# Lowcountry Turners

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



# LCT Newsletter — January 2021

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# Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

We are planning to start back again with live woodturning demos beginning March 2021. We will be back in our shop at the Railroad Museum and will be limiting the number of attendees so we can comply with, and exceed all recommended Covid-19 protocols. If the Museum returns to pre-Covid operating hours then we will have an evening demo on Thursday, March 25. During this time of uncertainty our website may not reflect the most current date and time of our live demonstrations but our email correspondence will have the current updates regarding our demos.

Until there is some return to normalcy we will need to draw upon the skill and experience of our own members for the next few demonstrations. If you would like to be a demonstrator then please send an email to Dan Lee: danleelowcountryturners@gmail.com .

Roy Yarger is scheduled to be our March demonstrator and his plan is to work on basic fundamentals. Beginner or intermediate - sound fundamentals are essential to woodturning success.

## 2021 LCT board members:

- Dan Lee—President
- David Anliker—Vice President
- Gary Fleenor—Treasurer
- Mike McDevitt—Dir at Large
- Bob Dichiera—Dir at Large
- Fred Langley—Dir at LargeDoug McCulloch- Secretary,
- Doug McCulloch Secretary, Communications
- Lonnie Bott—Past President

Doug maintains our contact list, sends out our correspondence and works on our website when time permits. Doug has indicated he would like someone with computer & website skills to take over his position later this year. He would be happy to train someone on the processes to help them get started. If you can help the board with this transition, please let us know.

In January Dan Lee had the pleasure of visiting with fellow LCT member John Britton at John's shop in Bluffton. Below is Dan's impression of John's shop.

Walking into John Britton's workshop, one immediately recognizes the signature of an individual who has experience in keeping facilities safe and efficient. John's workshop has all of the attributes of a well-planned production operation. There is no clutter. There are no tripping hazards. Wide aisles lead to each work center. Dust collection and control is evident throughout the shop.

# Message From The Board Continued...

#### **New Website Feature:**

We have added two videos of member's shops to the web site, and will be adding more in the months to come. It will be interesting to see the varied workspaces we all have. Our first two videos, including John Britton's shop and Fred Langley's shop are up on a new page called "Shop Videos" (see top menu on web site). Take a look...

If you would like to have our members get a look at your shop, make a video (likely on your smart phone) and call

Doug McCulloch at 678-571-4158

to arrange a way to send it. **Note**: Our shop videos will be uploaded to YouTube, with limited visibility (not Public). If you are not comfortable with this, do not send us a video.

**Video Details:** Please try to make sure it is in MP4 or MOV format. Keep it to 3 minutes or less. Include any audio you would like to describe your shop.

**LCT Membership:** LCT demos have always been free and open to the public. Last year we asked that if you paid LCT dues in 2020 then no dues are being requested for 2021 but we did ask that you consider becoming a member of the Coastal Heritage Society (owners of the Railroad Museum) or make a small donation to the Museum. We are very fortunate to have a home here at the RR Museum. If you were not a member last year or if you were and would like to financially support the Lowcountry Turners by becoming or renewing your membership, then please send your \$35 check payable to the Lowcountry Turners c/o Gary Fleenor, Treasurer, 529 East 51st Street, Savannah, 31405.

Take care, stay safe...

Your LCT Board

# Upcoming Events, Items of Interest

# **Upcoming LCT Events:**

Saturday March 25th 2021—Roy Yarger—Turning Fundamentals at our normal meeting space at the Railroad Museum. Time TBD, seating will be limited.

# Upcoming Symposiums:

2021 AAW Symposium Omaha, Nebraska July 15-18, 2021

Details to be announced

# Recent Work from Our Members

We solicited photos of recent work from our members and they have been busy during the Covid pandemic. Here is a sample of their work:

#### Al Medlock:



The 1st two photos are of 4oz mason jars With wood lids I turned. I found 12 jars for about 6 bucks on

Amazon, used cut offs from other projects. And they sold like crazy for \$15 bucks each





And second is a chunky Black Walnut bowl. This was commissioned by someone that wanted a heavy bowl....just look at that flame! 11" x 3.5"

I also got a few knifes made. - I did not forage the steel! I made the handles from scrap wood.
And I get to start back teaching the boys turning at the

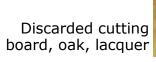


Paul Anderson Youth Home for Boys on the 12th of Jan!

#### Fran DiTommaso:



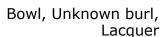
Candy Dish, Crepe Myrtle, Lacquer







Parmesan Cheese jar, Pear, Lacquer







Vase, glass insert, Pear, Lacquer

Bowl, Pear, Lacquer





Lidded Box, Banksia Pod, Lacquer

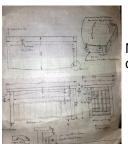
Bowl, Pear, Lacquer



# Recent Work from Our Members—Cont.

#### John Britton:

John has been busy making furniture rather than turnings...Quarter Sawn White Oak Entertainment Table. Made to house the components of our home theatre system. Designed to match the quarter sawn white oak Mission Style furniture of our family room.



Main Build drawing



End Grid Mock Up



Quartersawn legs, glued up

## Mike St. Onge:



friction polish. They range from 3-12" - 6" tall and 2" - 3" in diameter, the nose is drilled into the body for a secure fit.

Gnome's made of cedar, popular, walnut, spalted live oak and pine straw all scraps left over from past projects. Each has been sealed and a hand rubbed home made





Cherry Crotch wood no finish at this time.

Live edge spalted sugar maple platter with a lacquer finish



## Frank Anson:



The ten inch Salt and Pepper Set is based on a Dizzy design. Species include Spectraply, Hard Maple. Black Walnut and Dogwood. Finish is Wipeon Poly.



The white and tan trees I did at the John C. Campbell school last year. The green ones were new work for the 2020 Christmas season. They are Spectraply and hard Maple and unfinished. About 3 inches tall.

# Recent Work from Our Members—Cont.

# Roy Yarger:



The vase, 16" tall, is constructed of the following starting from the bottom. Mexican Ebony, Big Leaf Maple, Thin Copper Sheet, Red Mallee Burl, Red/White/Blue veneer, Cherry, Black Limba staves with Holly veneer, Holly segmented ring, Mexican Ebony, Blue/White/Red Veneer and finally Maple Burl. The finish is my usual, General Finishes Oil & Urethane

Second is part
of a series I
have done.
Called Zen
It consists of a
small box, Ebonized Maple,
The stone, Bubinga and the



platform is Sycamore. Similar finish.

## Fred Langley:



Ambrosia Maple bowl finished with wipe on poly.

Bird house ornament-Cherry, Maple, Walnut 4 34" Several made for grandchildren. Finished with Mylands friction polish.





Cherry & Maple Salt & Pepper grinders, 10 inches. Four sets were made as Christmas gifts to family. Finished with Mylands friction polish.

# Dan Lee:



Small hollow forms I have made since Thanksgiving. The tallest is 3 1/2". The woods include: hickory, crape myrtle, spalted maple, mimosa, oak, bradford pear, and lowquat.

# George Schmedding:



Goblet with 2 interlocking captive rings. The goblet is 6" tall X 2.5" dia. The rings are 1.5" dia and 1.2" dia by about 3/16 thick. The goblet bowl wall it'll is a heavy 1/16". The wood is sepale with a wipe on poly finish.

#### Steve Altman:

Oak burls, lacquer finish, 5 inches tall



# **Doug McCulloch:**



Large (18") Maple Burl vase, dyed, cut on a bias.

Pink Elm hollow form with pigmented resin finial. Lacquer finish.



# 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

# Contacts

# www.lowcountryturners.com

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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# Woodturning Links

# American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org
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## **Case Woodworking Supply**

www.casewoodworking.com 1725 Grove Point Rd, Savannah, GA 31419 (912) 927-9000 Woodturning Supplies—tools, equipment, huge variety of turning stock and blanks

### **Craft Supply**

www.woodturnerscatalog.com 800-551-8876 Woodturning Supplies

#### **Packard**

www.packardwoodworks.com 800-683-8876 Woodturning Supplies

#### Klingspor

www.woodworkingshop.com 800-228-0000 Abrasives and woodturning supplies

## **Highland Woodworking**

www.highlandhardware.com 800-241-6748 Woodworking tools, supplies

# Peachtree Woodworking Supply Inc.

Www.ptreeusa.com 888-512-9069 Turning and carving tools, supplies

#### **Penn State**

www.pennstateind.com 800-377-7297 Woodturning tools, supplies

#### **Hut Products**

www.hutproducts.com 800-547-5461 Woodturning tools, supplies

#### **Atlanta Wood Products**

www.hardwoodweb.com 800-964-7804 Specialty Hardwoods

#### **Woodcraft of Atlanta**

Www.woodcraft.com 770-587-3372 Woodworking and Hardware

## **Rockler**

www.rockler29.com 800-279-4441 Woodworking and Hardware

#### Wood magazine Forum

www.woodmagazine.com Q & A on Woodturning

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