners

Friday, September 19th - Sunday, September 21st

Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia

Each year the GAW sponsors this event, which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans. This year's featured turners include: Bonnie Kline, Jimmie Clewes and David Ellsworth

Additional information concerning Turning Southern Style XIV may be viewed on the website: www.gawoodturner.org/symposium

Items for Swap, Sale or Buy - Personal classified ads are available to all PWT Members to buy, sell or trade woodworking related items. To place an ad, contact Gwen Simpson at (803) 663-6675 or email at levelbest@bellsouth.net.

For Sale: Delta/Milwaukee 14" band saw with Carter guides. Includes 5 additional new blades ranging in width from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", homemade rip fence and zero clearance blade insert. This saw runs great and is a workhorse. \$300 OBO. If interested, please contact Rich Klein at (803) 257-2012 or scwoodworker@bellsouth.net.

Club Information

The Palmetto Woodturners typically meet on the first Saturday of each month (see Meeting schedule for dates) at Mann Tool and Supply, Inc., 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 110 (Highway 378). Turn Right onto Highway 378 and Right at first light onto Chris Drive. Mann Tool is approximately 3/4 mile on the left.

From I-26 eastbound - Take exit 110 (Highway 378). Turn Left onto Route 378. Turn right at first traffic light (at the McDonalds) 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.

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