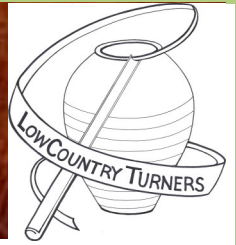


Lowcountry Turners

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



LCT Newsletter — November 2019

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

Our next demo will be 6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 21st at the Georgia State Railroad Museum, 655 Louisville Road, Savannah. Doug McCulloch is our demonstrator. Doug's work is currently on display at the Signature Gallery in Savannah's City Market. Doug will bring in pieces to discuss and go through a brief slide show of various turned pieces (mostly not his own) that are good and not so good discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the designs. He will then turn a vessel and a bowl (time permitting) and discuss design tips and the small details that make a pleasing form. Coffee will be available.

December's meeting will be a social event at 6:00 p.m., Thursday December 12th. Come out and spend some time with your fellow turners discussing turning, what the club can improve on and whatever else. **Dinner and drinks will be provided:** Pizza, soft drinks, and coffee. **Also this year we will have an optional "Secret Santa" gift exchange.** If you like, bring a small turned item in a plain paper bag and everyone participating will select an item (not their own) to take home. No pressure, - make whatever you like.

Frank Anson will be our January demonstrator. The January demo date is tentatively set for Thursday, January 30th.

We thank Mark Sillay, our October demonstrator. Mark is a super skilled wood turner and teacher. Mark's focus was not on any single project but rather proper tool technique to master what he describes as the five basic cuts - beads, coves, flats, discs and the V cut. Mark often comes to the Savannah area and if anyone would like one-on-one or a small group instruction, Mark is available for a very nominal fee providing he is already in the Savannah area.

Membership for the 2020 year—We do not require membership in the LCT to attend demos. They are always free and open to the public. However, we encourage everyone to become a member so we can cover the cost of our operations and bring in regional or national demonstrators. Our dues have been \$35 per year. Please give some thought as to the amount of the dues as we would like to increase the dues so we can do more for our membership. We will have an open discussion of annual dues at November's demo.

Board Message Continued...

The new year brings an opportunity to become an LCT board member. We would really like to see some folks step up to take a larger role in the running of the club, as a small number of people have been running things for a long while. Please see Dan Lee, Gary Fleenor or Doug McCulloch at the meeting if you would like to learn more and join the board. LCT board members must also be members of the AAW.

Steve Cook has advised that the "Southern States Symposium" has officially ceased operations. The Symposium operation will donate their remaining cash to the John C. Campbell Folk School's "Willard Baxter Foundation". The woodturning studio at the Folk School is named in honor of Willard Baxter who was their resident woodturning artist in the 1990's. Willard Baxter was instrumental in encouraging Noel Wright to found the Lowcountry Turners. The Folk School has a benefactor that will match aggregate donations up to \$10,000. If you are in a position to make a donation to the Folk School, please do so. Your donation should specifically indicate "Willard Baxter Foundation".

On the subject of the John C. Campbell Folk School we are hoping that Jeffrey Kumjian can share his experience attending a woodturning class at the Folk School this past summer. We also welcome comments from anyone who would like to share their experience attending a class at the Folk School, Arrowmont or elsewhere.

Jane Mackenzie from **Emmaus House Ministries** spoke at October's demo. Emmaus House provides food and shelter to many of Savannah's homeless. They had their Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Sunday, November 4th. We thank Al Medlock, Mike McDevitt and Dan Lee for donating several wooden bowls for the event.

Instant Gallery - please bring in samples of your recent work plus any entry you may have for the November "challenge project" which is a small "Nick Cook Style Platter" - 8" to 12" inches in diameter. The past two months we have had guest demonstrators critique our instant gallery pieces. We will be back to normal in November with each member describing their own piece(s).

October's camera malfunction - unfortunately we damaged the micro-HDMI output port on our video camera. We have replaced it and will be ready for the November demo.

Equipment for sale—Janet Antonelli, widow of woodturner Robert Antonelli stopped by the shop at October's demo and donated many pieces of exotic wood plus 3 buckets full of pen blanks. We can use the pen blanks for charitable events. Her husband passed away in November 2015 and she is now ready to part with much of her husband's tools and equipment. For sale is a Delta planer, Craftsman table saw, and "Central Machinery" jointer, bandsaw and belt/disc sander. She has not set any prices for the equipment. Dan Lee has photos and if you have an interest, he will give you her contact information so you can contact her directly. She lives on Wilmington Island.

Savannah Santa Train volunteer opportunity. Saturday, December 7th the LCT will be turning dreidels for the Savannah Santa Train event. We will have 4 of the Delta Midi-Lathes (Thank you Dick Glover & Fred Langely) set up. Dan Lee will provide all of the blanks. The CHS will have members from the local Jewish community to decorate the dreidels. We need 4 or 5 volunteers to turn. We expect to turn about 100 of these. They are easy, quick and the blanks will already be prepared to mount into mini or pen jaws on the Delta lathes. We should have samples ready to view at the November demo. Volunteers will need safety glasses, one or more small spindle gouges and a parting tool. The dreidels are much easier to turn than the magic wands we turned at Frogwarts and also easier and quicker than turning tops. Please see Dan Lee if you can help. At the time of this writing, we do not know the exact hours for the event.

Board Message Continued...

Major upcoming LCT event: We are planning to have Ashley Harwood come to the Lowcountry Turners in May 2020. Fred Langley has tentatively secured Ashley for a Friday afternoon demo at the Savannah Arts Academy, a Friday evening demo for the LCT and a Saturday workshop. Ashley is one of the most highly sought after demonstrators on the wood turning circuit and just like Stuart Batty, Ashley's appearance comes with a pretty high cost. We had to have 14 workshop attendees at \$125 each to break even for Stuart. Ashley's cost will be roughly the same. We have to decide if we want fewer workshop attendees at a higher per person cost or if we want 14 attendees again. 14 attendees put a heavy burden on Stuart and a heavy burden on the board members securing equipment and getting the shop ready.

Membership in the LCT:

Our demos are free and open to the public. We do, however, encourage our attendees to join the Lowcountry Turners. Our dues are only \$35 and 100% of dues are spent on equipment and demonstrators. Please make your check out to "Lowcountry Turners" and mail to Gary Fleenor, Treasurer, at 529 East 51st Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

Membership in the Coastal Heritage Society (CHS) - We would like as many of our members and regular demo attendees to also be members of the CHS which operates the Georgia State Railroad Museum that has so graciously given us space for our equipment and demonstrations. Talk to Dan about becoming a CHS member in 2020.

Safety:

Last month we published Stuart Batty's guidelines for safe lathe speed based on MPH, which may be hard to calculate.

Here is another approach from the recent Woodturners Catalog. I believe this may be similar to or identical to what the AAW recommends:

Use this formula to get a safe range of speeds:
 $6,000 / \text{Diameter} = \text{bottom of range RPM's}$
 $9,000 / \text{Diameter} = \text{top of range RPM's}$

Example: A bowl blank is 8" in diameter

$$6,000 / 8 = 750 \text{ RPM's}$$

$$9,000 / 8 = 1,125 \text{ RPM's}$$

So in this case an 8" bowl should be able to be safely turned at between 750 and 1,125 RPM's.

Of course, other factors may also be present such as checks, punkiness, bark inclusions, etc. that may warrant a slower speed, or reconsidering whether to turn the blank at all.

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.

- **Thursday November 21st Demo**—Doug McCulloch will be our demonstrator focusing on Form, Design tips, and turning a pleasing form.
- **December** — Coastal Heritage Society "Savannah Santa Train" event—Dec 7th. This is another way the LCT gives back to the CHS.
- **Thursday December 12th, 6:00 PM—LCT Social Get together**—Come out and spend some social time with your fellow turners discussing turning and whatever else.
- **Thursday January 30th 2020—Meeting and Demo.** Frank Anson will be our demonstrator.
- Roy Yarger is working with staff at the Savannah Culture Affairs Center (SCAC) to see if the LCT can have a gallery showing sometime in 2020.
- **Tentative—Ashley Harwood Demo and Workshop, coming May 2020**

Upcoming Symposiums:

2020 Florida Woodturning Symposium. February 7th – 9th, 2020

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
39034 County Road 452 Leesburg, FL 34788
\$185.00 Early Bird registration

Floridawoodturningsymposium.com for more info.

Featured Turners:

- Nick Agar
- J. Paul Fennell
- Judy Ditmer
- Keith Gotschall

The Florida Woodturning Symposium is the largest woodturning event in Florida and is held each year at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. A self-contained, wooded campus where you are immersed in nothing but woodturning for 2 1/2 days. This is one of the best ways to take the next step in your woodturning.

Tennessee Association of Woodturners

2020 Woodturning Symposium Early Registration now open—\$165

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) presents its 32nd Woodturning Symposium January 24th and 25th, 2020 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Franklin, TN.

The 2020 Symposium features these leading woodturners and turning artisans:

- Cindy Drozda,
- Eric Lofstrom,
- Mark St. Leger and
- Derek Weidman

Tnwoodturners.org for more info.

LCT September Instant Gallery / Demo

Our members brought more fine work to the October meeting. Thanks to Fred for the pictures.

There were several entries in the "natural edge bowl" challenge that Mark judged for us.

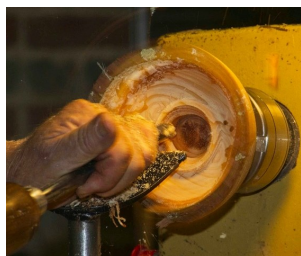
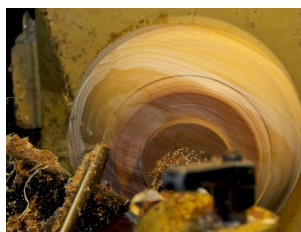
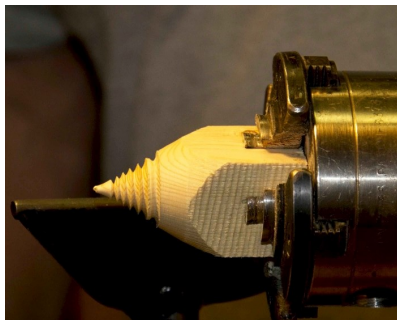


Mark also....



LCT September Demo Photo's

Mark turned various items to demonstrate beads, coves, flats, discs and the V-cut. Also, he showed how to make the most of a piece with both sap and heart wood, as well as how to best turn a natural edge bowl.



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

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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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Abrasives and woodturning supplies

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Your LCT questions, comments and suggestions are

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