Lowcountry Turners

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



LCT Newsletter — May 2018

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Message From The Board

Our next meeting will be on Friday May 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Savannah Technical College, 5717 White Bluff Road, Savannah. Ed Malesky from Jacksonville will be our demonstrator.

April was a very busy and exciting month for the Lowcountry Turners. Retired chairman of the University of South Carolina's art department, Robert Lyon conducted an outstanding Friday night demonstration then followed up on Saturday with an even more outstanding hands-on-workshop. The workshop attendees included Noel Wright, Fred Langley, Brian Rickenbacker, Dick Glover, Bob Dichieri, Barb Hahn, Gary Fleenor, Shea Caruso and Chris Geiger. If you missed Robert Lyon's demonstration and discussion, you really missed an opportunity to watch and listen to an extremely talented high-end artist with superior presentation and communication skills. If you attended and found some of Robert's art a bit esoteric, you still have to admit he is supremely skilled and creative.

Back to Robert Lyon's demo and workshop – if you attended then you would have to agree that his "resin-cast-blue-jean" meat tenderizer (pic on p. 4) turning knocked your socks off. It was incredible.

Behind the scenes – this is how the Robert Lyon demo came about: Four months ago Steve Cook made the original contact with Robert. The LCT board met and discussed the logistics and the cost of conducting a demo and workshop. Dan Lee contacted Benjamin Curran at Savannah Tech to arrange for the use of their facility. In trade for the use of their facility, the LCT board agreed to conduct a beginning woodturning & pen class. Ronnie Burgstiner and Gary Fleenor moved the 670 pound Powermatic lathe from Case Woodworking Supply over to Savannah Tech. Ronnie and Gary then brought over the five mini-lathes that the club owns, set them up, cleaned them and prepared them for the class. Lonnie Bott and Ronnie Burgstiner both brought in their own midi-lathes to be used during the workshop so we could accommodate all of the attendees. Roy Yarger and Steve Cook provided the bowl turning blanks for the workshop. Robert Lyon spent Friday night at Steve Cook's home. Steve and Dan Lee were on site during the workshop to assist and run errands. The beginning woodturning class on Sunday was led by Lonnie Bott and assisted by Gary Fleenor and Doug McCulloch. Supplies for the pen turning class were prepared by Lonnie Bott (who will be reimbursed). The reason for mentioning all of this is to emphasize that a lot of work goes into all of our demos. All of our demos have costs. We have the direct cost of paying for an out of town demonstrator and the indirect cost of wear

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and tear on our equipment. Your LCT board encourages everyone who has an interest in woodturning and woodworking to become a member and help financially support our programs so we can continue to bring in demonstrators. Our annual dues are only \$35. Students are free.

May's demo: Jacksonville woodturning artist, Ed Malesky, will be our featured demonstrator Friday, May 18th, 6:00 p.m., Savannah Technical College, 5717 White Bluff Road. Ed will be demo'ing laser-engraved shallow bowls out of 8/4 kiln dried material. Ed is a highly skilled wood turner and has served as president of the Northeast Florida Woodturners' Association, he is chairman of the group that puts together the Florida Woodturning Symposium every February at the Lake Yale Baptist Center, and is president of the Jacksonville area Turning Arts Group. (You can find some of Ed's demonstrations on YouTube.) May's demo will be another terrific event.

Beads of Courage – Please see Roy Yarger if you are willing to create a box for the Beads-of-Courage program. Right is a special request Beads-of-Courage box that Roy just delivered to Kristen King at Memorial's Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital. Roy's box will be given to the surviving parents of a child who recently passed away.



Shop safety – Woodworking and woodturning is inherently dangerous. Dull tools are dangerous. If you have to force a cut or apply more than 2 or 3 pounds of pressure to make your cut, then your tools are probably too dull for the task at-hand.

One year ago, April 2017, Nick Cook conducted a demo and a hands-on-workshop. We will bring in Nick's 3 demo pieces and auction them off to the highest bidders.

Wood raffle – Please bring in a turning blank and we will create some appropriate sized groupings and sell raffle tickets.

Your LCT Board

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.

- Friday May 18th 2018—Savannah Technical College, Ed Malesky
- June 28th 2018—On Vacation
- July 26th 2018—Location TBD, Noel Wright, fundamental turning and sharpening skills
- 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

Upcoming Symposiums:

2018 American Association of Woodturners Annual Symposium—The Premier woodturning event of the year. Most top tier demonstrators, most woodturners in one place, largest instant gallery. Very artistically inspiring

Portland, OR – June 14-17 www.woodturner.org

Southeast Pen Gathering -

Augusta, GA – May 18-20 www.southeastpengathering.com

Turning Southern Style - Sep 21—23 www.gawoodturner.org/symposium/
<u>Featured Demonstrators:</u> Nick Agar, Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler, Mark Palma <u>Guest Demonstrators:</u> Peggy Schmid, Frank Bowers, Mike Peace

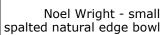
Dalton Convention Center 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA 30720

LCT April Instant Gallery / Demo

Here are pictures of the fine pieces brought in by LCT members for the April meeting, as well as pictures of the demo. and R. Lyon workshop.



Noel Wright—Ambrosia Maple bowl with inlaid rim







Dan Lee—Large Live Oak bowl from a tree that came down in Hurricane Matthew

Howard Whitford— "Square" bowl





Dick Glover—Red Mallee, Maple, African Blackwood vessel with figured maple finial.

Fred Langley—Gidgee bowl with rim





Fred Langley—small Sassafras bowl



Noel Wright, Chris Geiger, Dick Glover collaboration segmented bowl

None of the following pieces were signed so we don't know who made them, or their wood species.





















LCT April Instant Gallery / Demo







Pictures from the R. Lyon demonstration and some of his work (finished and in Progress). His demo was his vase with imbedded pencils. Later he turned erasers.

















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.

to see the club make available to members? If so, talk to a board member.

Do you have a suggestion for a DVD you would like

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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Woodturning Links

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www.casewoodworking.com 1725 Grove Point Rd, Savannah, 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

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

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Rockler

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Wood magazine Forum

www.woodmagazine.com Q & A on Woodturning

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Your LCT questions, comments and suggestions are

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