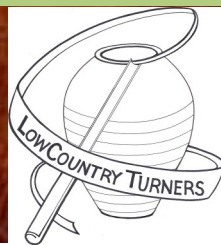


Lowcountry Turners

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



LCT Newsletter — June 2019

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

Next demo: 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27 at our shop at the Georgia State Railroad Museum, 655 Louisville Road, Savannah. Lonnie Bott is our demonstrator.

Many thanks to our May demonstrator, Noel Wright. Noel shared with the group his techniques for making floating rim bowls and platters. Noel has been experimenting with resins and inlay materials for a little over a year. These materials are quite expensive and Noel has done some of the trial-and-error experiments for us which will save all of us some frustrations and dollars. Chace Holloway at Case Woodworking Supply carries a complete line of resins and inlay materials.

Roy Yarger will be our July demonstrator on Thursday, July 25th. Barb Hahn is working on bringing in an outside demonstrator for either September or October. This demonstrator will conduct both a demo and a workshop here in Savannah and for the Brunswick, Ga AAW chapter. On this subject, we would like to temporarily move the LCT's mini & midi lathes down to Barb's home in St. Marys. Dan Lee explained to Barb that the LCT's trailer is currently disabled and needs a new tongue; therefore, we have no way to move the equipment. This demo/workshop is still in its planning stage.

Your LCT board members met via email and have approved the purchase of 2 free-standing portable air conditioners. We will have a short discussion about these at the June 27 demo.

Please bring one of your recent pieces to share at our next demo. Come early to purchase your raffle tickets from Gary Fleenor. Gary will also take any membership dues. As always, our demos are free and open to the public. We do, however, encourage everyone who enjoys woodturning and working with wood to join the LCT to help defray the cost of equipment and demonstrators.

Saturday morning, June 1st we had 4 LCT members meet at the shop for some friendly banter and sharing woodturning tips and techniques. The shop will be open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 6th. Please come on in and share some of your favorite tools and techniques.

Tuesday, June 25th Roy Yarger, Gary Fleenor and Dan Lee will be turning tops for the 2nd STEAM Camp (summer camp) attendees. June 11th Dan Lee turned Harry Potter wands at the 1st STEAM Camp session. Just a reminder, if you are involved in any community outreach please let us know before hand or after. If you need help, we can usually get volunteers to turn.

Board Message Continued...

Membership in the LCT: Our monthly demos are free and open to the public. We do, however, encourage attendees to join the Low-country Turners. Dues are only \$35 and 100% of dues are spent on equipment or demonstrators. Please make your check out to "Low Country Turners" and mail to Gary Fleenor, Treasurer at 529 East 51st Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

Raffle: Anyone who has some surplus turning stock (any size) or blanks wood laying around that they want to turn into funds for the club, bring it to the meeting and let us raffle it off. Thanks!

Shop Safety:

This page

(<https://www.woodturner.org/page/Safety>)

from the AAW web site has a lot of good information, including this list of safety tips:

1. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors. Use a full faceshield for bowl, vessel, or any turning involving chucks and faceplates.
2. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask, air filtration helmet, proper ventilation, dust collection system, or a combination of these to deal with this serious issue. Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods, or any wood from which you notice a skin or respiratory reaction.
3. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of turning.
4. Turn the lathe off before adjusting the tool rest or tool rest base, i.e., banjo.
5. Remove chuck keys, adjusting wrenches, and knockout bars. Form a habit of checking for these before turning on the lathe.
6. Tie back long hair; do not wear gloves; and avoid loose clothing, jewelry, or any dangling objects that may catch on rotating parts or accessories.
7. When using a faceplate, be certain the workpiece is solidly mounted with stout screws (#10 or #12 sheet metal screws as a minimum). Do not use dry wall or deck screws. When turning between centers, be certain the workpiece is firmly mounted between the headstock driving center and tailstock center.
8. Ensure the belt guard or cover is in place.
9. Check that all locking devices on the tailstock and tool rest assembly (rest and

base) are tight before operating the lathe.

10. Ensure the blank is securely fastened.

11. Rotate your workpiece by hand to make sure it clears the toolrest and bed before turning the lathe on. Be certain that the workpiece turns freely and is firmly mounted. A handwheel on the headstock simplifies this process of spinning the lathe by hand before turning on the switch.

12. Be aware of what turners call the "red zone" or "firing zone." This is the area directly behind and in front of the workpiece, the areas most likely for a piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when turning on the lathe, keeping your hand on the switch in case you need to turn the machine off. When observing someone else turn, stay out of this zone.

13. Always **check the speed** of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters or rough pieces and higher speeds for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. Always start a piece at a slower speed until the workpiece is balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to verify why. As a starting point, consult your operator's manual for recommended speeds for a particular lathe. Ensure the lathe speed is compatible with the size of the blank.

14. Exercise extra caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark pockets, knots, irregular shapes, or protuberances. Beginners should avoid these types of stock until they have greater knowledge of working such wood.

15. Hold turning tools securely on the toolrest, holding the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always contact the tool rest with the tool before contacting the wood.

Your LCT Board

Upcoming Events, Items of Interest

Upcoming LCT Events:

All meetings (**unless otherwise noted**) are the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. See Contact page for location information.

- **Tuesday, June 25th**—Roy Yarger, Gary Fleenor and Dan Lee will be turning tops for the 2nd STEAM Camp (summer camp) attendees.
- **Thursday, June 27—Monthly Demo**—Lonnie Bott will be our demonstrator
- **Thursday, July 25th Monthly Demo** — Roy Yarger will be our demonstrator
- **September**—we are working on an outside demonstrator for either September or October. This demonstrator will conduct both a demo and a workshop
- **October**—we are working on an outside demonstrator for either September or October. This demonstrator will conduct both a demo and a workshop

Upcoming Symposiums:

The American Association of Woodturners 33rd Annual International Symposium

Raleigh, North Carolina
July 11-14, 2019

<https://www.woodturner.org/page/2019RaleighMain>

Too many demonstrators to list, wood vendors, tool vendors, much more. Close to Savannah.

Georgia Association of Woodturners 24th Annual Turning Southern Style 2019

This year's event will again be held at the Dalton Convention Center in Dalton, GA. With our slate of all-star demonstrators, a large group of vendors, and a great facility, this promises to be one of the largest, most informative and enjoyable symposiums in our 24 year history.

Featured Demonstrators: Stuart Batty, David Ellsworth, Hans Weissflog

<https://gawoodturner.org/symposium/>

LCT Instant Gallery / Demo

The May meeting brought out more fine work from our members. Our skills are always improving. Thanks to Dan for the quality pictures.



Members settling in for an informative demonstration.



Dick Glover—Cindy Drozda style lidded box—Red mallee burl box with E Indian Rosewood finial and base

Dick Glover—small lidded box, inset madrone on top, East Indian rosewood, carved/stipples outside



Lee Kersey - 2 pens, spindle Practice

Noel Wright—maple platter with inlay on rim



Noel Wright—large platter with wood inlay



Jeffrey Kumjian - Bradford pear Hershey kiss box



Jeffrey Kumjian - maple and mahogany salt and pepper shaker



Jeffery Kumjian—small Dogwood bowl



Jeffrey Kumjian - two wine stoppers



Jeffery Kumjian—small sycamore lidded box



Jeffrey Kumjian—hurricane Matthew hickory bowl

LCT Instant Gallery / Demo—Cont.



Ronny Burgsteiner—large walnut vessel, African Blackwood finial (made by Roy Yarger)



Dan Anliker—punky log and top



Civil War era keg torpedo

In the photo, left to right: Lydia Moreton, Curator of Artifacts, Coastal Heritage Society; Dan Lee; Terry Koller, Director of Railroad Operations and Community Outreach, Coastal Heritage Society



Noel Wright—showing the group how he makes his floating rim platters—resin inlay in the rim.



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?

Do you have a suggestion for a DVD you would like

Take advantage of this valuable and money saving resource.

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
Woodturning Association



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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 sup-
plies

Highland Woodworking

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

Peachtree Woodworking Supply Inc.

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888-512-9069
Turning and carving tools, supplies

Penn State

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800-377-7297
Woodturning tools, supplies

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www.hutproducts.com
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Woodturning tools, supplies

Atlanta Wood Products

www.hardwoodweb.com
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Specialty Hardwoods

Woodcraft of Atlanta

[Www.woodcraft.com](http://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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Your LCT questions, comments and suggestions are

always welcome. You may contact any officer through the contact information in this newsletter, or our website's contact webpage:
info@lowcountryturners.com.