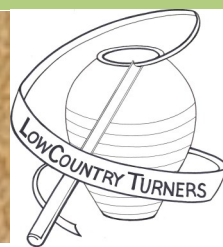


Lowcountry Turners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



LCT Newsletter — March 2018

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Message From The Board

Next LCT demonstration: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29th at Case Woodworking Supply, 1725 Grove Point Road, Savannah, GA. Our demonstrator will be Al Medlock from Vidalia, GA. Al owns and operates Oggie's Originals from which he sells his original woodcarvings, paintings and woodturnings. March's demo is certain to be a unique and a very interesting experience.

We currently have six paid LCT members signed up for the Robert Lyon hands-on-workshop in April. Robert Lyon is a very talented and nationally recognized woodturning artist. We are very fortunate that he has included us on his 2018 schedule. If you are interested in this workshop, please speak up. We can accommodate 8 workshop attendees. Robert will be conducting our April LCT demonstration at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th at Savannah Technical College's White Bluff Road Campus. The Robert Lyon workshop will be held the next day, Saturday the 28th at the College. Exact times are yet to be determined. The Sunday following the Robert Lyon workshop we will be conducting a pen turning class for Savannah Tech students. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with instruction, set up or clean up should let Dan Lee, Doug McCulloch or Lonnie Bott know you are willing to help.

Thank you to everyone who made donations to help pay for the new

PA system. We have received \$575 in pledges and donations towards the cost of the equipment. We tried the PA system at the February demonstration meeting. We are not sure what happened but it worked before and after the demo but not during the demo. It was suggested that the microphone is very directionally sensitive so we will figure out what happened and have it working properly for Al Medlock at the March demo as Case Woodworking Supply.

Special note: John Diamond, Hilton Head wood turner and artist, is downsizing and plans to sell his wood, woodturning equipment and accessories. John will be joining us at our March demo and will share with us a little bit about him, his art and when we could go to his home to view the equipment he has for sale. John was a member of the Lowcountry Turners for many years. He has performed demos for the LCT. At least one of his demos is on YouTube. John currently exhibits and sells his work through the Signature Gallery located in Savannah's City Market. He has a vast collection of wood and equipment that will become available in the next few weeks.

Your LCT Board

Board Message Cont.

February's demo at the Georgia State Railroad Museum was a big success. We had 35 attendees and we picked up a couple of new members. We want to thank Terry Koller, the Museum's director for allowing us to use the facility and many thanks to our friend and fellow LCT member, Fran Ditommaso for another terrific demo. Fran chose a tough one on two fronts. First, he made a Hersey's Kiss box which means he must turn a top and a bottom and make them fit together. This he did quite skillfully. Second, however, his gnarly piece of dry and unknown hardwood fought him for much of the evening but the Sicilian Grind on his bowl gouge prevailed – as it always does.

The Georgia State Railroad Museum is one of Savannah's historical treasures and we were really lucky to get the opportunity to conduct our February woodturning demo at the site. As with every demonstration venue, there are pros and cons. The Museum would be perfect for a Saturday afternoon demonstration but it is not the most ideal place for an evening demo. We will return to the Museum on the first weekend in December to share our craft and make toys and tops for visitors to the museum. We will have specific details later in the year.

Reminder—If you are a member of the LCT, 2018 Dues are due now. You can pay the \$35 fee at the March meeting.

LCT demonstrations are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome. Membership in the LCT is not required but we do encourage anyone who enjoys woodworking and woodturning and wants to help us continue to conduct these demonstrations to become a member. Our annual dues are only \$35.

Demo's, 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.

- **Thursday March 29th 2018— Case Woodworking Supply—Al Medlock**
- **Friday April 27th 2018— Savannah Tech—**
- **Saturday April 28th 2018—Savannah Tech— Robert Lyon Workshop [Tentative]**
- **Sunday April 29th—Savannah Tech—Pen Making/Woodturning Intro Class—Lonnie Bott and others**
- **Friday May 18th 2018—Savannah Technical College, Demonstrator, TBD**
- **June 28th 2018—On Vacation**
- **July 26th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**
- **August 30th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**
- **September 27th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**
- **October 25th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**
- **November 29th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**
- **December 14th 2018—Location TBD, Demonstrator TBD**

Shop Safety

Just a reminder that woodturning is inherently dangerous. There are lots of opportunities for injury. If you have a variable speed lathe, make a habit of turning the speed down to zero then turning off the power. This practice, combined with frequently checking your chuck to make sure your workpiece is held securely will virtually eliminate any surprises when you flip the power switch back on.

LCT February Instant Gallery / Demo

Here are pictures of the fine pieces brought in by LCT members for the February meeting, as well as pictures of the demo...



Randy McConnell—beautiful segmented turning



Mike St'Onge - brass and resin inlay vessel



Frank Anson—Crazy segmented turnings



Fran DiTommaso making his Hershey's Kiss box



Several shots of the meeting at the historic Georgia Railroad Museum



Steve Cook showing off his production turning skills



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:

Locations will be announced at the meetings, in the newsletter, and during the demonstrations.



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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American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org
Woodturning Association

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

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888-512-9069
Turning and carving tools, supplies

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Woodturning tools, supplies

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Specialty Hardwoods

Woodcraft of Atlanta

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Wood magazine Forum

www.woodmagazine.com
Q & A on Woodturning

Closing

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