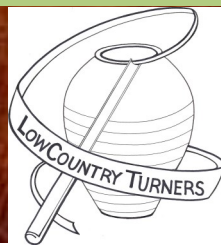


Lowcountry Turners

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



LCT Newsletter — October 2019

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Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

Our next demo will feature Mark Sillay - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Georgia State Railroad Museum, 655 Louisville Road, Savannah.

We thank Stuart Batty for September's tremendously successful demo and workshop. We had near record attendance at the demo and a record 14 attendees at his workshop. Stuart is one of the most highly skilled and sought after woodturning instructors in the industry today. His "7 Fundamentals" demo methodically guides his audience down the path of grain direction, stance, chucking, tool control, how gouges cut and why. Stuart is famous for his 40/40 grind on his bowl gouges which he uses to turn side grain on his bowls then he switches to a 50, 60 or 70 degree gouge to turn the bottom of the bowl. His intent is to minimize or eliminate torn grain. A lot of us use a swept back grind (a/k/a - Irish or Ellsworth grind) to cut both the sides and bottom of the bowls. This swept back grind is a great general purpose grind; however, it is inferior to dedicated side and bottom bowl gouges. The swept back grind is kind of like using a combination blade on a table saw. It does a good job for all cuts but is inferior to dedicated (high quality) cross cut and ripping blades.

We have to thank a lot of folks for making Stuart Batty's visit a suc-

cess. First, we thank Barb Hahn who drove Stuart down from Dalton after the Symposium. Next in line would be those members who donated electricals, equipment, lathes, flip charts, and grinders. This group included: David Anliker, Gary Fleenor, Noel Wright, Roy Yarger, Barb Hahn, John Knotts, Ronnie Burgstiner, Lonnie Bott, Rick Glover and Doug McCulloch. Then we have the workers: David Anliker, Gary Fleenor, Roy Yarger, Lee Kersey, Doug McCulloch, Fred Langley and Dan Lee. All of these folks met at the shop multiple times to make sure we didn't miss any details. Finally, we thank our workshop attendees. Without their attendance and financial support we could not have afforded to bring in Stuart Batty.

About a year ago we brought in Mark Sillay for a very educational demo and workshop. Mark has made time for us again this year and will be our October 24, 2019 demonstrator. Through Mark's many years of focused experimentation with tool control and grinding angles on his spindle gouges he has found what may be the perfect grind that allows him to create extremely fine and precise finials with no torn grain. Mark will also show us ways to take advantage of sap wood in bowls (including a natural edge bowl) and hollow forms.

Here are some good examples of Mark's work:

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Tom Brouillette was our winner of September's "small box with loose fitting lid" challenge project. Being the winner, Tom has selected "small natural edge bowl" as our October challenge project. Please bring in one of your recently turned creations to share at October's meeting. We will ask our guest demonstrator, Mark Sillay to critique our work and select a winner.



This past August, LCT member Jeffrey Kumjian attended a one week turning class at the John C. Campbell Folk School taught by Nick Cook. This was a special trip for Jeffrey and included a some firsts - first time flying and first time taking an out-of-town week long class. Perhaps Jeffrey can share a little about his experience at our October demo meeting.

Community outreach:

Sunday, October 13th the following LCT members volunteered their time at the Coastal Heritage Society's (CHS) annual Frogwarts event at the Railroad Museum. Some 1,300 visitors passed by to see us turning Harry Potter Wands. Frogwarts was a big success thanks to our volunteers - David, Gary, Mike McDevitt, Dianne Lee and Lonnie. The final tally was \$1,000 that we raised turning magic wands for the Children's Museum. This is good will for the community and our relationship with the CHS!

Al Medlock has advised that the Emmaus House Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowl fundraiser is Sunday, November 3rd. Ariana Berksteiner, executive director, will be making a brief statement about Emmaus House and its mission at our October meeting. She is looking for donations of wooden bowls. Last year Al Medlock, Doug McCulloch and Dan Lee donated several small bowls. If you have a bowl you can donate to Emmaus House, please bring it to the October meeting so Ariana can take it with her.

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.

Safety:

Stuart Batty's recommended safe turning speed is 40 mph for the outer edge of a work piece. A 12" diameter bowl only needs to turn at 1,125 rpm to reach that 40 mph threshold. An 8" diameter bowl could be turned at 1,700 rpm and a 6" bowl at 2,250 rpm to maintain that safe speed of 40 mph. He also recommends keeping your work piece held between centers for as long as possible.

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 October 24th**—Mark Sillay, from Atlanta—finials, sapwood on bowls and hollow forms.
- **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—details coming soon. This is another way the LCT gives back to the CHS.
- Roy Yarger is working with staff at the Savannah Culture Affairs Center to see if the LCT can have a gallery showing sometime in 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 September meeting. Thanks to Fred for the pictures.

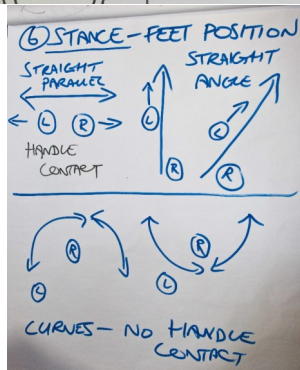
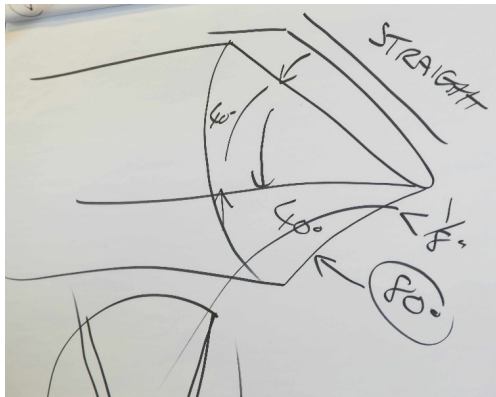
There were several entries in the "loose fitting lidded box" challenge that Stuart judged for us.



Stuart also turned a small box showing how to do this with no torn grain, and a bowl demonstrating his 40/40 grind, and the flatter (60 / 70 degree grind) for the bottom of a bowl.



LCT September Demo Photo's



The workshop with Stuart the next day was excellent for all attendees:



LCT September Stuart Batty Workshop



If you would like to see all of Fred's photos in high resolution, click the link below:

<https://fredlangley.smugmug.com/Low-Country-Turners-2018/Stuart-Batty>



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

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www.woodturner.org

Woodturning Association



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www.casewoodworking.com

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(912) 927-9000

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www.woodturnerscatalog.com

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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

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Woodturning tools, supplies

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Woodcraft of Atlanta

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Q & A on Woodturning

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