

Monthly Newsletter Smoky Mountain Woodturners July 2018



JUST SOME OF THE CHUCKS THAT WERE COVERED IN OUR JULY DEMO! John K. Jordan, our July Demo Artist



What a comprehensive Demo! John K Jordan covered Chucking devices and techniques from A to Z.

We all marveled at his extensive collection of chucks and the many different jigs and jamb chuck turnings he uses to complete the projects in his shop.

From scroll chucks to Rubber Chucky devices, John showed us how to "Hold" even the smallest project on the lathe!

His investment in the numerous devices allows him to leave unfinished projects in the Chuck while moving on to other woodturning activities.

Thanks John, for an outstanding presentation.

COMING UP IN AUGUST

Our August Meeting Demo will feature Jake Niedling demonstrating making a Pedestal Dish on the lathe.

JULY SAFETY MESSAGE By Mike Anthony

Work With Sharp Tools!

For turning tools to work effectively, they must be sharp!

*Don't leave tools on a bench or shelf with the sharp end sticking out where someone (maybe even yourself) could walk into them.

*Don't persist with blunt tools. You will push harder causing the tool to slip or over shoot.

*If working or demonstrating in public, keep tools out of the reach of passing members.

*If you drop a tool, do not try to catch it. You may ruin the edge of the tool but you can always resharpen it.

*Don't ever run with a sharp tool.

*Don't ever throw a sharp (or any) tool to someone!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Jordan's demonstration on holding wood at our July meeting showed not only what an extensive collection of chucks John has, but also what an incredible knowledge of holding wood of different shapes and sizes he possesses. John told me after the meeting that he only got through about 70% of his subject matter. If anyone has questions about how to hold a specific turning just give John a call, he is always ready to assist a fellow woodturner. I want to thank John for a very informative and entertaining demonstration.

The Challenge Projects for this year are 1) Turning a Gavel and 2) Turning a Bowl. In the first project I believe the Club would benefit from using a gavel to open and close our meetings. In the second project I am trying to get that 50% of our members who never showed a single turning in 2017 to participate. All woodturner's are at different levels of expertise and experience. Not a single woodturner that I know started out making the perfect bowl or spindle. We all started at ground zero and are constantly working to perfect our skills. My first bowls were fairly rough and unbalanced when I gave them to my sisters. I have repeatedly asked to have them back to rework them and produce a better bowl – and all my sisters say; NO, you cannot have these bowls back. I ask why and they all say because these are bowls I made and gave to them and they love them just the way they are. I have asked other members why we don't see projects from some of our members and they answer that some people are too embarrassed or shy to share their turnings. I can understand that but would hope that our club is mature and respectful enough to never insult or demean another club member for a project that they have done and brought to the club. I would say that all of our club members are there to offer help, assistance, and words of encouragement to each and every member of our club. We all become better woodturners by being discussed, analyzed, and criticized. I hope to see a bowl from every member of the club displayed at our December meeting.

"For the Woodturning field to grow, we need individuals brave enough to speak their minds in defense of the traditions of woodturning, as well as new approaches. We don't need to all be in total agreement and should in fact agree to disagree, embracing freedom of speech. We should create, collect, and discuss the work that we love freely and learn from the experiences that are presented in the process of discussing the work." Kevin Wallace

Thanks and Keep Turning

Gordon Sloane

Scholarship Draw Results

Our winners of the monthly Scholarship Draws for July are: Arrowmont - John K. Jordan J.C. Campbell - Gordon Sloane

Wood Donations for July

Our thanks to the members who brought wood the July Wood Draw: Brian Horais, Bob Law, Paul Freeman, Gordon Sloane, Wayne Balmer, Jared Bruckner, Lucy Bobb and Greg Davis.

Monthly Door Prize

The Door Prize Winner for July was Ed Lewis

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP



The AAW has an exciting new membership promotion for firsttime 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 threemonth 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 threemonth 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/?pa ge=ITM2040.
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Arrowmont Arts and Crafts School – August 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.

8 -5 to 8-11 Beth Ireland — Sculptural Woodturning 8-30 to 9-2 Jim Scarcella — Thinking and Turning Outside the Box 9-9 to 9-15 Sally Ault — Put a Lid on It !

CLICK ON THE ARROWMONT CATELOGUE ABOVE TO GO TO THEIR WEBSITE 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 August

8-5 to 8-11 Nick Cook – The Art & Craft of Woodturning

8-12 to 8-17 Bob Moffett — Having Fun With the Fundamentals of Woodturning

8-17 to 8-19 (Wknd) Donald Marks – Intro to Woodturning (Basic Course)

8-19 to 8-25 Rudolph Lopez — Back to Simple Forms

8-26 to 9-1 Phil Colsen – The Joy of Woodturning (Scottish Heritage Week)

9-2 to 9-8 Dave Barriger – From Tree to Vessel (Green Woodturning)

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SYMPOSIUMS

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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. Contact Drue Hogland for more information.

Tom's Video of the Month Link. Member Tom

Knight has been researching the "how-to" videos available on You Tube and through the AAW Website. He thought our members would like to see some of them. This is one of the great benefits of AAW Membership and saves time searching through You Tube. Tom will select a different video each month in hopes that our Chapter members will take advantage of the videos that are available. This one is on "Catches" with Richard Raffan.....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOvF5f1phhY&t=33s

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/page s/woodturners.html



The Smoky Mountain Woodturners Chapter of the AAW meets each month of the year on the 3rd 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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WODCRAFT

Woodcraft Knoxville is our meeting place sponsor. We are

grateful for their continuing support of our Chapter and its various activities.

DON'T FORGET THAT WOODCRAFT KNOXVILLE OFFERS OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS A DISCOUNT ON SELECT PRODUCT LINES DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST OF EACH YEAR. BE SURE AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A CHAPTER MEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTEAGE OF THIS PROGRAM!

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AUGUST SALE STARTS EARLY (NOW)

JULY 27th through AUGUST 23rd

Look for details on-line or in our Circular!

Photo Gallery









Be sure to look for all of the photos that are posted on-line. Just go to our webpage and click on the gallery tab!











WHAT'S NEW AT THE RANCH?

We're making up for lost time at the Ranch. Our June and July Workshops helped the students make Bowls, Foot Massagers, Magnets and more! Our beginner students are showing great progress in learning tool handling and control. The intermediate group is progressing as we introduce more complex projects. Summer scheduling presents a few challenges during July and August but so far we've been able to work around the minor "hick ups". Even the weather has cooperated. With no air conditioning in the shop, cool mornings have helped our fans keep the room comfortable. Jake and I are looking forward to fall ©.



Our thanks to Bob Emery for the donation of his Rikon Mini Lathe. We're in the process of refurbishing it and the other Mini Lathes at the Shop. Once completed, we'll see may more years of use as we teach the students how to turn wood!

We are still in need of a drill press for the shop. If you would like to donate one, please contact Bob Law (info@smwts.com)!

