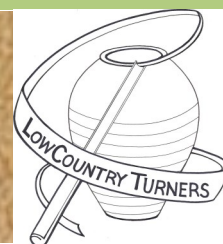


Lowcountry Turners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



LCT Newsletter — March 2019

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

Our next demo will be at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28th at the Georgia State Railroad Museum, 655 Louisville Road, Savannah. Please park in the gravel parking lot. Fundamentals of Spindle Turning is the topic for March. Steve Cook will be our demonstrator. Steve just came back from conducting a woodturning workshop at the February Florida Woodturning Symposium. He will be teaching a week long class at the John C. Campbell Folk School this May then again in November. In July you will find Steve in Raleigh, NC at the AAW's National Symposium teaching woodturning fundamentals in the Youth Turning area. Steve is a past president of the the Lowcountry Turners and is an amazingly skilled wood turner.

Our thanks go out to our February demonstrator, Dan Lee. We hope that our February attendees expecting to see Noel Wright's Fundamentals of Bowl Turning demonstration were not too disappointed. Noel had flu symptoms and had to cancel at the last minute. We hope to get Noel back for a future demo - maybe for the month of May. What we did learn from February's demo is that the LCT board must have a contingency plan for a back up demonstrator in case our featured demonstrator has to cancel for any reason.

Dan Lee's demo included turning a "Harry Potter Wand". Dan gave Harry Potter Wands to trick-or-treaters this past Halloween including a wand to one of his adult neighbors who is the Director of Nursing and Clinical Services for the State of Georgia's Department of Public Health. She wanted 70 of them to give to her nursing staff who work their "magic" for low income families up and down the eastern coast of Georgia. Here are the production numbers for the 70 wands: Cut the blanks to length - 4 seconds each, marking both ends of the blank for mounting between centers - 6 seconds. Turning & sanding - 2 minutes 45 seconds. Staining, waxing and making the wands look like an old antique took about 3 minutes each. Total time spent was about 6 minutes per wand or a little less.. The raw material for the blanks came from 3/4" x 4' long dowel rods from Home Depot. The "stain" was black, red, sepia, and yellow India inks. The wands were sold at \$5.00 each and the raw material cost for the 70 wands was about \$58.

Included with Dan's second demo there was a need to cut a tenon on the piece of crape myrtle being prepared for mounting the piece in a four-jaw chuck. When he was cleaning up the inside edge of the tenon to insure a tight fit against the chuck he used a 5/16" inch round point tool with the edge ground in a triangular shape

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similar to what Jacques Vesery used in his LCT demo a couple of years ago. The question was asked "Why not use a skew to clean up that inside corner?" Yes, the skew will very effectively clean up that inside corner but remember that when you use a skew as a scraper you will quickly dull the cutting edge and round over the corners. Of course you could also use a parting tool if your jaws don't require a dove-tail.

At February's demo we elected the following members to the LCT board: Fred Langley - member-at-large / photography, Doug McCulloch - secretary / website / newsletter, David Anliker - member-at-large, Ronnie Burgstiner - member-at-large / video, Jon Knotts - member-at-large, Dan Lee - president, Gary Fleenor - treasurer, Lonnie Bott - past president, Roy Yarger - past president.

Membership: Lowcountry Turners (LCT) demos are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. We conduct live woodturning demonstrations on the last Thursday of each Month. We encourage everyone to become a member of the LCT. Your membership dues are used to maintain our equipment, purchase new equipment and allow us to bring in out-of-town demonstrators. We also encourage LCT members to become members of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and to become members of the Coastal Heritage Society (CHS) which operates the Georgia State Railroad Museum where we meet each month. You can mail your \$35 LCT dues to Gary Fleenor, Treasurer, 529 East 51st, Savannah, GA 31405

LCT members will be allowed to place items for sale in the Railroad Museum's gift shop. No details, yet. More than likely we will have limited space so our items need to be fairly small and reasonably priced. At February's demo Dan briefly mentioned the Gift Shop and brought up the subject of making small items and incorporating the catenary curve. Forget this. The catenary curve is a topic for another day. Please come to the March demo with your ideas that we can discuss with respect to the gift shop.

John Diamond's donations: Many of the items are being retained by the LCT. A few things have been donated to the Railroad Museum, many of the smaller items of equipment and supplies have been sold to our members

and guests and the rest was donated to the Habitat for Humanity's Restore Store. We thank John and Nancy Diamond for their generous donation to the LCT. Unfortunately, we are not a 501c3 non-profit organization so their donation is not tax deductible. Non-profit status is something we need to work on.

Chace Holloway / Case Woodworking Supply donation: Chace has made another donation to the LCT. This time it is a 45 pound box of African hardwoods. The box is unopened but will contain a variety of spindle blanks that can be used for pens, bottle stoppers, finials, and other small items. Time permitting, we will open the box at the March demo and let the membership decide the best use for the material.

Other Notes:

- Please remember to bring to the March demo some of your current work to share. Perhaps even a craft type item you think might work in the gift shop.
- Membership dues are due. LCT membership is only \$35. Please make your checks payable to the Lowcountry Turners and mail them to: Lowcountry Turners, Gary Fleenor, Treasurer, 529 East 51st Street, Savannah, GA 31405
- Woodworking and woodturning are inherently dangerous be it with the machines we use, the tools we use, the dust we breath, the noise levels we hear or the chemicals we use. Please be careful.

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.

- **March LCT Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Thursday March 28 Steve Cook will bring us “Fundamentals of Spindle Turning” at the Railroad Museum.
- **April LCT Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Thursday April 25th demo will be led by Roy Yarger with “Lids that Fit” and Roy will be turning a “Beads of Courage” box at the Railroad Museum.
- **May LCT Meeting** —6:00 p.m., Thursday , May 23rd or May 30th - TBD

Upcoming Symposiums:

2019 Southeast Pen Gathering

March 29 - 31 - Augusta GA, Hilton Gard Inn.
www.southeastpengathering.com

The American Association of Woodturners 33rd Annual International Symposium

Raleigh, North Carolina
July 11-14, 2019

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

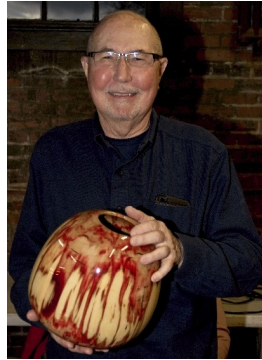
Too many demonstrators to list, wood vendors, tool vendors, much more. Close to Savannah.

LCT Instant Gallery / Demo

The February meeting was great for bringing out new work from our members. Take a look below. Thanks as always to Fred Langley for the high quality pictures.



Barb Hahn—Box Elder Vessel



Dick Glover—Box Elder vase with epoxy Finish



Randy McDonnell—small segmented ornaments—Purple heart and Holly

It was a good crowd for the demo—
"Harry Potter" wands and an offset vase



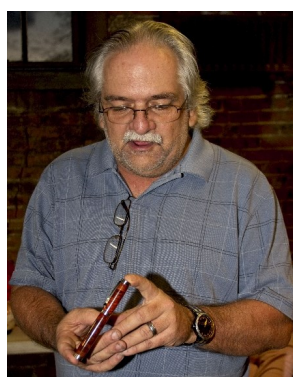
Fran DiTommaso—small Ornament



Ken Rousch—Maple dish with inlay rim



Al Medlock—Cedar burl bowl and small dish with inlay



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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www.casewoodworking.com
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GA 31419
(912) 927-9000
Woodturning Supplies

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
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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:
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