Our August Meeting Recap

Our August Meeting featured John K. Jordan with a demonstration on “Turning a Beads of Courage Treasure Box”. John did an outstanding job of showing the attendees how to plan, prepare the blank(s) and then turn the project.

John chose a three (3) piece design to demonstrate how you can turn a treasure box without needing a single large piece of wood. He used step by step hand-drawn visuals as well as models. John kept the audience engaged with tips and suggestions while he turned the project.

John’s hand out and visual charts are posted on the Chapter website on the Resources Page.

This beautiful treasure box can be turned by woodturners of all levels of experience. John stressed the value of taking the time to plan, on paper, the design of your box and then break down the design plan by each segment of the project (3 pieces of wood plus the top in this case).

Outstanding presentation.

Coming up in September – Guest Artist – John Jordan – Back to Basics – Selecting wood and Choosing the right tools....

Nationally known woodturner, John Jordan will present our “Back to Basics” program on how to select wood and how to choose the right tools. This will be a must see demo for woodturners of all skill levels. The date is September 19th.

John, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, is among the best known woodturners, tool makers, and woodturning instructors in the world. He is best known for his textured and carved hollow vessels.
Our friends at Wears Valley Ranch are planning their 2018 Curriculum and would like to expose more children to working with wood.

In addition to our Woodturning Workshop program, they would like to have a class to teach kids the basics of hand tools and working with flat wood.

They envision this program as a means to allow younger, inexperienced kids to explore wood on a less technical level than our woodturning program.

Students would learn to use basic hand tools and with them produce items like bird houses.

The courses would run for six continuous weeks, one or two hours on the same day of each week.

Multiple woodworkers could join together to offer the opportunity to the kids.

Timing? First or Second Qtr in 2018.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Law at rockytopbob1@gmail.com.

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 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.

Each month we have a draw to choose a monthly winner for our annual scholarships. The first is to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and the other is to the John C. Campbell Folk School. At the end of each year, we hold a grand prize drawing where each monthly winner has the opportunity to be the Grand Prize Winner. Scholarships provide Tuition only for a weekend or one week workshop at the School.

Our August monthly draw winners are: For the Arrowmont Scholarship, Gordon Sloane and for the John C. Campbell Scholarship John K. Jordan (Two in a row!).

We will, once again in 2017, be awarding two Arrowmont Scholarships.
Registration opened on August 16th for our Fall Woodturner’s Weekend.

All reservations were first come, first served for the Sunday Hands On Workshop and the slots were quickly taken by our members.

We still have room available for the Saturday Demonstration. If you would like to sign up, please do so on-line ASAP. Deadline for member registration is September 10th. After that, remaining slots will be made available for guests.

This final Special Event of the year features Michael Gibson. Michael will present the Saturday Demo on turning hollow vessels and wooden teapots. He will follow that up with a hands-on workshop on Sunday.

The dates for the Fall Woodturners Weekend are October 28th & 29th.

Registration fee for Saturday will be $20.00 and for the 10 slots available on Sunday, $50.00. We will need four (4) members to loan or bring to the hands on their own mini lathe. You’ll need to provide your own lunch.

Your check, made out to Smoky Mountain Woodturners can be submitted at the September Chapter Meeting.

WOOD DRAW DONATIONS
Our thanks to everyone who contributed for their donation of wood for the August Draw.

AAW Updates

2017 AAW SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

Registered symposium attendees: 1,121

Non-Paid/Public Attendees: More than 550

Instant Gallery: Nearly 1,000 pieces

Empty Bowls: $2,770 was raised for Variety the Children’s Charity of Greater Kansas City.

Beads of Courage: 148 boxes were donated for seriously ill children.

There is no better bargain in Woodturning than membership in AAW. You can even “test drive” the benefits of membership by signing up for a “Guest Member Access” just log on to the AAW Website (www.woodturner.org) and click on “membership”. Select “guest member resources” and follow the instructions. You’ll get access to some of the organization’s top features for 60 days…. Absolutely Free!

Discover Woodturning is an online learning experience that introduces the art and craft of woodturning to visitors. Discover Woodturning enables the general public to learn about woodturning, its origins, appeal, and how
John C. Campbell Calendar

The John C. Campbell Workshop Schedule is available on-line through their website.

Here’s the “line-up” for September.

9-3 to 9-8  Bob Moffatt – Goblets Galore
9-8 to 9-10 Mike Peace – Yean to Turn (Wknd)

9-10 to 9-16  David Barriger – From Tree to Vessel (Green Wood Turning)
9-17 to 9-23  Andy Gunning – Unique Gallery Gifts
9-21 to 9-30  Dixie Biggs – Need some relief: Bringing life to your work.

10-1 to 10-6  Tom Jeanes – Learn Basic Woodturning Techniques.

Click on the logo on the left to access their website.

Next Month at Arromont

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.

You may have noticed that there are no workshops scheduled through mid-September.

Arrowmont has Private Conferences as well as some equipment maintenance to do during this time frame.

Here’s what’s coming up later in September.

9-17 to 9-23  Nick Cook – Woodturning Gifts Galore

10-01 to 10-07  Jim Duxbury – Kaleidoscopes, Spectacular and Dazzling.

Click on the photo/logo to the left to access their website.

Regional Symposium Information

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM: Turning Southern Style, Georgia Association of Woodturners - Dalton, GA
9/15/2017 » 9/17/2017

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM: North Carolina Woodturning Symposium - Greensboro, NC
11/3/2017 » 11/5/2017

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM: Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Symposium "Turning 2017" - West Harrison, IN
10/13/2017 » 10/15/2017

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM: 2018 Tennessee Association of Woodturners 30th Annual Symposium - Franklin, TN
1/26/2018 » 1/27/2018

AAW 32nd International Woodturning Symposium - Portland, OR
6/14/2018 » 6/17/2018
President’s Message

What a great turnout for our August meeting. There are lots of things going on in the turning world. John K. Jordan’s demonstration (“Turning a Beads of Courage Box”) was both educational and entertaining, at the same time. Well done John and thanks for your energy and passion in woodturning. Watching the “Beads of Courage” video gets to me every time, and I started turning a new box the next day. Congratulations to Jared Bruckner for winning the Christmas Ornament Challenge. Your ornament, Jared, was a work of art. I also want to thank all of those members who entered ornaments of their own and hope that many of you donate those incredible ornaments to the “Fantasy of Trees: project for 2017. I also was impressed by the number of pens some of our members have already turned in for the “Turn for the Troops” project. The members of this club are simply amazing.

I had a member ask me about the Pecan wood that I knew was available. I called the gentleman up and asked him if I could come over and get a few chunks. To make a long story short I have cut ten 16” rounds, about 16” long, and have been working them into blanks since last Thursday. Hopefully the timing of John Jordan’s “Back to Basics – Identifying woods and Choosing the Right Tools” will help me when I go to turning these blanks. I hope to see everyone at next month’s meeting.

Making Sawdust

Gordon

Members Marketplace

Members interested in getting a shirt embroidered with the SMWTS Logo can do so at the Embroidery Boutique located @ 141 Brooklawn St., Knoxville, Tn 865-392-1024. You will need to furnish your own shirt. You will need to identify yourself as a SMWTS Chapter Member.

Price is very reasonable.

TOOLS FOR SALE

Gordon Sloane has the following turning tools for sale:

1) John Jordan Armbrace - like new $40.00
2) John Jordan Shear Scraper - like new $45.00
3) Robert Sorby Straight Shank multi-tip hollowing tool - like new $40.00
4) Robert Sorby Bent Shank multi-tip hollowing tool - like new $40.00
5) Crown Bent Shank ‘Ring Cutter’ hollowing tool - like new $40.00
6) Sorby Calipers (LG)

Contact Gordan at g.sloane67@gmail.com

Watch for our 2017 Members Survey coming your way in September. It’s your opportunity to let us know what demo topics you would like to recommend for next year and much more!

“Members can advertise products or services available to the Chapter. You can also advertise for items or services you need”
What’s Happening on the Ranch this Month?

Our Beginner’s group had the opportunity to turn poplar plates (platters) at our most recent workshop. We had the opportunity to practice turning both face grain and end grain and the kids made some outstanding plates! They got to turn and then work with a recessed or reverse tenon as well.

Our Intermediate group designed and then turned a vessel from beautiful clear cherry. This group will be finishing their projects during shop hours with Mr. Pat.

The Beginners class for August has been cancelled because the campus will be on vacation that week.

Jake and I are looking forward to starting up again in September.

Bob

Woodturning Safety

Bruce Pharis, our Safety guru was elsewhere committed in August so Gordon Sloane is pinch hitting for him….

I just finished spending a week at J.C. Campbell assisting in a beginning bowl class. Nine of the 10 students had no recent experience (high school shop class) and 5 of the students had never turned on a lathe. It was a great class and here are a few of the lessons that were taught over and over all week long:

- Extending the tool too far over the tool rest. Once the tool extends more than 1 inch over the rest, stop the machine and move the tool rest closer.
- The height of the tool rest is determined by the tool you are using and your height and stance.
- Anchor – Bevel – Cut; always place the tool on the rest first, touch the back of the tool to the blank, then gently lift the tool handle until the bevel makes contact with the wood.

I have been turning for over 10 years now and thought I was doing the ABC’s of woodturning. I was surprised at how well I was cutting the wood when I followed the ABC’s. Always good to go back and practice the basics. Safety First Always!

From “Safety Lessons: Twenty Ways Not To Turn A Bowl” by Nick Cook
Turn for the Troops Update

Thanks to John Tarpley and Randy Fritchman for kickstarting the Pen Project. Both dropped off a large quantity of completed pens at the August Meeting.

We’ll need to produce hundreds of pens to support the Annual “Turn for the Troops” project. SMWTS and Woodcraft Knoxville support this worthwhile project each year. You can obtain supplies from Committee chairperson, Bruce Pharis at our upcoming meetings. Deadline is our October Chapter Meeting. After the July meeting, Bruce reported that he has received the commitment, thus far, for 160 pens. We need more than that to even meet last year’s efforts.

Bruce will have as many pen kits and blanks as our members need at the August and September meetings. Pens are easy and fun to turn! You can reach Bruce Pharis at PharisBL@gmail.com.

About Our Organization...

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 6:30pm 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.

We’re on the Web!

See us at:

http://www.smwts.org

Tom’s Cartoon of the Month

Woodturner bumper sticker # 274-61

WARNING!
I shadow tree trimmers’ TRUCKS.
SPONSORS CORNER

WOODCRAFT

Woodcraft Knoxville is our meeting place sponsor. We are grateful for their continuing support of our Chapter and its various activities.

Woodcraft Knoxville is offering our members a great ways to save on select purchases this summer. During the months of June, July and August, Woodcraft Knoxville offers members of the Smoky Mountain Woodturners a club discount on many of the items in the store. (Their standard exceptions apply so not all brands are discounted). All you need to do is identify yourself as a club member and any savings will be passed along at the time of sale.

Meet and Greet with Michael Gibson at Woodcraft Knoxville on Friday evening, October 27th from 5:00pm till 7:00pm.

Once again, the folks at Woodcraft Knoxville are making their Educational Center available on the Friday evening before our Fall Woodturners Weekend so that members and others interested in woodturning can meet Michael and ask questions about our craft from one of the country’s prominent woodturning artists. It’s free and open to the woodturning public.

WOOD INFORMATION WEBSITE

I was working on a piece of osage orange and was curious as to the hardness rating of the wood. I found a great site (new to me) with information on wood. Tom Knight

http://www.wood-database.com/
Photo Gallery

More photos are posted on the Gallery Page of our Website!
ARROWMONT BREAKS GROUND ON NEW ENTRANCE AND DORMATORIES  Artist Rendering of New Dormitory

Recently, the Arrowmont community participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new dormitory and the new main entrance off Baskins Creek By-Pass.

Arrowmont Board of Governors President Steve Gottlieb commended the firefighters for their work in helping to save the community, and said, “Though the fire caused a serious problem for Arrowmont, it served as a catalyst to move us along the path we were planning to go anyway—it forced us to go there sooner.”

Bill May, executive director, thanked the local community and national supporters and said, “Your support has enabled us to recover and take an important step forward.”

Approximately 50 people attended including Gatlinburg Mayor Mike Werner, City Manager Cindy Ogle, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters, members of the City and County Commission, the Arrowmont Board of Governors, Arrowmont staff, and community members.

The four-story dormitory will be built on the site of Hughes Hall and Wild Wing, dormitories that were lost in the November wildfires. The dorm will have 43 private rooms and baths, a kitchen, screened porch with outdoor fireplace and gathering place, and an elevator. Designed by Tom Trotter, Trotter and Associates, Architects, the new dorm design is based on the design of the original buildings. The dorm will be constructed by D&S Builders of Sevierville, TN.

Recently, Arrowmont developed a campus master plan. One outcome of the plan was to change the main entrance of the campus from the Parkway to Baskins Creek. Work has begun on the entrance and new road into the campus. Charles Blalock & Sons Construction is building the entrance and road.

Arrowmont’s History

Founded as a settlement school in 1912 by the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women, Arrowmont has grown into a national contemporary arts and crafts education center supporting learning opportunities for individuals of all skill levels and ages. Arrowmont is located on 13 acres in the heart of Gatlinburg, TN only minutes away from the Great Smoky Mountain National Park with access to tourist attractions, the convenience of a large city nearby, and a thriving arts and crafts community. Arrowmont offers a valuable learning environment—an unexpected oasis amidst the bustle of a popular tourist destination.

The heritage of the School is rooted in an approach to the arts that builds upon traditional arts and crafts—150 national workshops are offered annually, a full complement of community classes, children’s classes and ArtReach providing a day of art to over 1,200 children annually, and gallery exhibitions, symposia and conferences. People travel from across the nation and the globe to take classes at Arrowmont and experience the magic.