

# Atlanta Woodturners Guild

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**Chapter 274 of the American Association of Woodturners** 



### **Atlanta Woodturners Guild Newsletter**

I hope everyone had a great time at the southern states symposium this past weekend I hope it was fun and you enjoyed it, Also I hope you learned a lot which you can pass on. Remember coming up on March 31 through April 2 will be the Atlanta Wood Show and if you do not know already we need your help. You will learn more about it at the meeting.

Remember our new meeting addition "Opportunity Solver Corner" if you have had some opportunities with you turning over the past month bring whatever this it is to the meeting. Before the meeting one of our board members will be there to help you out. If he cannot he will find someone that will.

Come join us early and beat the traffic. We will be leaving woodcraft between 5 and 5:15 to go eat. This will give you a good time to socialize with some other members of the group. I almost guarantee you will learn something there that will be helpful to you. Look forward to seeing everybody on Wednesday remember we start 15 minutes early so that way we give our presenters the full two hours for their presentation.

Hans Meier

### Next Meeting – March 15, 2017

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlanta Woodturners Guild will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:45 PM. (*Please note the new start time*)

We also invite everyone to meet for dinner before the meeting at Hooligans at 5:15. This is a good chance to beat the traffic and get to know some of the other members of the club. Its is an easy walk from Woodcraft or feel free to drive (there is a traffic light on Holcomb bridge so its easy access to get out.)

Hooligans 8440 Holcomb Bridge Rd Alpharetta GA, 30022

Our March demonstrator is Rudy Lopez and he will be demoing a twice-turned bowl with decorated rim detail.

<u>Dues are now due</u>. Please see Pat Walker to pay your dues for the year. The yearly dues is \$50.

Guests are always welcome. The meeting location is:

Woodcraft 8560 Holcomb Bridge Rd Suite 115 Alpharetta GA, 30022 (770) 587-3372 www.woodcraftatl.com



This month we will be trying out a new feature, before the meeting Harvey Meyer will be set up in the classroom to answer your questions and give advice. So if your stump or have a quick question you can head over to see Harvey before the meeting starts.



https://www.facebook.com/groups/atlantawtg/

# Make Your Own Tools Call For Volunteers for June Meeting

For our June meeting we are going to try something new. We are hoping to get some club members to show us some of the tools/jigs they have made, especially how to build some of the more expensive woodturning-related tools without spending a lot of money.

For example, most people would like to own the following tools, but many can't afford the cost.

- 1. Piercing system (Jeff Barnes has volunteered to do this.)
- 2. Steady rest
- 3. Hollowing camera system
- 4. Remote lathe switch
- 5. Captive hollowing system

At the June meeting, we will be providing demonstrations and instructions on how to build these types of systems. The specific presentations we schedule will be dependent upon who volunteers to participate. A final slate of presenters (and their topics) will be announced at the May meeting.

If you have made one of these systems and would like to be a presenter, please contact me at <a href="mailto:jeff@twomutts.com">jeff@twomutts.com</a> as soon as possible.

If you are chosen to participate, you will be asked to demonstrate the tool, provide a set of written assembly instructions and prepare a parts sheet (along with suppliers and estimated costs). If you need any assistance with the administrative aspects of the demonstration, I can help – just let me know.

### **Turning Southern Style Symposium**

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) presents its annual "Turning Southern Style" symposium. This year's event will again be held at the Dalton Convention Center in Dalton, GA. With an impressive slate of demonstrators, a large group of Vendors, and a great facility, this promises to be one of the largest, most informative and enjoyable symposiums in our 22 year history.

Registration is now open at gawoodturner.org

### **Featured Demonstrators**

Beth Ireland



Pascal Oudet



Glen Lucas

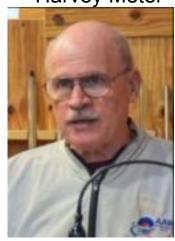


**Guest Demonstrators** 

Nick Cook



Harvey Meter



Joe Ruminski



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# **Previous Meeting – February 2017**











# **November 2016 Instant Gallery Photos**

Charlie Levan









## Hans Meier



Harvey Meyer



Jeff Barnes





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Ken Rizza



Steve Falwell



Wayne Johnson



# Kevin Wood









# March Meeting – Rudy Lopez rudolphlopez.com



MISSION STATEMENT: Life is not a journey to the grave with the intension of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside thoroughly used up, totaly worn out, and loudly proclaiming...WOW!...WHAT A RIDE!!!!!! —author unknown

Although he is a relatively new wood artist, Rudolph Lopez has always had a love of natural objects and the environment in which they flourish. Growing up on a cattle ranch in Florida with his father and uncles who spent most of their time in the woods, he grew to love the outdoors... trees, water and all things relating to nature. To this day, Rudy's greatest pleasures come from mountain-biking, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and just being in the woods.

Rudy began working with his hands at a very young age and began to develop his creative eye through

photography—his first artistic pursuit. With an education in drafting and design, he drew inspiration from the surroundings of his youth, Rudy began his relationship with wood as a craftsman of fine furniture and cabinetry. His desire to explore wood-turning began to develop when he received a natural-edge turned bowl as a Christmas gift from his best friend two years ago. Since that time, Rudy's natural sense of curiosity has led him to explore the techniques necessary to transform wood from a simple rough chunk into an piece of aesthetic beauty. He has the ability to look at an object, understand how it is made, and recreate it with very little effort. It is as if his brain is linked to his hands by some arcane memory.





When asked what kind of wood he most likes to turn, Rudy's response was, "imperfect wood, wood with knots, voids, worm holes, decay or any other flaw or defect. To me this is the beauty that God and nature has provided me with as a starting point, and then it becomes a challenge for me to continue this and create something of beauty for others to enjoy". Rudy's turned pieces have been featured in the "Rounding The Four Corners" exhibit 2008 and "Restful Places-Cremation Urns and Objects" 2009 at the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### Swap Shop/For Sale

Two Tree Boyz Wood sells locally harvested wood in end grain-sealed blank and log form. We sell from our Buford location by appointment, at local turning clubs, and online through our website. Visit us for best price, best selection, and custom cutting. We have the potential to get new wood daily from my husband's tree service, so let me know if you are looking for something special.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

March 17-19, 2017	American Craft Council	Cobb Galleria
March 31 - April 2, 2017	The Wood Working Show	Cobb Galleria
September 15-17, 2017	Turning Southern Style Symposium	Dalton, GA
November 3-5, 2017	North Carolina Woodturning Symposium	Greensboro, NC

### **AWG Meeting Schedule**

January - Mike Sorge (VA)

February - Donna Banfield

March - Rudy Lopez

April - Jamie Donaldson

May – Dick Gerard

June – Club Members (Make Your Own Tools)

July – James McClure (GA)

August - Eric Lofstom

September – Glenn Lucas

October - tbd

November - tbd

#### **About the Guild**

The Atlanta Woodturners Guild (AWG) was formed to provide support, ideas, and camaraderie to fellow woodturners in the metro Atlanta area. The Guild meets once a month and members are invited to display examples of their work at the instant gallery. New and established turners have the opportunity to ask questions and solve problems with other members.

At each monthly meeting a demonstration is conducted by professional turners from all over the world. It is a great opportunity to see a professional in action, ask questions and learn techniques. The AWG has a comprehensive library stocked with woodturning DVD's, and books. These items are available to the membership for a small rental fee. Members are kept informed about upcoming events and activities through this, their web site.

All interested in learning about woodturning are welcome to attend the month meetings.

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