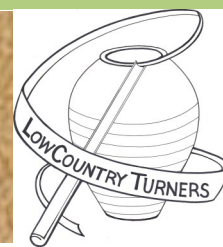


# Lowcountry Turners

*A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners*



## LCT Newsletter — September 2018

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### Message From The Board

LCT Members & Friends,

Your LCT board has been very, very busy. On Friday, August 31st board members did a “walk-through” of our new, and permanent home. More about this when you get to the December demo.

Many thanks to Fran DiTommaso for another terrific demonstration at our August 23rd meeting held at the historic Georgia State Railroad Museum. Fran shared with us “5 Cuts” using his 5/8” “Sicilian Grind” bowl gouge. His Sicilian Grind is a swept back fingernail grind similar to the David Ellsworth gouges. The 5 cuts included using the bowl gouge for roughing out the blank, slicing cuts, scraping cuts, shear scraping and bevel supported finishing cuts. Fran had dinner reservations so he left as soon as he completed his demo. However, a lively discussion of his demo and the use of his bowl gouge continued for quite some time afterwards. The discussions centered around tool selection and alternate ways to achieve the same end result.

Let us skip “tool selection” and move on to important stuff like “What is the preferred method to shim up your lathe when the floor is not level?” Fran had the perfect remedy. He placed his autographed copy of “Ellsworth on Woodturning; How a Master Creates Bowls, Pots, and Vessels”

(2008) under one leg of the lathe. This, too, generated a lively discussion. Fran lost on this one. No one else in the room would have placed an autographed copy of Ellsworth’s book on the floor.

**September’s demo:** 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 28th at the White Bluff Road Campus of Savannah Technical College (5717 White Bluff Road). Jacksonville woodturner, Ed Malesky will be our featured demonstrator. Ed was recently commissioned to create laser engraved platters for Jacksonville’s 2018 LISC Community Development Awards. Ed is an accomplished woodturner, woodworker and artist and will turn one of the platters as part of his demo. Ed is the past president of the Northeast Florida Chapter of the AAW, is the current president of the Art Center Cooperative in Jacksonville, is the chairman of the group that puts together the Florida Woodturning Symposium at the Lake Yale Baptist Center each February and is very involved in promoting the arts throughout the State of Florida. This is one of 3 upcoming demos you do not want to miss.

**October’s demo:** 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 19th at Savannah Technical College. Mark Sillay is our demonstrator. Mark is a highly skilled woodturning demonstrator and has created several on-line videos. Mark is in high demand and we are very lucky he has included us on his

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demo schedule. This will be another LCT demo you do not want to miss.

**Hands-on Workshop:** Mark Sillay has agreed to stay over through Saturday, October 20th to conduct a hands-on workshop. If you want to attend this workshop, the cost is \$125 including materials. Please bring a check to the September meeting. Mark can teach just about anything and he will also share with us is how to get that perfect finishing cut. Mark has a unique grind on his tools and they are razor sharp.

**November's demo:** Savannah Tech is bringing in Steve Ainsworth for a metal spinning demo on Friday, November 9th. Ainsworth will also be conducting a two-day metal spinning class on Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11. This class is being offered through Savannah Tech.

**December's demo:** This is the BIG one. Noel Wright will be our December demonstrator. The date is to be determined but will either be THURSDAY December 6th or THURSDAY December 13th. What is special about this demo? In addition to Noel being our demonstrator, we will be in our NEW HOME. Terry Koller and the staff at the Coastal Heritage Society's Georgia State Railroad Museum have given the Lowcountry Turners one of their buildings. Before we get into this, we must recognize and thank our partners during the past few years for allowing us to use their facilities. After we left SCAD's Forge Building, Ty Donaldson with Maven Makers shared his space. Chace Holloway, owner of Case Woodworking Supply stepped forward and allowed us to use his warehouse for meeting space then Benjamin Curran and the staff at Savannah Technical College graciously allowed us to use their Historic Preservation Lab facilities. Thank you Ty Donaldson, Chace Holloway and Benjamin Curran.

Our new home is on the site of the Coastal Heritage Society's (CHS) Historic Georgia State Railroad Museum property. The approximately 18 feet by 60 plus feet brick building is appended to the Round House and is the closest building to the gravel parking lot and the closest building to the restrooms. We will not be sharing this space with anyone else which means we can set up all of our equipment and leave everything set-up. We can conduct de-

mos, classes and workshops. Ronnie Burgstiner, Roy Yarger, Lonnie Bott, Dan Lee and Gary Fleenor have all given the building two-thumbs-up. We can get into the building in October which will give us a few weeks to prepare for that first demo in December. Ronnie Burgstiner and Gary Fleenor will lead the clean-up & renovation effort.

We do have some rules to follow with our new home. All of our demos must be free and open to the public. Any class or workshop that we conduct must be sponsored by the Lowcountry Turners so that our liability insurance extends to the CHS. Any class or workshop fees must include an additional amount for a day-pass-admission for workshop attendees to come on to the property. (There is no requirement for an admission fee for our Thursday evening demos.) If you are an LCT member and wish to use any of the LCT equipment at any time other than the demo night, you are encouraged to purchase an annual membership to the CHS. It is only \$45. Some of us are already members.

### **Call for volunteers:**

- We need some volunteers to make "Harry Potter Wands" for the Saturday, October 14th "Frogwarts" event at the Georgia State Railroad Museum. We need to make about 100 wands prior to event, then Dan Lee & Lonnie Bott will turn wands on-site that Saturday. If you want to come turn, please do. With respect to the wands, use your imagination. Dan Lee has made 20 and will make another 20. Each being about 12" long. Perfect skew practice.
- Ariana Berksteiner, executive director of the Emmaus House spoke at our August demo. She is looking for donations of some bowls for the Emmaus House Empty Bowl event scheduled for Sunday, November 4th, noon to 2:00 p.m. The Emmaus Soup Kitchen is located at 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah. We only need 5 or 6 bowls which will be sold for \$20 each. We don't need anything elaborate but anything simple would be appreciated. Signed or unsigned – does not matter.
- Roy Yarger has volunteered again this year to lead the "Freedom Pen Project". The exact date has not been set but LCT members will be turning pens on a Saturday morning in November at Case Woodworking Supply.
- We are going to postpone any woodturning demos inside the Savannah Chatham Coun-

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ty Public Schools until after we are settled in our new home. We are not looking for volunteers at this time.

If you make any pieces that you donate to any group, please take a photo and get it to Doug McCulloch or Fred Langley. One of them will make sure the photo gets into our newsletter. Please try to include yourself in the photo along with a representative of the organization.

### Donation to the Town of Thunderbolt—

Victory Drive Live Oak that was knocked down in the Town of Thunderbolt during Hurricane Irma – September 2017



This past June, Dan Lee and Joe Thomas present the Victory Drive Live Oak Bowl to the Mayor of Thunderbolt, Beth Goette and the Town Administrator, Car-

oline Hankins. Joe Thomas is the Executive Director of the Savannah Tree Foundation.

**Wood raffle** – There will be no wood raffle at our September demo meeting.

**Membership** – Now that we are on our way to a new and permanent home, please renew your LCT membership and encourage your wood-working, woodturning and artists friends to come to our demos and join the LCT.

**Shop Safety** – “Take the extra few seconds...” How many of us have chunks of wood scattered all over our shop floors but will turn around to sharpen a gouge while leaving the lathe running? How many of us step away from the band saw as soon as we turn off the power but have 10” of blade exposed as it is still winding down? We are all aging. None of us are as nimble as we used to be. The probability of a preventable trip or stumble is real.

*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 September 28th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator Ed Malesky**
- **Friday October 19th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator Mark Sillay**
- **Saturday October 20th 2018—Savannah Tech, Mark Sillay full day workshop**
- **Friday November 9th 2018—Savannah Tech, Demonstrator Steve Aisnworth, Metal Spinning**
- **December 2018—Georgia Railroad Museum, Holiday Social**

### Upcoming Symposiums:

**Turning Southern Style** - Sep 21—23

[www.gawoodturner.org/symposium/](http://www.gawoodturner.org/symposium/)  
**Featured Demonstrators:** Nick Agar, Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler, Mark Palma  
**Guest Demonstrators:** Peggy Schmid, Frank Bowers, Mike Peace

Early Bird discount in effect through August 21st. We anticipate several LCT members will be attending this event.

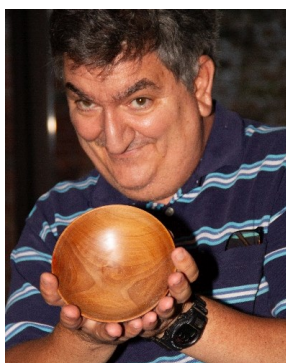
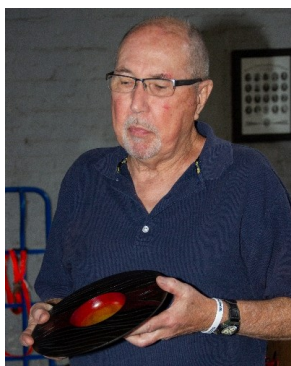
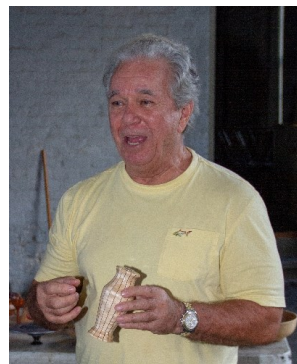
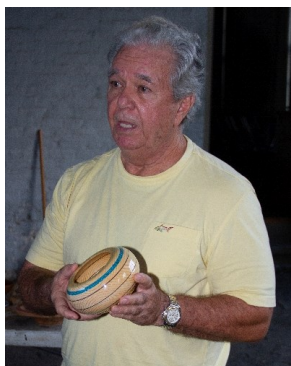
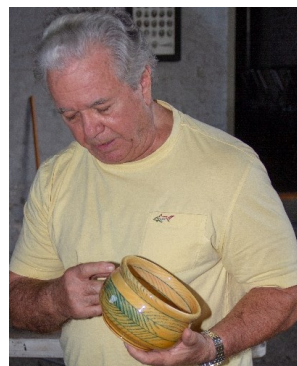
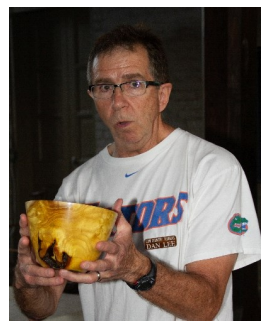
**Georgia National Fair—** October 4-14, 2018  
 Perry, Georgia

Woodturners across the state are putting their work on display again (11th straight year). Make the short drive to Perry to see all the great work at the fair!



## *LCT Instant Gallery / Demo*

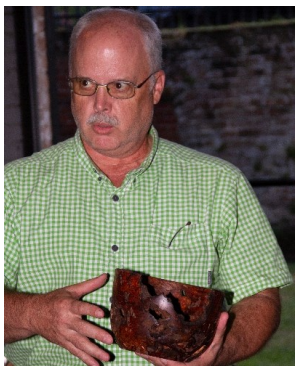
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Fran DiTommaso explaining and demonstrating his different tool techniques....



## *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](http://www.folkschool.org)

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org)

Highland Woodworking [www.highlandwoodworking.com](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com)

Appalachian Center for Crafts [www.tntech.edu/craftcenter](http://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter)

Woodcraft of Atlanta [www.woodcraft.com](http://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](http://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

### American Association of Woodturners

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)  
Woodturning Association



**Case Woodworking Supply**  
[www.casewoodworking.com](http://www.casewoodworking.com)  
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GA 31419  
(912) 927-9000  
Woodturning Supplies

### Craft Supply

[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)  
800-551-8876  
Woodturning Supplies

### Packard

[www.packardwoodworks.com](http://www.packardwoodworks.com)  
800-683-8876  
Woodturning Supplies

### Klingspor

[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)  
800-228-0000  
Abrasives and woodturning supplies

### Highland Woodworking

[www.highlandhardware.com](http://www.highlandhardware.com)  
800-241-6748  
Woodworking tools, supplies

### Peachtree Woodworking Supply Inc.

[www.ptreeusa.com](http://www.ptreeusa.com)  
888-512-9069  
Turning and carving tools, supplies

### Penn State

[www.pennstateind.com](http://www.pennstateind.com)  
800-377-7297  
Woodturning tools, supplies

### Hut Products

[www.hutproducts.com](http://www.hutproducts.com)  
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[www.hardwoodweb.com](http://www.hardwoodweb.com)  
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Woodworking and Hardware

### Wood magazine Forum

[www.woodmagazine.com](http://www.woodmagazine.com)  
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