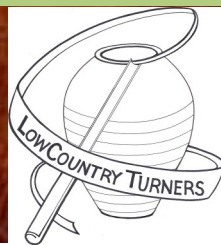


Lowcountry Turners

The "Catch and Cuss" Turners of
Coastal Georgia and South Carolina



LCT Newsletter — April 2021

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

The Lowcountry Turners (LCT) will host a live woodturning demo 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Georgia State Railroad Museum, 655 Louisville Road, Savannah.

Fran DiTommaso is our demonstrator. All LCT demos are free and open to the public. The demo is scheduled after the Museum's normal business hours so there is no entrance fee to the Museum property. We do, however, encourage all of our LCT members and friends to become members of the Coastal Heritage Society which own and operate the Railroad Museum.

Many thanks to Roy Yarger, last month's demonstrator.

Roy discussed the fundamentals of spindle turning emphasizing the importance of a basic understanding of your wood and tools in order to achieve success at your lathe. Thank you, Roy, for a very thorough demo.

April 29th Fran DiTommaso will be demonstrating how he makes a segmented hanging ornament.



Fran's demos are always instructive and entertaining. At his last demo for the LCT our lathe was rocking on the concrete floor and he placed his autographed copy of David Ellsworth's book "Ellsworth on Woodturning" under one leg of the lathe to keep it from rocking. Seems a bit crazy inasmuch as Ellsworth could sign his name on a dirty napkin and it would sell for \$100. Fran's demo is sure to be fun.

Please bring one or two pieces of your recent work to the next demo to share with the group. Whether you are a beginner or a studio artist, sharing your work is a great way to keep everyone motivated to improve their skills. On this subject, **last month Frank Anson shared with us his "twisted multi-axis candlesticks"**.



These were a variation based on the "Twisted Napkin Ring" article in the February 2021 issue of the AAW's American Woodturner magazine.

Message From The Board Continued...

Last month we failed to thank Roy Yarger for donating the large flat screen TV hanging on the column in our shop. Thank you, Roy. We also need to thank Roy, Gary Fleenor and David Anliker for erecting the column and mounting the TV. Our plans are to mount a second camera above the big lathe so we can have two TVs monitoring the action from different angles.

On the weekend of **March 27th Lonnie Bott volunteered his time and skills** turning spin-tops at a wounded veterans event - sorry, no photo.

On that same weekend **David Anliker, Gary Fleenor, Roy Yarger, Mike McDevitt, Noel Wright and Dan Lee turned wooden eggs** on site at the Railroad Museum to raise funds for the Children's Museum. Our estimate is about 100 wooden eggs were sold at \$5 each. Thank you. All but two of the eggs were similar in size to a chicken egg. The folks at the Museum did ask Dan Lee for an ostrich and emu egg so that visitors could see the relative size compared to our grocery store eggs. See photos in Recent Activities section. We thank Chace and Trent Holloway of Case Woodworking for donating the 8/4 poplar used for most of the eggs and many of the spin-tops.

Roy Yarger and Steve Cook conducted woodturning demos Saturday, April 10th at Case Woodworking Supply See photos in Recent Activities section.

Al Medlock is scheduled to be our May 27th demonstrator. He will be creating rings - here is an example...



David Anliker is tentatively scheduled for a demo on June 24th and **Tom Brouillette** plans to share with us his lidded box skills later in the year.

We will have a **wood raffle at our April**

demo. There will be one or two pieces each from the Vernon Gordy and Sue Wyly donations. The LCT will keep 1/2 of the proceeds from these raffles and 1/2 will be donated to the Willard Baxter Foundation at the John C. Campbell Folk School per the request of both donors.

Take care, stay safe...

Your LCT Board

Upcoming Events, Items of Interest

Upcoming LCT Events:

- **Thursday April 29th 2021—Fran DiTommaso—Segmented ornaments** at our normal meeting space at the Railroad Museum. Time 6:00p—8:00p, seating will be limited.
- **Thursday May 27th 2021—Al Medlock—Turned Rings** at our normal meeting space at the Railroad Museum. Time 6:00p—8:00p, seating will be limited.
- **Thursday June 24th 2021 (Tentative)—David Anliker—TBD** at our normal meeting space at the Railroad Museum. Time 6:00p—8:00p, seating will be limited.
- **Later this year: Tom Brouillette—lidded boxes**

Upcoming Symposiums:

**2021 AAW Virtual Symposium
Saturday & Sunday, July 17-18, 2021**

Details and registration coming soon.

Recent Club Activity

Here are some photos of recent activities various club members have been engaged in. If you want to get involved going forward, let Dan Lee know of your interest.

Some photos from Roy's spindle turning demo last month...



Recent work brought in for our Instant Gallery at the March meeting...



Eggstravaganza—wooden egg turning event at the Georgia Railroad Museum, to benefit the Childrens Museum.



Roy and Steve Cook demonstrating at Case Woodworking Supply...



DVD/Video Tape Library

Does anyone in the club have any woodturning DVD's they would like to donate or loan to the club to share with other members?

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

Do you have a suggestion for a DVD you would like to see the club make available to members? If so, talk to a board member.

Woodturning Schools

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts www.arrowmont.org

Highland Woodworking www.highlandwoodworking.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Woodcraft of Atlanta www.woodcraft.com

LCT Woodturning Mentors

Take your skills to the next level. Have more fun.

The following club members are offering their time and shops to help others in the club on an informal basis with their turning skills or projects. If you have something you would like help with, or just want to spend some time turning with a fellow turner, give them a call or talk to them at a meeting to set something up.

If you would like to be added to this list, contact Doug McCulloch (see Contacts page).

Roy Yarger—Savannah

Lonnie Bott—Savannah

Doug McCulloch—South Savannah / Skidaway

Frank Anson—Beaufort SC, specializing in segmented turning

Noel Wright—Isle of Hope / Savannah

Al Medlock—Vidalia area

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Meeting Location:
GA State Railroad Museum
655 Louisville Rd, Savannah, GA 31401



The Lowcountry Turners (LCT) is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning. The LCT services those in the metro Savannah area. We generally meet on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meeting location varies and will be announced ahead of time in the newsletter and at meetings and demo's. Meetings are open to all.

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