



# Monthly Newsletter

## Smoky Mountain Woodturners

### June 2018

**AAW**  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

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## Les Black, our June Demo Artist



At our June Meeting, Les Black from our sister chapter in Crossville presented “How to turn a rolling pin incorporating a Celtic knot”. The process incorporated using a segment blank to spindle turn the French style rolling pin. Absolutely beautiful finished piece.

Les provided lots of tips and insight into how to make the project in your home shop. His primary tool for the project was a roughing gouge. The angle for the cuts to segmented dark colored wood inlays was about 13 degrees. He used Tightbond III glue. The angle cuts are all measured from the same end of the “square” blank (light wood). He allows 4 ½ to 4 ¾” for the “handles” on the ends of the rolling pin and measures the distance from the center of the Celtic knot to determine the finished size. He also allows about ½” at each end for the cut-offs.

## COMING UP IN JULY

Our July Meeting Demo will feature John K. Jordan demonstrating “Chucking Methods” on the lathe.

## JUNE SAFETY MESSAGE

By Mike Anthony

## FIRE PRECAUTIONS

- \*Wood Shavings – Keep the floor clean to avoid the possibility of combustion.
- \*Chemicals, finishes, adhesives, paint and solvents should be kept in a steel cabinet.
- \*Area around your bench grinder should be kept clean of shavings and dust.
- \*Don't keep steel wool near your grinder.
- \*If you use the same disc and belt sander for both wood and metal, be sure to clean them between uses.
- \*Keep a fire extinguisher handy at all times.
- \*Make sure you have an exit plan in place in case of a fire.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is just something about a Celtic knot in a beautiful wood turning to make me wonder how they did that. Well, Les Black, from the Cumberland Chapter, showed us all how to laminate the wood together to make a beautiful French rolling pin with a Celtic knot. It looked pretty simple when Les showed us but I will see how easy it is when I try my own hand at it. Thanks Les for a great demonstration and the donation of a finished rolling pin for our silent auction at the end of the year.

I sometimes wonder why people would show up on a hot summer evening to listen to a bunch of guys and gals talk about wood working and turning. Then it happened again at our June meeting. There were all these people crowding into the shop to do just that. The woodworkers from Tellico Village joined us with some absolutely beautiful Beads of Courage boxes that were made from the heart, with kids in mind. Anyone who has listened to Drue Hogland talk about the kids receiving these boxes cannot help but feel moved by making and giving these beautiful treasures. Pens for Troops and Christmas Ornaments are the same way. As a club we should be very proud of all these efforts. Same thing goes for our Wears Valley Educational program. The new building and the efforts by Bob, Jake, and Randy to help set everything up is simply amazing – good job to all involved.

Okay, I am now convinced there is a conspiracy to keep Gordon from winning any of the raffles or the door prize. It doesn't seem possible that I could miss winning something by only one number. I am pretty sure that John Jordan is behind this and will be watching him closely in the future. As for the Door Prize winner from Tuesday evening, you forgot to get the Woodcraft Gift Card from me – I will save it for you until our next meeting and try not to use it by then.

There is only one reason that the SMWTS is such a great club. It is the great people that belong to it and put their time and effort into making it a success. Nothing shows this better than having our National Association congratulate our club on its fine Newsletter and great Web site. Having Andy back-up Jim on the Video and audio presentation, for our meetings, is another sure sign that our club is getting stronger and better. If you feel like jumping in and helping in any way let one of our Board members know – we can always use more help. Our next Board meeting is July 5, 2018 at Woodcraft and all members are welcome.

Thanks and Keep Turning

*Gordon Sloane*

## Scholarship Draw Results

Our winners of the monthly Scholarship Draws for June are:

Arrowmont - Paul Freeman

J.C. Campbell - Robert Brown

## Wood Donations for June

Our thanks to the members who brought wood the June Wood Draw: Paul Freeman, Wayne Balmer, Lucy Bobb, Gordon Sloan and Bob Law

# Monthly Door Prize

The Door Prize Winner for June was Dick Hammat

## INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP



The AAW has an exciting new membership promotion for first-time AAW

members, which began in December 2017. Below is a summary of the details.

- **FOR JUST \$20**, individuals may sign up for a three-month introductory AAW membership that includes a mailed issue of *American Woodturner* journal. When the introductory three-month membership period ends, individuals may renew by upgrading to a full general AAW membership for just \$40.
- Only individuals who have **NEVER** been AAW members are eligible for the introductory three-month membership offer.
- The introductory three-month membership offer is available to individuals **ONE TIME ONLY**.

Each introductory three-month AAW membership includes the benefits of AAW membership for three full months, including one printed copy of the *American Woodturner* journal, and access for three months to Woodturning FUNdamentals, AAW EXPLORE! Discover Woodturning, AAW Connects, AAW Forum, the world's largest woodturning tips library, safety resources, learning and mentoring materials, grant opportunities,

specialty programming, services, and more.

- [Sign up for the special offer online at http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040](http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040).
- [Read about eligibility and how it works.](#)

## Arrowmont Arts and Crafts School – July 2018



Don't forget about the **LOCAL RESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS** that provide 50% of workshop tuition for one workshop per person per year. Residents of Sevier, Blount, Cocke, Jefferson, or Knox counties in Tennessee are eligible. No deadline.

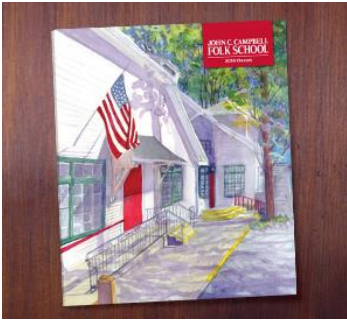
7-8 to 7-14 The Basket Illusion – Harvey Meyer  
 7-14 to 7-21 The Making of a Teapot – Michael Gibson  
 7-22 to 7-28 Wood Shaping – Exploring techniques for hand and machine - Douglas Finkel and Robert Lyon  
 7-29 to 8-4 Introduction to Creative Exploration in Woodturning – Aaron Hammer

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Time to start turning ornaments for the 2018 Fantasy of Trees benefiting East Tennessee Children's Hospital!



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. We need over 250 ornaments this year.



## John C. Campbell Folk School workshops for July

**7-1 to 7-6 Turning your way – Finding your voice – Jeff Chelf**

**7-6 to 7-8 (Wknd) Small Projects on the Mini Lathe – Robert Johnson**

**7-8 to 7-14 Woodturning Basics & More – Pat Johnson**

**7-15 to 7-21 Take Wood for a Spin on the Lathe (Intergenerational) – Donald Marks**

**7-22 to 7-27 Total Immersion in Pens – Kurt Hertzog**

**7-27 to 7-29 A Weekend of Ornaments – Kurt Hertzog**

**7-29 to 8-4 Unique Gallery Woodturnings – Beau Bunn**

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## SYMPOSIUMS

### REGIONAL SYMPOSIUMS

Turning Southern Style – Dalton, GA 9/21 to 9/23, 2018

TN Assoc of Woodturners – Franklin, TN 1/25 to 1/26, 2019

## ETWG Beads of Courage Workshop at Arrowmont

Once again Arrowmont will be hosting participation in construction of Beads of Courage Boxes in the wood studios on their campus. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 18. Last year this event led to about 35 boxes being donated to the Knoxville Children's Hospital for use in their Beads of courage program for children undergoing long term treatment for serious illnesses. Drue Hogland will have more information at our upcoming meetings.

## SMOKY MOUNTAIN WOODTURNERS CHAPTER WINS TWO NATIONAL AAW AWARDS!

We were notified just prior to the Symposium that our SMWTS Newsletter placed second nationally in the AAW Chapter Newsletter Competition and third nationally in the Chapter Website Competition. Our thanks to Bob Law and Jim Vogelsang for their continued support of these communication tools.



# Beads of Courage & Children's Hospital

Our commitment to provide Treasure Boxes for the sick kids at East Tennessee Children's Hospital is ongoing.

Unfortunately, the number of sick children who benefit from the BOC program doesn't diminish.. Our ETCH volunteer liaison, Drue

Hogland, will continue to present our Treasure Boxes as they are needed to the kids at ETCH.

Our Chapter provides BOC Beads to our members at no cost for this worthwhile project. You can pick up beads from Drue at any of our monthly meetings.

You are urged, as well, to contact Drue for the opportunity to accompany him at the Hospital as he distributes Treasure Boxes to the kids in the BOC program!

For information on the guidelines for turning BOC Treasure Boxes please click on this link

<http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>



Our thanks to our friends from the Tellico Woodworkers Club who donated 39 new Treasure Boxes for the Beads of Courage Program at Children's Hospital!



The Smoky Mountain Woodturners Chapter of the AAW meets each month of the year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month. Our meeting place sponsor is Woodcraft – Knoxville. Meetings start at 6:20pm each month. Guests are always welcome.

Woodcraft Knoxville is located at 8023 Kingston Pike in Knoxville, near Trader Joes and one block from West Town Mall.

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# STAR SPANGLED SALE

## June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Look for details on-line or in our Circular!

# Photo Gallery





## WHAT'S NEW AT THE RANCH?

Our wood turning studio at the Ranch is back in operation. With help from Jake and Randy, we re-installed the equipment, built turning tool racks and a workbench and got everything up and running just week or so ago.

While it isn't "complete" yet, we have what we need to get started. The plumbing and air conditioning aren't installed but we didn't want to wait any longer to get back to teaching. The Ranch provided a number of fans that kept us comfortable for our first week of Basic workshops on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We had five new students who enthusiastically turned their first practice project.



Our friends at Woodcraft Knoxville are working on sourcing the dust collecting equipment the Chapter is helping to purchase. We're anticipating installing it as soon as the studio is sealed up to outside dust and dirt. Currently we are awaiting doors and interior windows that will keep out what blows into the storage area. We're still in need of a drill press for the shop. If you have a table model or a floor model in good working condition that you'd like to donate, please contact Bob Law.



The new space is awesome! More than double the size of the previous location. It was a pleasure to have room for chairs for our orientation right in the shop and each student has plenty of room for turning. Each work station has its own tool rack and equipment board right on the wall beside the lathe.

Our thanks again to all of the members who helped with the move and the subsequent re-establishment of the shop.



On a different note: The Ranch held its annual Craft Sale in the Pavilion at the Ranch this past Saturday. The kids and I manned a table that showcased the items we make in class as well as Ranch Wood Cutting Boards. We raised several hundred dollars that will go into the fund to finish the new shop.

We're proud that one of our most senior woodturning students, Will McDonnell, graduated from St. Andrews School at the Ranch and will be attending Cumberland College (University of the Cumberlands) in KY this fall.