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2009 Meeting Schedule

- November 7th - **Robert Lyon**
- December 12th - To be Announced

2010 Meeting Schedule

- January 9th - **Alan Hollar** (January 8th - Hands-On)
- February 6th - **John Benton**
- March 13th - **Mark St. Ledger** (March 12th - Hands-On)
- April 3rd - **Warren Carpenter**
- May 1st - **Craig and Donna Jackson**
- June 5th - **Nick Cook** (June 4th - Hands-On)
- July 10th - **Wilford Bickle**
- August 7th - **Frank Bowers** (August 6th - Hands-On)
- September 11th - **Dave Hout** (September 10th - Hands-On)
- October 2nd - **Pat Johnson**
- November 13th - **John Lucas**
- December 4th - To be Announced

November 2009 Meeting Demonstrator

The **Palmetto Woodturners** will meet on **Saturday, November 7th** beginning at 9:00 am in the demonstration room at Mann Tool and Supply with Member **Robert Lyon** demonstrating *'Paper, Pencils, Erasers and More'*.

"We will begin with a PowerPoint presentation of my summer with the International Turning Exchange. You will see pictures of our working environment, the turnings created during the summer, our visits to collectors and the studios of David Ellsworth, Mark Sfirri, and much more. This presentation is sure to get your creative juices flowing!"

"I will then demonstrate my techniques for turning non-traditional materials such as pencils embedded in wood, cast plastics, common erasers and more. Additionally, I plan to show you how to use the Andre Martel hook tool for engrain hollowing along with a couple of tools new to my tool box that will help make your turning life a bit easier and more fun."



Decorative Flake Vessel

For Robert Lyon's Biography, please see the 'Spotlight on Members' section of this Newsletter.



Black Woodless Pencil

October 2009 Meeting Events - Demonstration

- President **Steve Harrell** began the meeting by presenting the **2010 Slate of Officers** for election at the November meeting: **Joey Vann** (President), **James Whaley** (Vice President), **Steve Harrell** (Secretary), **Greg Prevost** (Treasurer), **Bob Lyon** and **Jay Daniels** (2nd Year Board of Directors), **Jack Gould** and **Tom Kerr** (1st Year Board of Directors).
- The **Newsletter Editor** position will need to be filled for 2010. You will need computer and photography skills. There are many benefits to serving in this position: The annual membership fee and the monthly demonstration fees are waived, free entrance into the Hands-On Sessions for photographing the event, and the person serves as a non-elected Board Member.

!!! We would hate for the Chapter to miss having a Newsletter !!!

- Someone is needed to setup chairs in an organized manner before the meetings.
- Someone is needed to clean up after the meetings.
- The **Exhibition Chairman** position will require effort during normal business hours.
- **Bob Lyon** and **Pat Harris** will continue as **Librarian** and **Deputy Librarian**, respectively
- **Wanda Easterling** has volunteered to assist **David Pietras** as our **Deputy Videographer**.



Chris Pouncy demonstrated the use of various Robert Sorby woodturning tools, specifically: How to use the Spindlemaster, the Sovereign Handle System, the Sandmaster and the Texturing & Spiraling Tools.

Spindlemaster is a user-friendly variant of the skew chisel, but acts like a gouge. Unlike the skew chisel, it has no corners which might cause those 'dig-ins'. It is highly versatile - it coves, beads, planes and trims end grain. At the same time it is easy to sharpen - just run a fine diamond hone across the top bevel.



Sovereign Handle System is a new interchangeable handle system for woodturners and is available in two lengths - 16" and 22". The handles have a Softex grip with the core made of aluminum and alloy. The handles will take turning chisels with a 5/8" diameter shaft. Also included are 3/8" and 1/2" collets to accept tools with those diameters. The Sovereign handles and collet system are ideal for quick change from one tool to another. At the same time they enable the turner to lengthen or shorten the tool length.



Sandmaster allows sanding and polishing of a work piece while still on the lathe. It is multi-positional with a 2" velcro pad.



I enjoyed the demo and picked up a few pointers, but of course realized he was also selling Sorby, and by the looks of the buying afterward, did a really good job - as I too, happily bought my share. You (Gwen) and the other officers are doing such a fine job I feel everyone is learning quite a lot on turning, and very glad to be a member. Thanks to you and the others for all your efforts, - - Morris Kline

Texturing & Spiraling System is a tool unique to Robert Sorby. It is designed to provide texturing or decorative spirals on turned work. Spirals can be cut at different angles, left or right and in different sizes. It is possible to cut one spiral over another to produce cross hatches, diamonds and rope effects. The Spiraling System is not intended for use on soft woods. Chris demonstrated texturing and cross hatching at 450 rpm.

Although there was not a turning project demonstrated, I did learn some things from Chris regarding Sorby tools and turning tools in general. Chris is a good teacher with lots of English humor - - Hal Taylor



October 2009 Instant Gallery Exhibits



Gerald Starnes -
Tulipwood Lidded
Box with Oil Finish



Gerald Starnes -
Cherry and Ebony
Box with Oil Finish



Chuck Klemme -
Walnut, Ash and
Mahogany with EEE



Chuck Klemme -
Oak Bowl
with Natural Finish



Jay Daniels -
Sugarberry and
Bradford with Antler



Dick Lacharite -
Maple and
Purpleheart Vase
with Lacquer



Ken Cutler -
Red Cedar Ornament
with Clear Coat



Wanda Easterling - Pecan
Bowl and Honey Dipper /
Friction Polish



Bill Easterling - Spalted
Elm Salad Bowl with
Friction Polish on outside



Joey Vann -
Cherry Bowl with
Oil and Wax Finish



Cover Photo: The featured Wine Stoppers are the creative work of **Steve Harrell** of Columbia, SC. The stoppers are cocobolo and the inserts are Jasperware buttons made by Stella Rzanski of Rushville, Ohio. *"Several people asked about the inserts in the wine stoppers. Wedgwood is probably the most famous manufacturer of commercial Jasperware, but Stella is among the most talented US makers of Jasperware Studio Buttons. She and her sister, Shirley Shaw, began making Jasperware dishes and bowls in 1975. Stella quickly transitioned to making buttons and her 12-piece Bicentennial set is a highly desirable ceramic collectible. Each of her buttons begins with a plaster mold. The details of each scene are carved into the mold. When the mold is complete, Stella paints white liquid porcelain into the appropriate recesses in the mold. This is a delicate process that must be completed quickly so that the liquid ceramic doesn't dry prematurely. Some of the brushes she uses have only one or two bristles. Both mold preparation and painting are done under a large magnifier. When she finishes painting the white areas, she adds a contrasting color background. Some of her buttons require painting the background color into recesses in the mold to assure that they are properly filled and create subtle details in the background. Stella signs and dates each button on the reverse side. The buttons are fired in a kiln for 6 ½ hours and then cleaned and polished. I first met Stella when her granddaughter married my son in May. At age 83, the sharpness of her mind and the steadiness of her hands are amazing."*

Spotlight on Members

New Membership - *The Palmetto Woodturners welcome our newest Members:*

Mike Horning
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Stan Burk
Sumter, SC
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Membership - As of October 7th, there are **181** Palmetto Woodturner Members. In our Chapter **64** are members of the American Association of Woodturners.

*If you are a new Member, and would like assistance with a turning problem, the following **Mentors** are available to help you:*

Jack Gould 803-359-3438 rgould@sc.rr.com
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Joey Vann 803-407-8002 vanwoodturner@bellsouth.net



Exhibition Chairman, **Joey Vann**, along with volunteers **Jack Gould**, **Jim Brewton** and **Thomas Roof** installed the Palmetto Woodturners' displays at the Irmo County Library. Joey and Jack were responsible for taking down the displays a month later.

Great looking displays, guys!!!!

Member **Robert F. Lyon** was born in 1952 in Queens, NY. He received a BA degree in Studio Art from Trenton State College, Trenton, NJ. In 1977 he was awarded the MFA degree from the Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA. He joined the faculty of the School of Art at Louisiana State University in 1978 where he taught ceramics, glass and sculpture. In 1997 he was named Professor and Chair of the Department of Art at the University of South Carolina. In 2002 he joined the full-time faculty where he teaches sculpture. He has formally studied woodturning with Al Stirt. His work has been shown at the Wood Turning Center, Philadelphia, PA, Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA, Lamar Dodd Art Center, LaGrange, GA, Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC, South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, SC, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN, Blue Spiral 1, Asheville, NC, and the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR. Robert has been the recipient of many awards and grants, which include a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artists Fellowship in sculpture, a Southeastern Artists Fellowship from the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, USC Research and Productive Scholarship Grant, and a Project Grant from the Southeastern College Art Conference. He has been an artist-in-residence at Artpark in Lewiston, NY, Sculpture Space, Inc. in Utica, NY, The Banff Center in Banff, Canada, the Kohler Company in Kohler, WI, the Yoo Joo Institute of Technology in Yoo Joo, South Korea, the University of Texas-El Paso, in El Paso, TX, and the International Turning Exchange, in Philadelphia, PA. Robert has been awarded the Michael J. Mungo Teaching Award for undergraduate teaching in 2007 by the University of South Carolina, and the Southeastern College Art Conference award for teaching excellence in 2008. He resides in Columbia, SC.

Congratulations! to **Marcia Roof** - - Her work was juried into the SC Artisans Center. *"We now have seven or eight of our members in the Center. I'm very proud to be in that group, they are all very good turners."* - Marcia



SHOP HOP with Pat Harris Palmetto Woodturner Member: JOEY VANN

Who in Palmetto Woodturners doesn't know **Joey Vann**? There is much that he doesn't know how to do or won't attempt in wood and metal working. Joey is proud of his long line of family members and some of his Cherokee Indian heritage. Like his forefathers, he grew up in the Lexington area and graduated from Lexington High School. He was first introduced to woodturning while taking Industrial Art classes in school, where he turned his first pen and a three piece mint dish from Cherry, which he made for his Mother. As he became proficient, he made enough money to buy his first lathe by turning the spokes for a large wagon wheel style window. He continued lathe work until he became interested in race cars, then sold his woodworking equipment. He didn't catch the woodturning bug again until after he had built his shop and went to a fair where Ronnie Mann had a Jet 1236 lathe on display. He knew he had to have it, so Joey purchased it, took it straight home, mounted a piece of green Sweet Gum and began turning. The stringy shavings wrapped around his bowl gouge and slammed his hand down on the tool rest breaking one of his fingers. He still remembers his return to woodturning with those words of his daughter - "Mommy, Daddy broke his hand on his new machine" - followed by a quick visit to the emergency room.

Joey must have needed some encouragement from his cousin, member Thomas Roof, who invited him to attend a meeting with Nick Cook as the demonstrator. He was impressed and made arrangements to take some lessons from Nick. "Nick and I had a lot of fun" he remembers; and, this began his return to woodturning seven years ago. Jack Gould was President and Joey jumped right into helping with various tasks. He has served us in many ways from room set up and take down, making repairs and building equipment, Hands-On, Snowman Fund Raiser for Epworth Children's Home, Deputy Prize Coordinator, Board Member and as a Learn To Turn Instructor, where Joey taught me to make my first pen. He completed Sam Brasher's term as President when Sam relocated to Atlanta. The following year, Joey was elected as our 9th President.

Joey began his college studies in Architectural Engineering and later transferred to Tool & Die, where he graduated "Top In His Class". **His keen interest and curiosity in what makes things tick, drives him to be an excellent problem solver and creative thinker.** Joey's background led him 12 years ago to Bose International in Blythewood, where he works with High Speed Injection Molding and Fabrication. When he's not working at the plant, woodturning or building something in his shop, he like to bow hunt and fish. He loves to turn things that challenge him. He especially likes hollow forms, platters, natural edge bowls and more recently, decorative colored pieces. **He applies his tool making skills and techniques to woodturning,** thus making things a bit easier for himself than for those of us that blunder our way through with "trial and error". Woodturning is very relaxing to him and provides instant gratification upon completion of a project. But don't be fooled, Joey also started with bottle stoppers, pens and now turns a lot of small pieces, such as crochet hooks, needle boxes, custom quilting needles, shawl pins, etc for his Aunt's store, The Needier, in Lexington. Joey says the ladies all want the Black Ebony shawl pins. (Poor Joey....having to turn all that beautiful, expensive Ebony that he showed me.)

I was fascinated by the assorted species of wood logs and material in the middle of his shop and I wondered just what treasures he has collected. **He told me stories about folks that were going to burn or discard burl, as well as other types of wood, that he was given. He loves to return a special turned piece to the individual that gave him the discarded wood to show them what beauty the wood held.**

Family is most important to Joey. He and his wife, Sandra, are filled with excitement about their first grandbaby due in January. Sandra has her Masters in Music Education and enjoys working with highly gifted classes. She and Joey played in the school band and would you believe Joey played the clarinet, oboe, and saxophone! The Vann's have three children ages 2, 5, and 20. The oldest daughter, Laura, and her husband, Chris, serve in the US Marines. Joey and Sandra with their two younger children make their home in the Irmo area. **Let's all give Joey a Big AT-A-BOY next time you see him.**



Now that's a bowl gouge!



Joey turns a shawl pin



Announcements

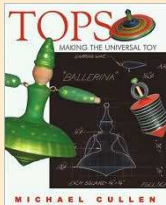
CALL FOR INSTRUCTORS - - Mann Tool and Supply will sponsor the annual **Palmetto Woodturners Learn to Turn Christmas Ornament** event on Saturday December 5th. We need several volunteer instructors to make this event a success! You can't beat the satisfaction that comes from helping a student with his or her first turning. Last year, 58 individuals turned Snowman ornaments and our Chapter along with Mann Tool raised over \$890 for the benefit of **Epworth Childrens Home**. Please contact **Bill Easterling** at Mann Tool at (803) 252-7777 or bill_easterling@manntools.com to volunteer. *I already have!*
Happy turning - - **Steve Harrell**

OPERATION PEN PAL - - The Carolina Pen Turners Club and WoodZone in West Columbia, SC will sponsor **Operation Pen Pal**. In honor of Veterans' Day, help make wooden pens for our troops overseas on Saturday November 7th from 9:00am to 5:00 pm. There is no charge - WoodZone is donating all of the pen kits, wood blanks, supplies, and shipping. Their goal is to send at least 100 handcrafted wooden pens made by people in the local community directly to **South Carolina troops** stationed in Iraq. For more information, please contact Karl Graffte at (803) 791-3823.

New Additions to the Ernest Lowry Library - *In addition to the many woodturning Books, DVDs and Videos available through the Club Library, 'check out' what's new -*

Making an Erosion Bowl by Neil Scobie

A must for anyone who wants to understand and enjoy turning and carving a bowl. In his introduction Neil covers where the inspiration comes from, followed by the design and turning processes, carving with hand and power tools, sanding and finishing. There's also an introduction to hand carving tools and how to sharpen them.



Tops: Making the Universal Toy by Michael Cullen

From selecting materials and tools to applying finishes and shellacs, this handy guidebook provides complete instructions for creating 16 unique toy tops. Economical and simple to produce, each project includes step-by-step photographs and many can be made without a lathe. Designs include a top that flips over, the classic dreidel, and the Benham's top that produces colors when spun. These projects appeal to woodworkers and toymakers alike.

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: Shop Fox Bench top drill press model W1669. very good condition -- \$175. Contact **Ken Gates** at (803) 238-1361.

FOR SALE: Oneway Vari-grind 2, used only twice, like new --\$65. Oneway Wolverine wheel dressing attachment, used only a few times, like new -- \$50. Please contact **Charles Watson** at cbwatson@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Events

Southern States X Woodturning Symposium

April 23, 24, & 25, 2010

Georgia Mountain Center, Gainesville, GA

Featured demonstrators will be Dixie Biggs from Florida, George Hatfield from Australia, Mike Mahoney from Utah, and Michael Mocho from New Mexico.

For additional information visit their website: <http://www.southernstatessymposium.org/>

Club Information

Supplier Discounts to Palmetto Woodturner Members

Remember when purchasing your woodworking tools and supplies, the following suppliers offer special discounts to Members:

Mann Tool and Supply, 802 Chris Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169, Phone: 1-800-356-6266, Website: www.manntools.com
10% discount on all accessories (power tools and equipment are excluded)

WoodZone, 2263 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169, Phone: 803-233-3764, Website: www.woodzone.com
10% discount on all items except power tools, dimensional lumber, gift cards (however, a member using a gift card gets a discount like normal), consignment items, and sale items.

Hartville Tool Woodworking, Phone: 1-800.345.2396, Website: www.hartvilletool.com
20% discount on all regularly priced merchandise for first year, 15% thereafter

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Phone: 1-800-228-0000, Website: www.woodworkingshop.com
10% discount for on-line, phone orders and in-store purchases from any of their store locations

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 Tool away from the loading dock.

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